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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.

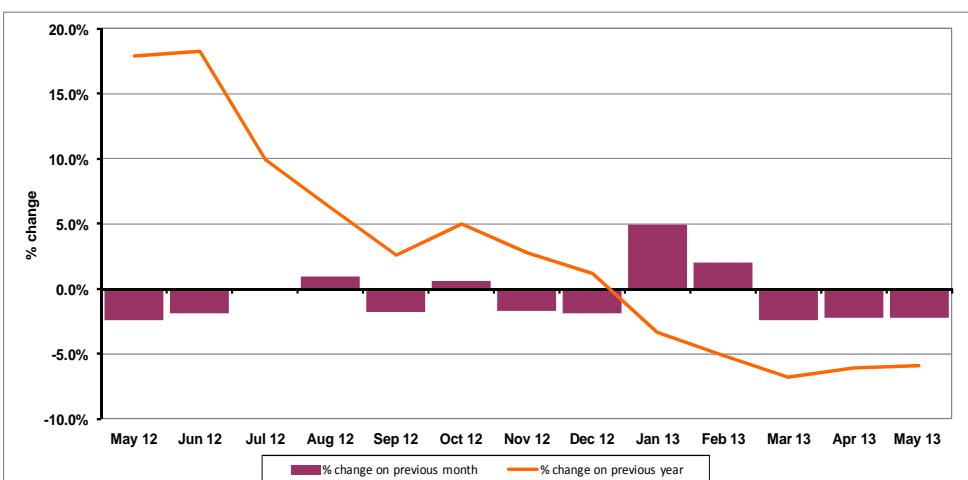
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.6% in May 2013. This was the same as the April 2013 figure. The South West rate and UK rate decreased to 2.4% and 3.7% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate is 0.2% above the South West average of 2.4%, and 1.1% lower than the UK average of 3.7%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in May 2013 decreased by 225 people. The amount of people claiming in May 2013 was 2.2% lower than the number in April 2013. This compares to a 3.5% decrease in the South West and a 2.8% decrease for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has increased since last month. The count was 5.9% lower in May 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:
May 2012 to May 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 May 2013

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

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

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,202
Compared to last month:	-4.5%
Claimant rate:	2.9%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (6.2%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	3,233
Compared to last month:	-0.3%
Claimant rate:	4.1%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (9.3%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	718
Compared to last month:	-5.7%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.8%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,370
Compared to last month:	-1.8%
Claimant rate:	1.9%
Highest claiming ward	Central (6.4%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,247
Compared to last month:	-1.4%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (4.7%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,039
Compared to last month:	-2.3%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.6%)

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

At the end of May 2013 there were 614 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 4.5%..

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

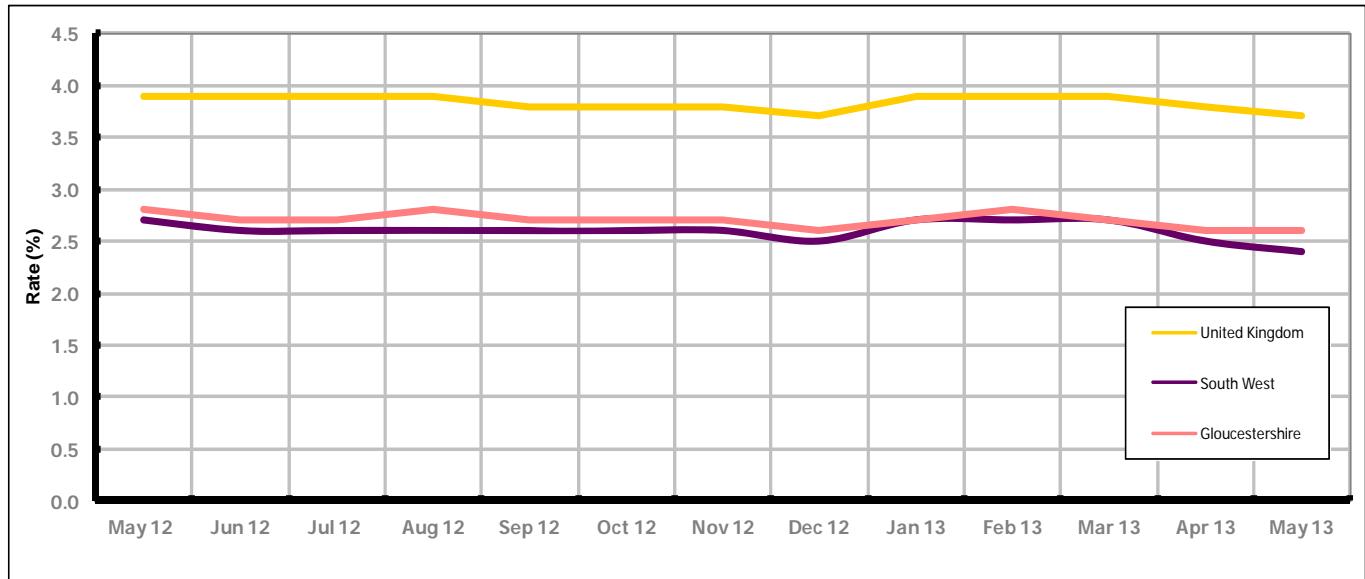


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.6% in May 2013. With the exception of January and March 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average since April 2012. It has been persistently lower by approximately 1.1% against the UK average during the same period. The May 2013 rate remained the same as last month.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in May 2013	% change on April 2013	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	1,495,758	-2.8%	-0.30%	2
South West	81,189	-3.5%	-0.67%	2
Gloucestershire	9,809	-2.2%	+0.04%	2

Table 1 shows that in May 2013, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 2.2% lower than the number in April 2013.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to May 2013 was +0.04%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

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

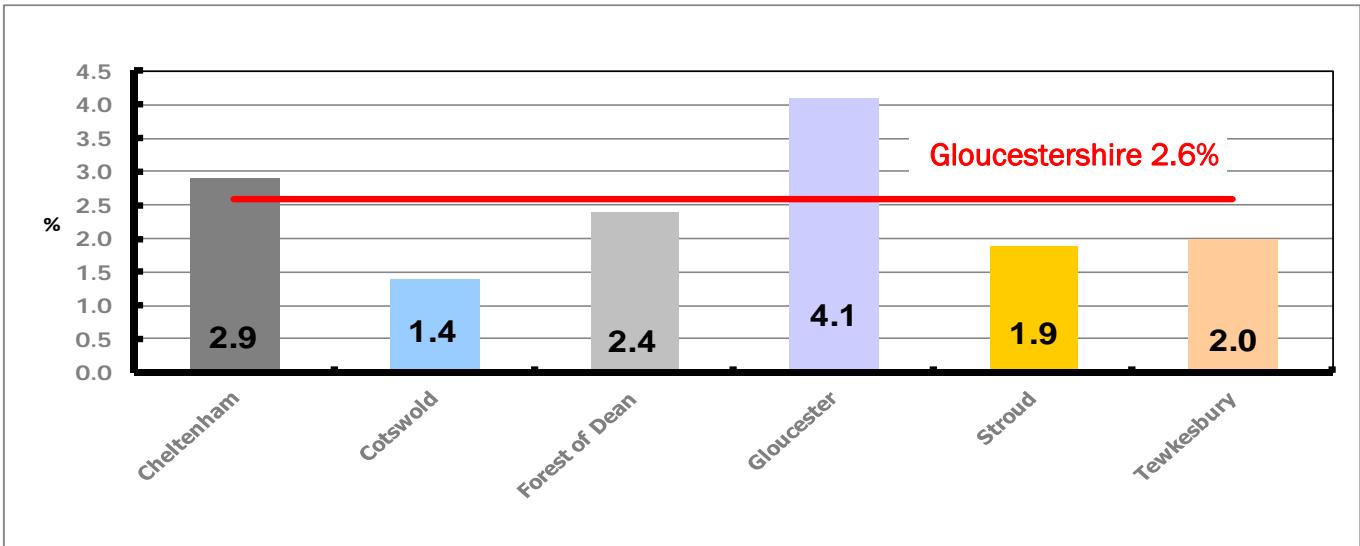


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for May 2013 in Gloucestershire. Between April 2013 and May 2013 the rate in Gloucester remained the same, while the rate in all of the other districts decreased

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

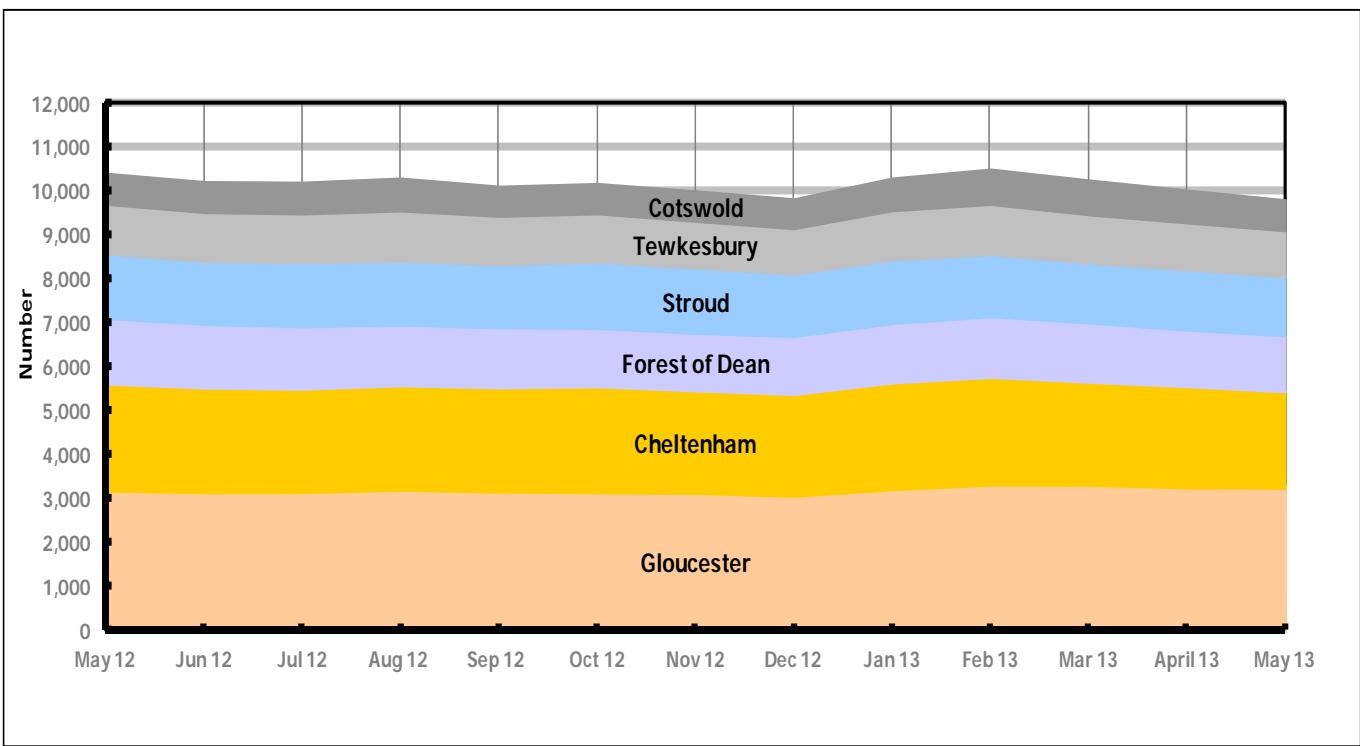


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. Since May 2012 the number of claimants decreased, with the exception of August, October, January and February when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	May 13 Number	May 13 Rate	Apr 13 Number	Apr 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	9,809	2.6	10,034	2.6	-225	-2.2%	0.0
Cheltenham	2,202	2.9	2,306	3.0	-104	-4.5%	-0.1
Cotswold	718	1.4	761	1.5	-43	-5.7%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,247	2.4	1,265	2.5	-18	-1.4%	-0.1
Gloucester	3,233	4.1	3,243	4.1	-10	-0.3%	0.0
Stroud	1,370	1.9	1,395	2.0	-25	-1.8%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,039	2.0	1,064	2.1	-25	-2.3%	-0.1

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

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	May 13 Number	May 13 Rate	Apr 13 Number	Apr 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,444	3.4	6,613	3.5	-169	-2.6%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,489	3.9	1,543	4.0	-54	-3.5%	-0.1
Cotswold	473	1.9	503	2.0	-30	-6.0%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	812	3.2	832	3.3	-20	-2.4%	-0.1
Gloucester	2,130	5.4	2,138	5.4	-8	-0.4%	0.0
Stroud	862	2.5	901	2.6	-39	-4.3%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	678	2.7	696	2.8	-18	-2.6%	-0.1

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

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	May 13 Number	May 13 Rate	Apr 13 Number	Apr 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,365	1.8	3,421	1.8	-56	-1.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	713	1.9	763	2.0	-50	-6.6%	-0.1
Cotswold	245	0.9	258	1.0	-13	-5.0%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	435	1.7	433	1.7	2	0.5%	0.0
Gloucester	1,103	2.8	1,105	2.8	-2	-0.2%	0.0
Stroud	508	1.4	494	1.4	14	2.8%	0.0
Tewkesbury	361	1.4	368	1.4	-7	-1.9%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in May 2013 compared to April 2013. Forest of Dean and Stroud 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

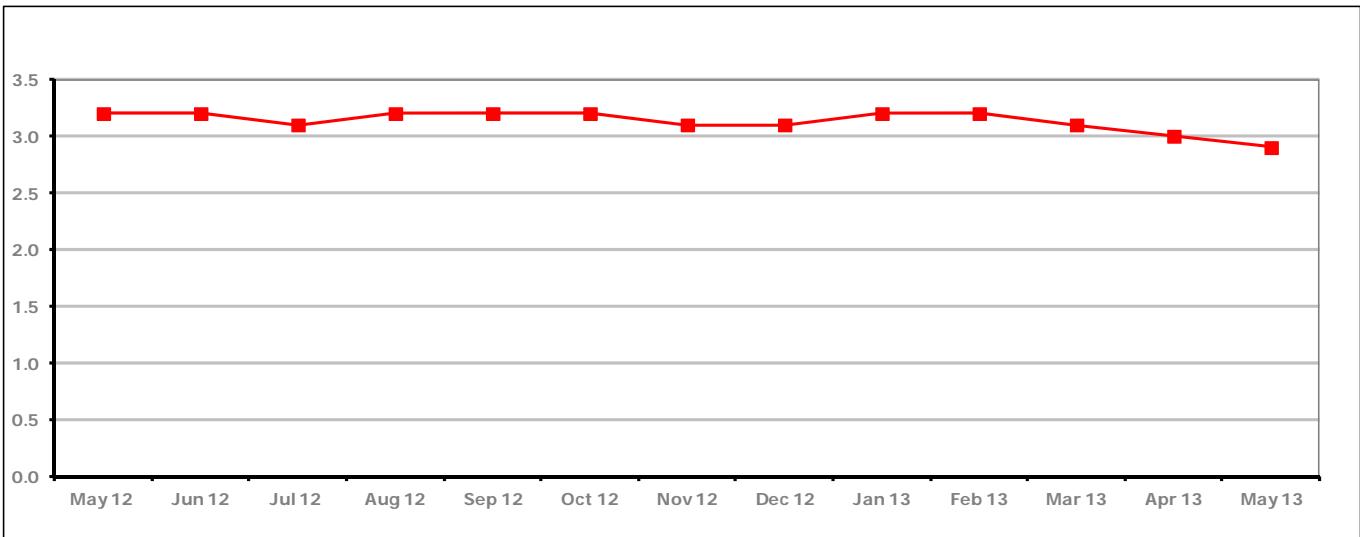


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased in May 2013 to 2.9%.

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

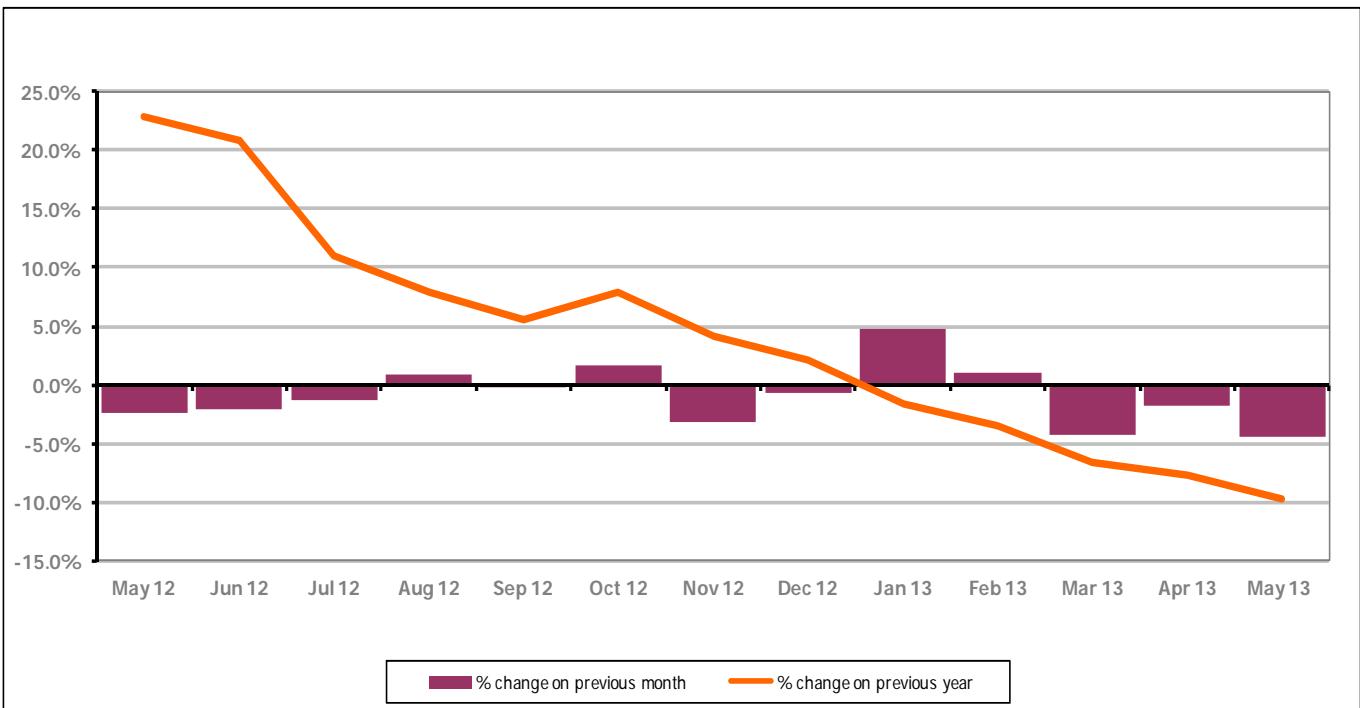


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by -4.5% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in May 2013 compared to April 2013 to -9.7%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

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

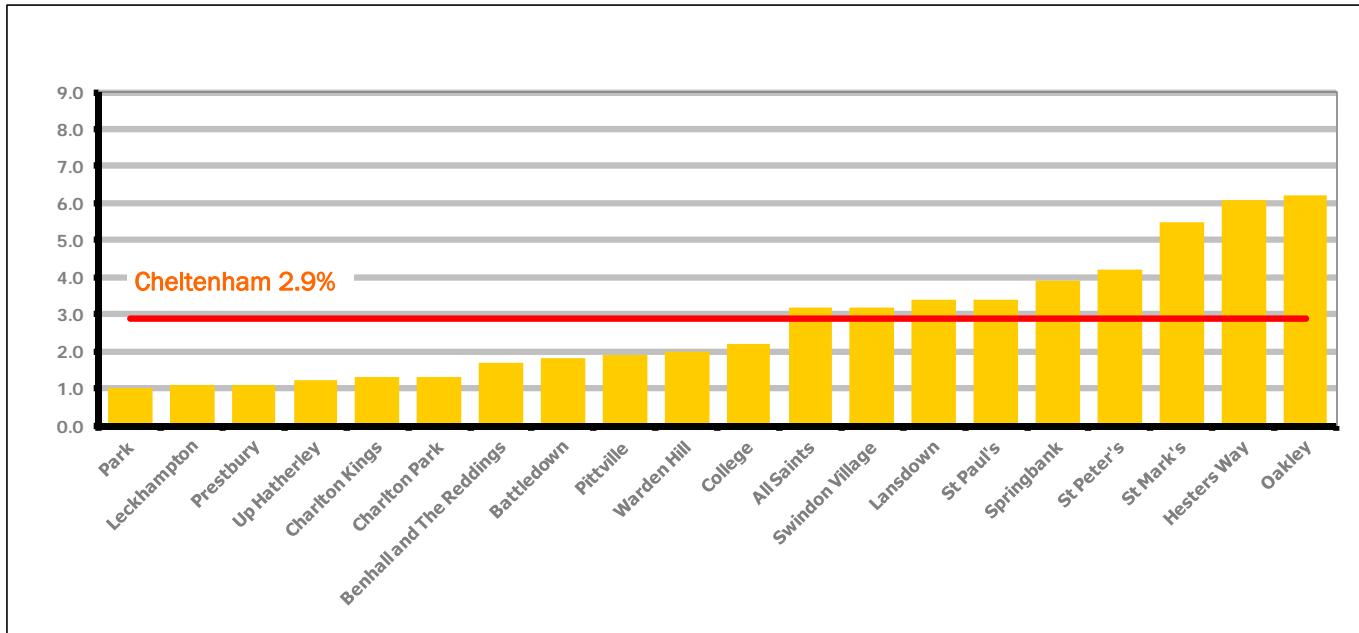
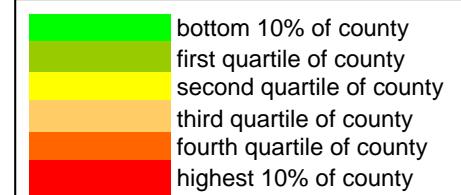


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.9%. Nine wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Park	1.0	21
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.1	27
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.1	27
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.2	34
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.3	40
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.3	40
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.7	71
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.8	77
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.9	82
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.0	87
Cheltenham	College	2.2	94
Cheltenham	All Saints	3.2	113
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.2	113
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.4	119
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.4	119
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.9	124
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.2	127
Cheltenham	St Mark's	5.5	134
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	6.1	136
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.2	137



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

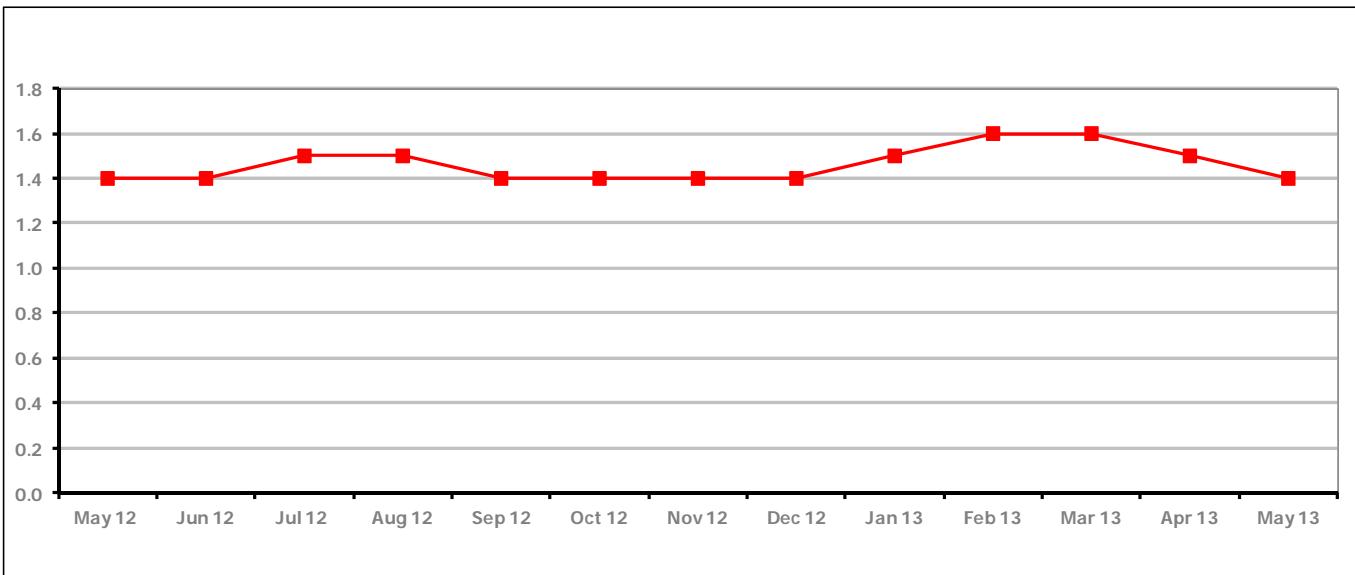
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased in May 2013 to 1.4%.

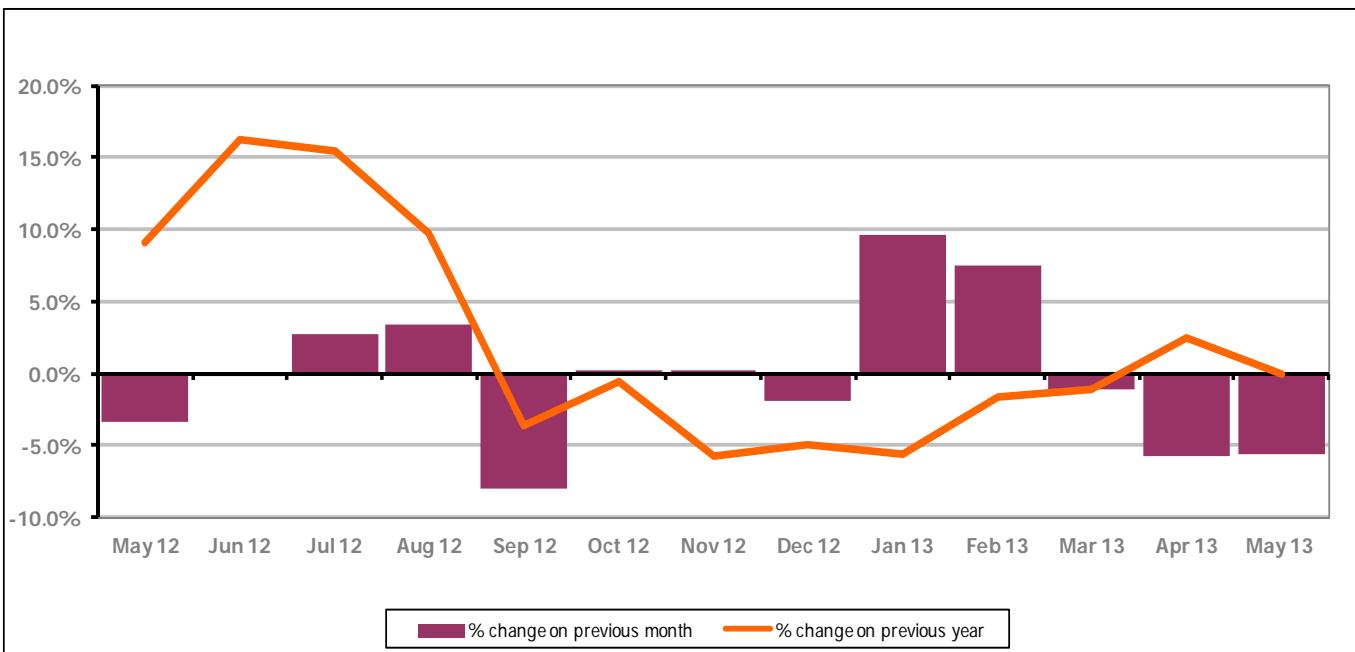
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by -5.7% since April 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from April 2013 compared to May 2013 to 0.0%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

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

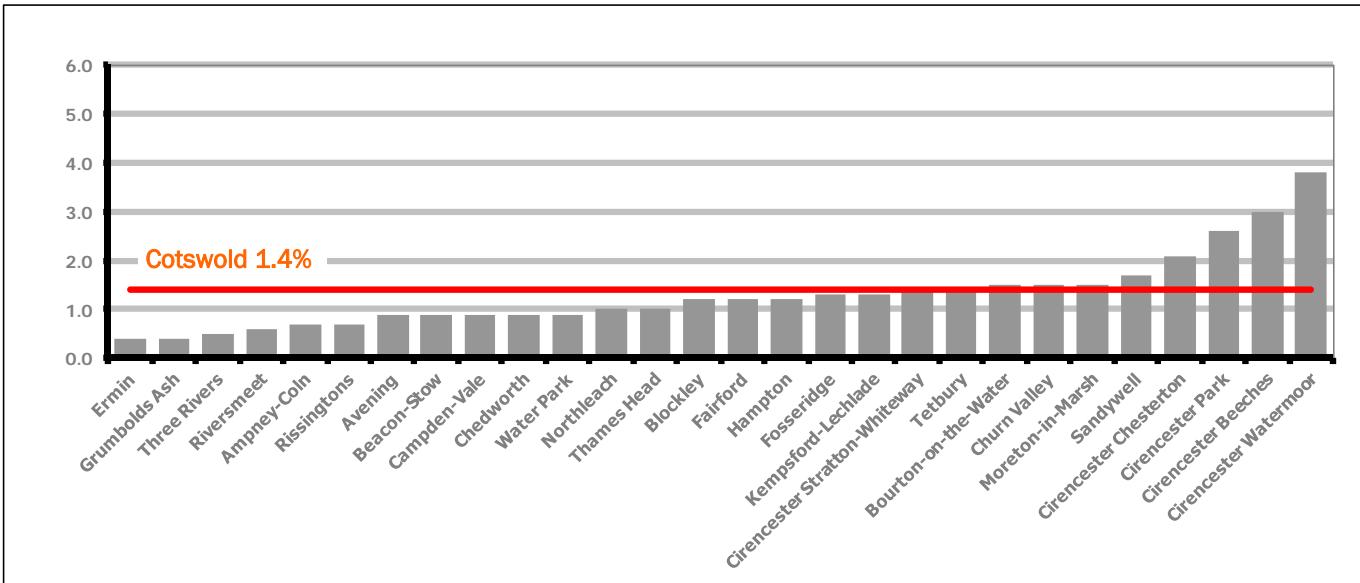
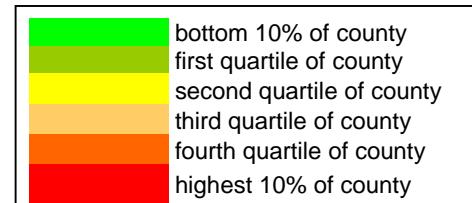


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.4%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	1
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.4	1
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.5	4
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.6	7
Cotswolds	Ampney-Colin	0.7	10
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.7	10
Cotswolds	Avening	0.9	15
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.9	15
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.9	15
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.9	15
Cotswolds	Water Park	0.9	15
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.0	21
Cotswolds	Thames Head	1.0	21
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.2	34
Cotswolds	Fairford	1.2	34
Cotswolds	Hampton	1.2	34
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.3	40
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.3	40
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.4	49
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.4	49
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.5	56
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	1.5	56
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.5	56
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.7	71
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.1	91
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.6	104
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	3.0	110
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.8	123



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

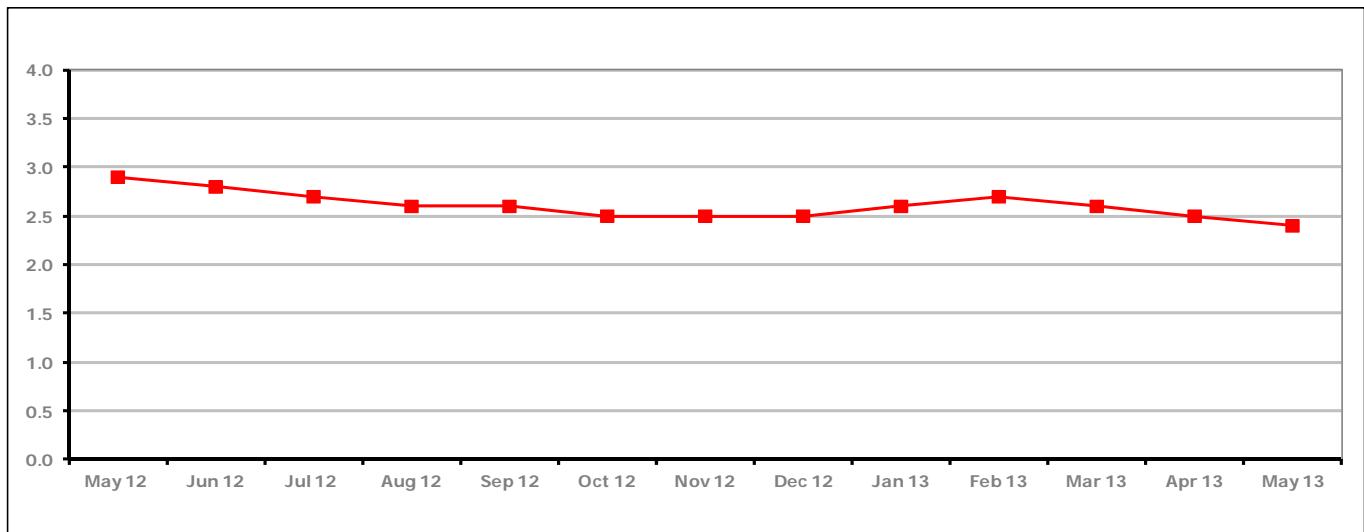
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased in May 2013 to 2.4%.

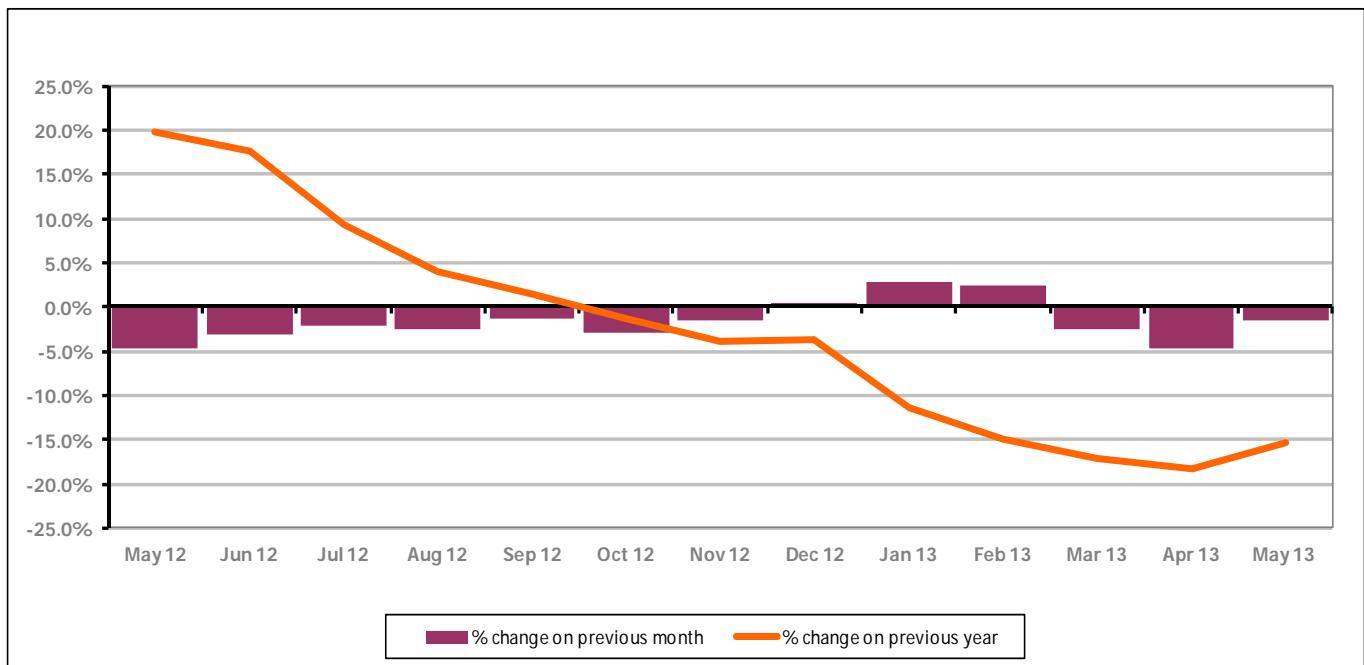
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by -1.4% since April 2013. The change on the previous year has increased from April 2013 compared to May 2013 to -15.4%.

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 - May 2013

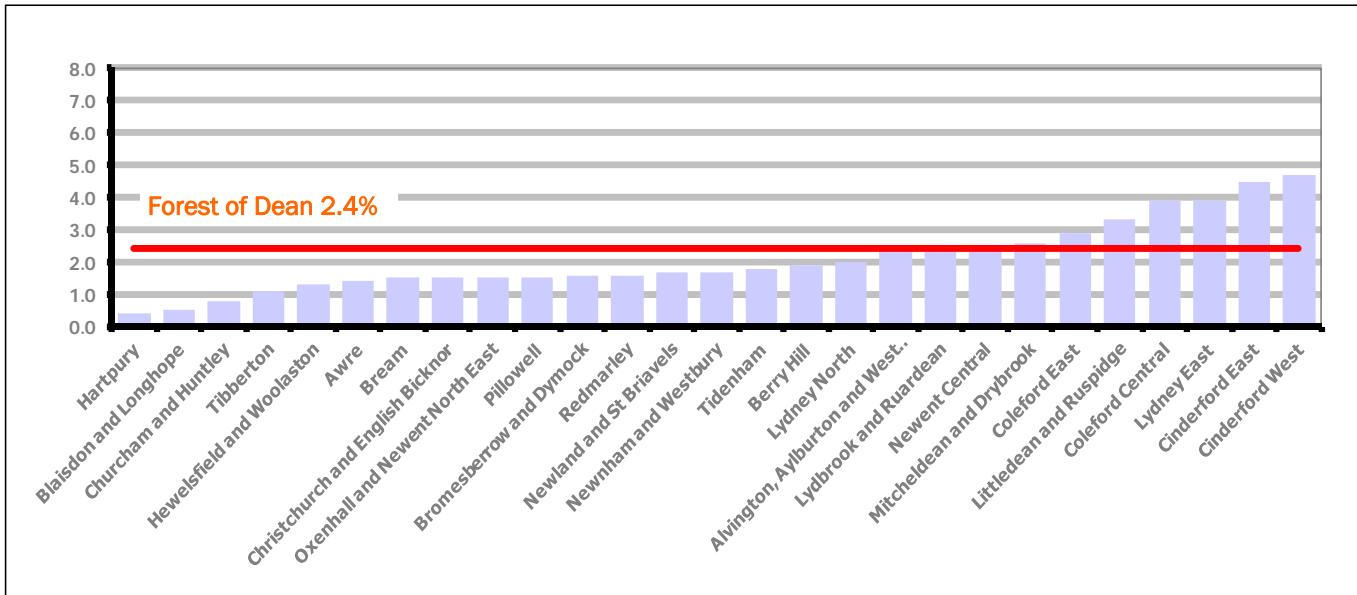
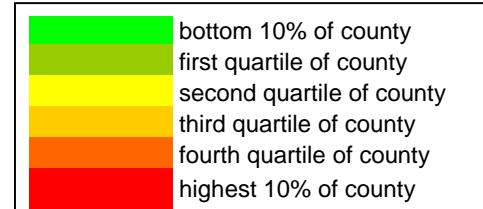


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.4 %. Nine wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.4	1
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.5	4
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.8	14
Forest	Tibberton	1.1	27
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.3	40
Forest	Awre	1.4	49
Forest	Bream	1.5	56
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.5	56
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.5	56
Forest	Pillowell	1.5	56
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.6	64
Forest	Redmarley	1.6	64
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.7	71
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.7	71
Forest	Tidenham	1.8	77
Forest	Berry Hill	1.9	82
Forest	Lydney North	2.0	87
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.4	98
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.5	100
Forest	Newent Central	2.5	100
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.6	104
Forest	Coleford East	2.9	109
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	3.3	116
Forest	Coleford Central	3.9	124
Forest	Lydney East	3.9	124
Forest	Cinderford East	4.5	128
Forest	Cinderford West	4.7	130



* 1 = "best" and 130 = "worst"

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

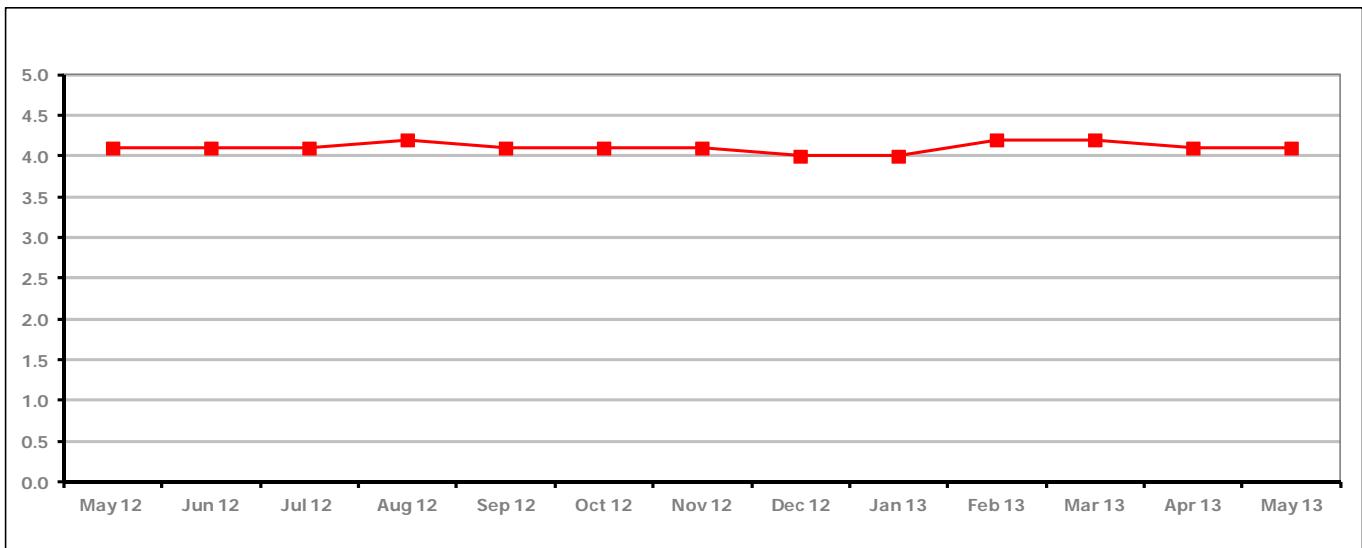
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained the same as last month at 4.1%.

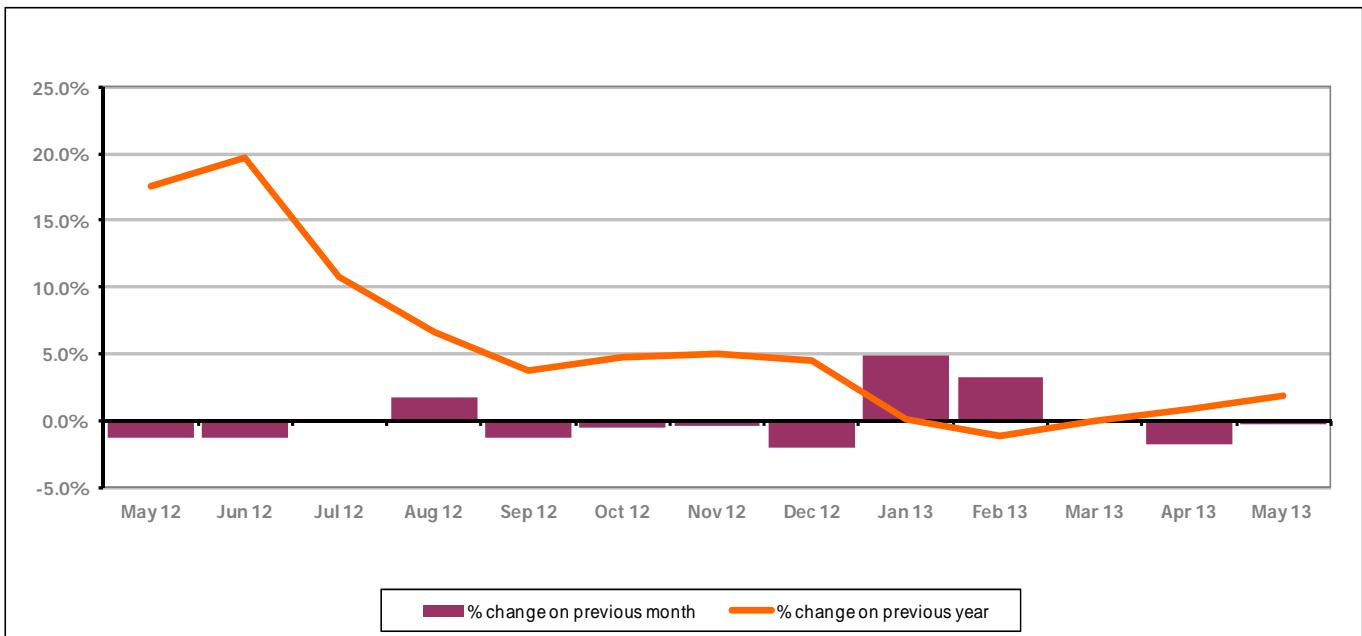
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -0.3% since April 2013. The change on the previous year has increased from April 2013 compared to May 2013 to +1.9%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

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

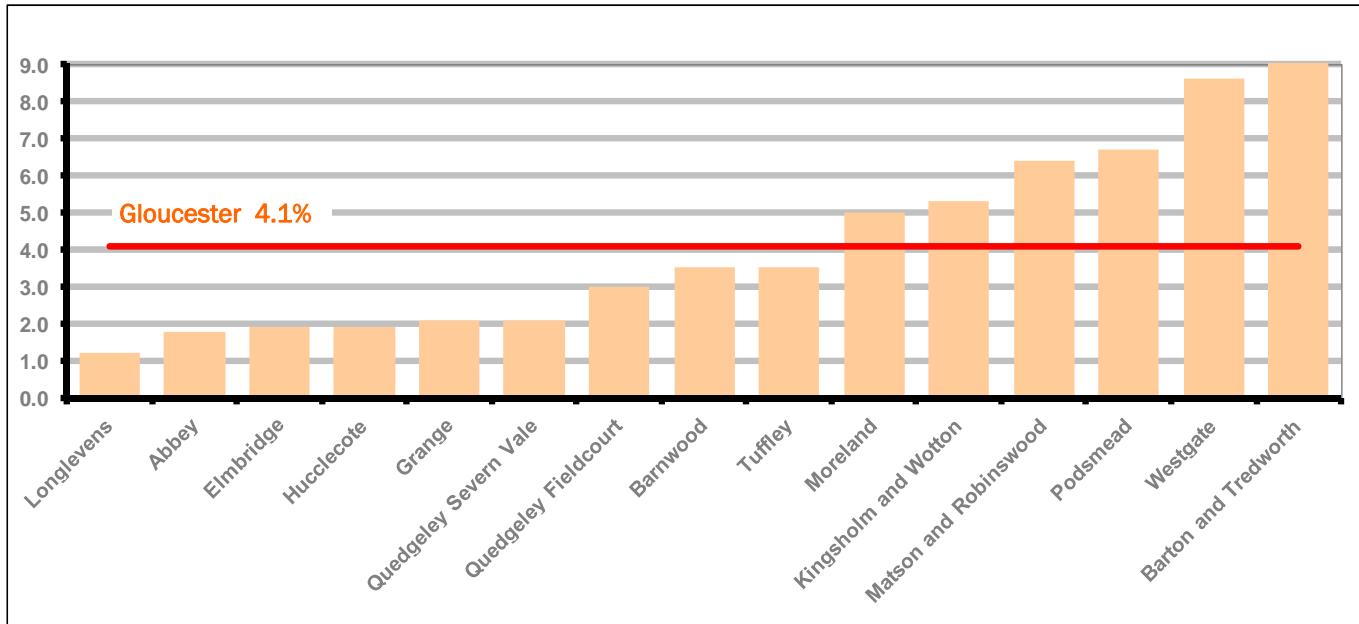
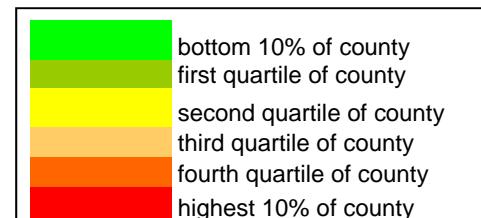


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.1%. Six wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.2	34
Gloucester	Abbey	1.8	77
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.9	82
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.9	82
Gloucester	Grange	2.1	91
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.1	91
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	3.0	110
Gloucester	Barnwood	3.5	121
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.5	121
Gloucester	Moreland	5.0	131
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.3	133
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.4	138
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.7	140
Gloucester	Westgate	8.6	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	9.3	142



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

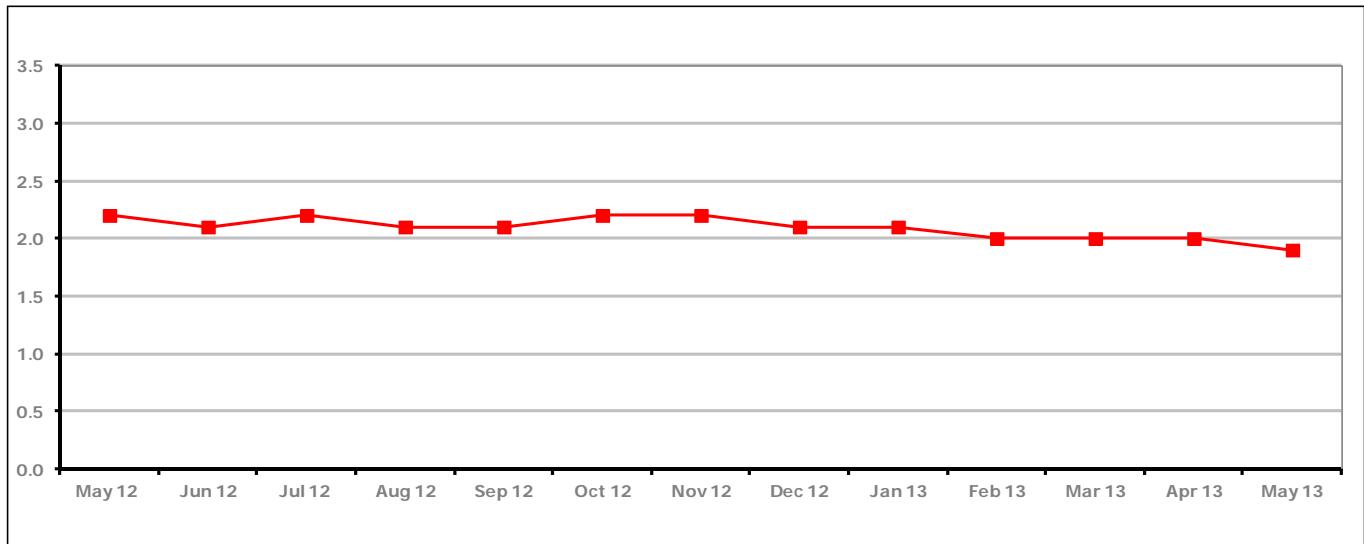
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud decreased in May 2013 to 1.9%.

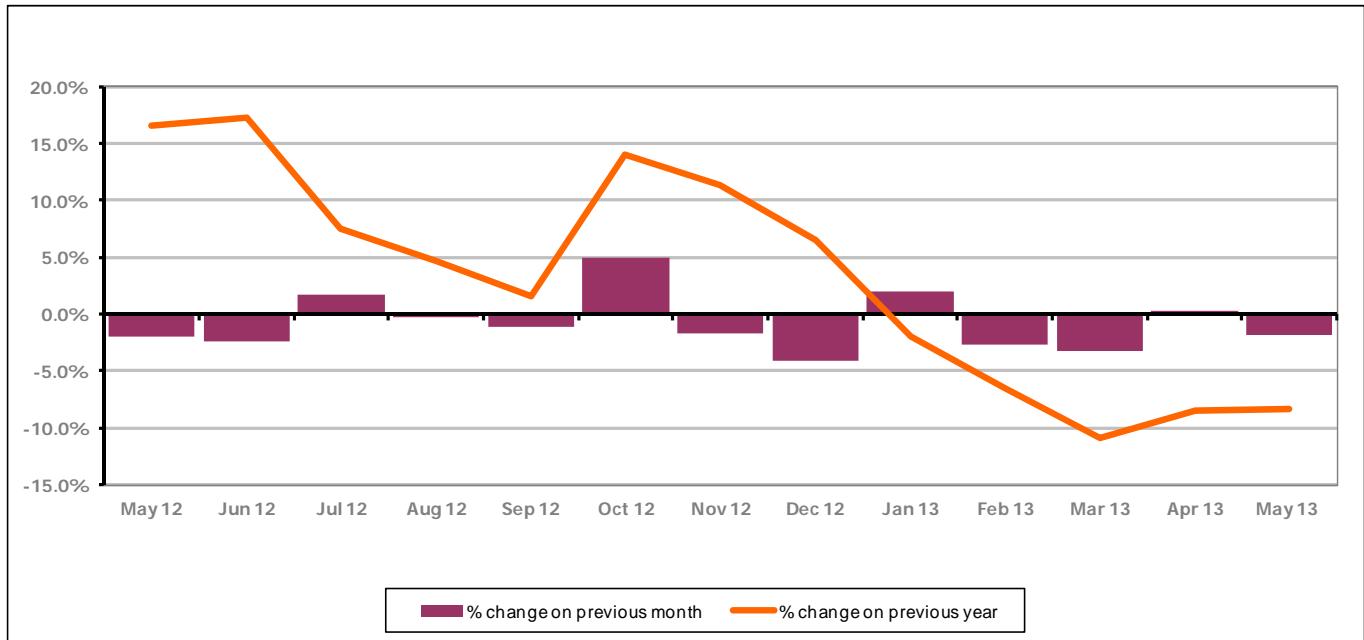
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -1.8% since April 2013. The change on the previous year has increased between April 2013 and May 2013 to -8.3%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

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

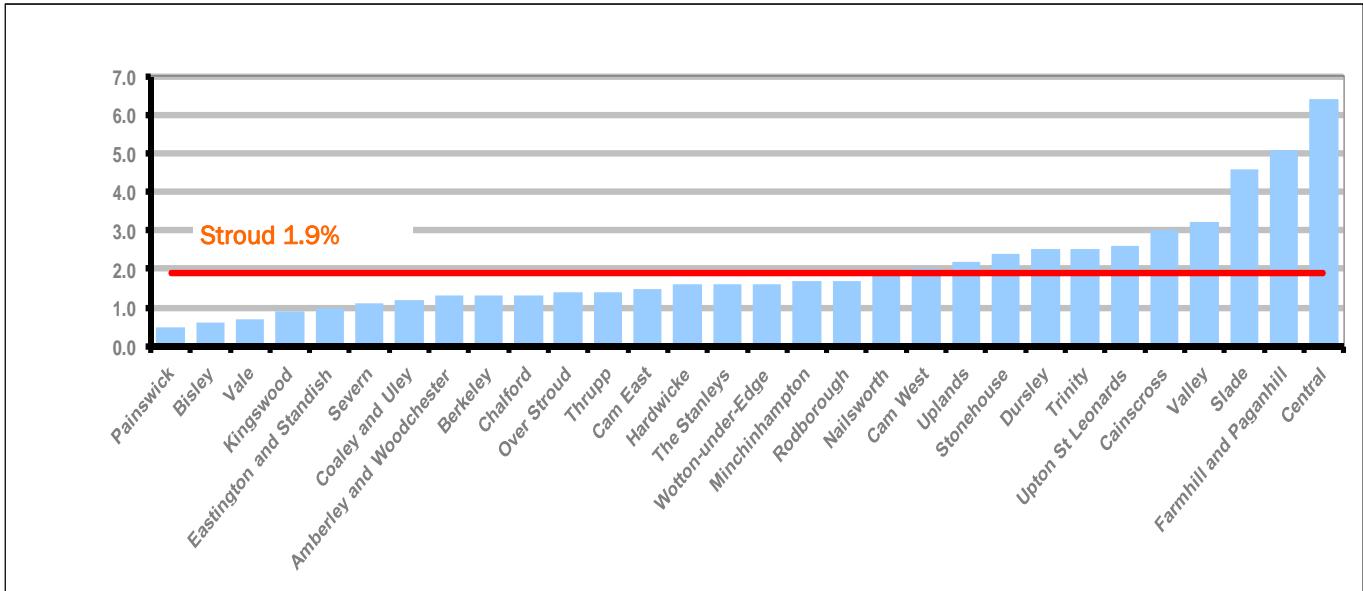
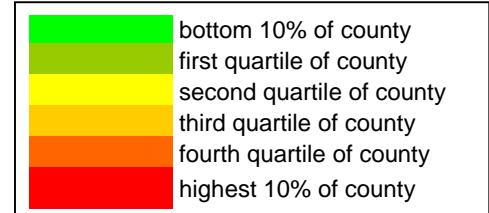


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.9%. Eleven wards are above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Painswick	0.5	4
Stroud	Bisley	0.6	7
Stroud	Vale	0.7	10
Stroud	Kingswood	0.9	15
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.0	21
Stroud	Severn	1.1	27
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.2	34
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.3	40
Stroud	Berkeley	1.3	40
Stroud	Chalford	1.3	40
Stroud	Over Stroud	1.4	49
Stroud	Thrupp	1.4	49
Stroud	Cam East	1.5	56
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.6	64
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.6	64
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.6	64
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.7	71
Stroud	Rodborough	1.7	71
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.9	82
Stroud	Cam West	2.0	87
Stroud	Uplands	2.2	94
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.4	98
Stroud	Dursley	2.5	100
Stroud	Trinity	2.5	100
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	2.6	104
Stroud	Cainscross	3.0	110
Stroud	Valley	3.2	113
Stroud	Slade	4.6	129
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	5.1	132
Stroud	Central	6.4	138



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

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

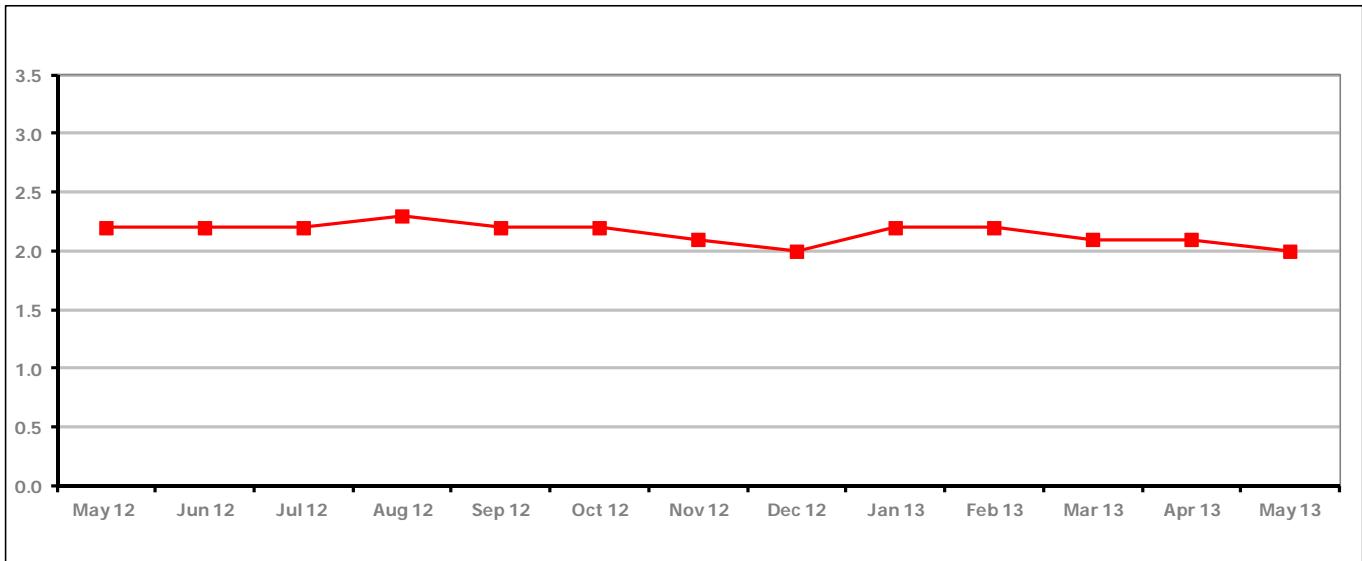


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District decreased in May 2013 to 2.0%.

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

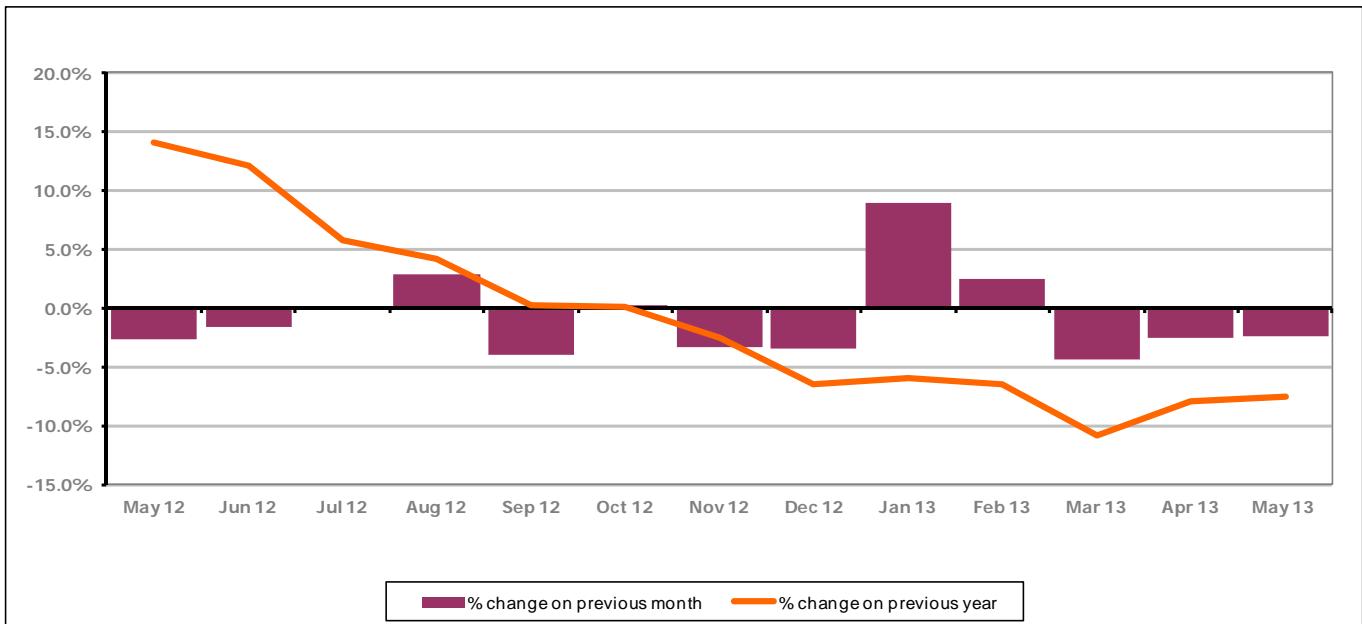


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased in May 2013 by -2.3%. The change on the previous year increased between April 2013 and May 2013 to -7.6%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

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

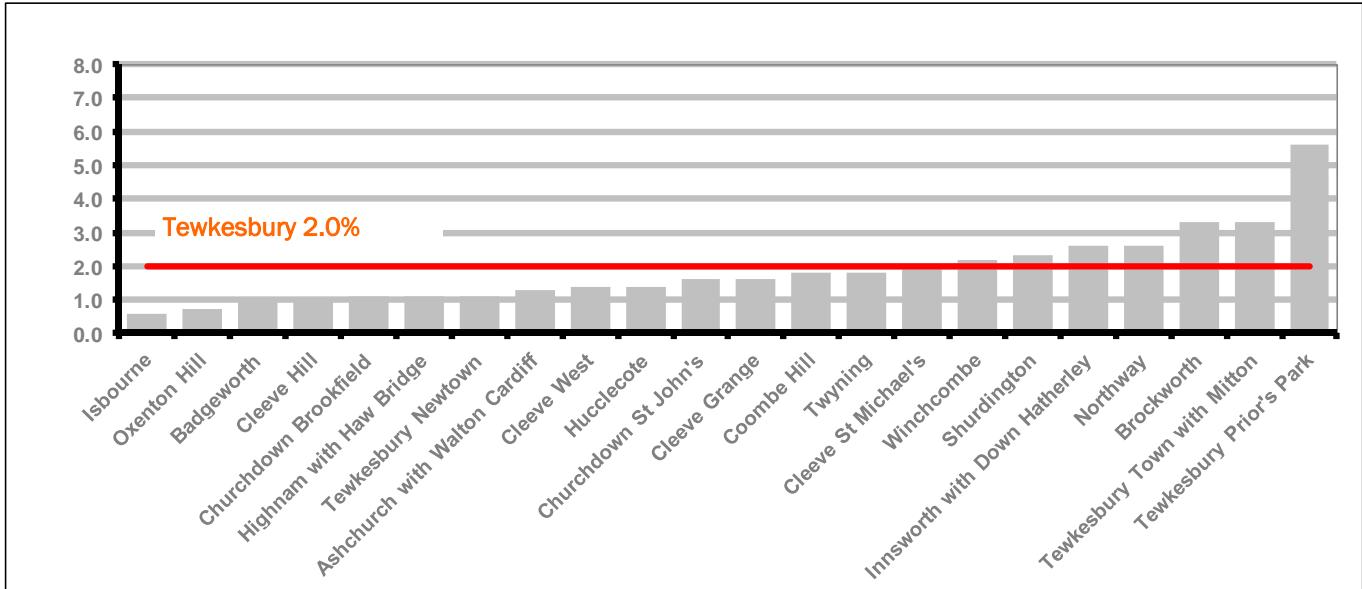
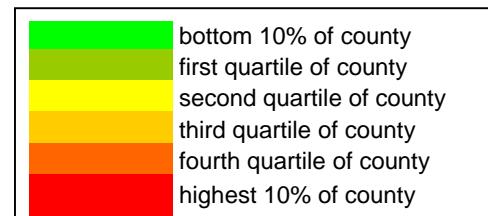


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0% and seven wards are above the average.

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

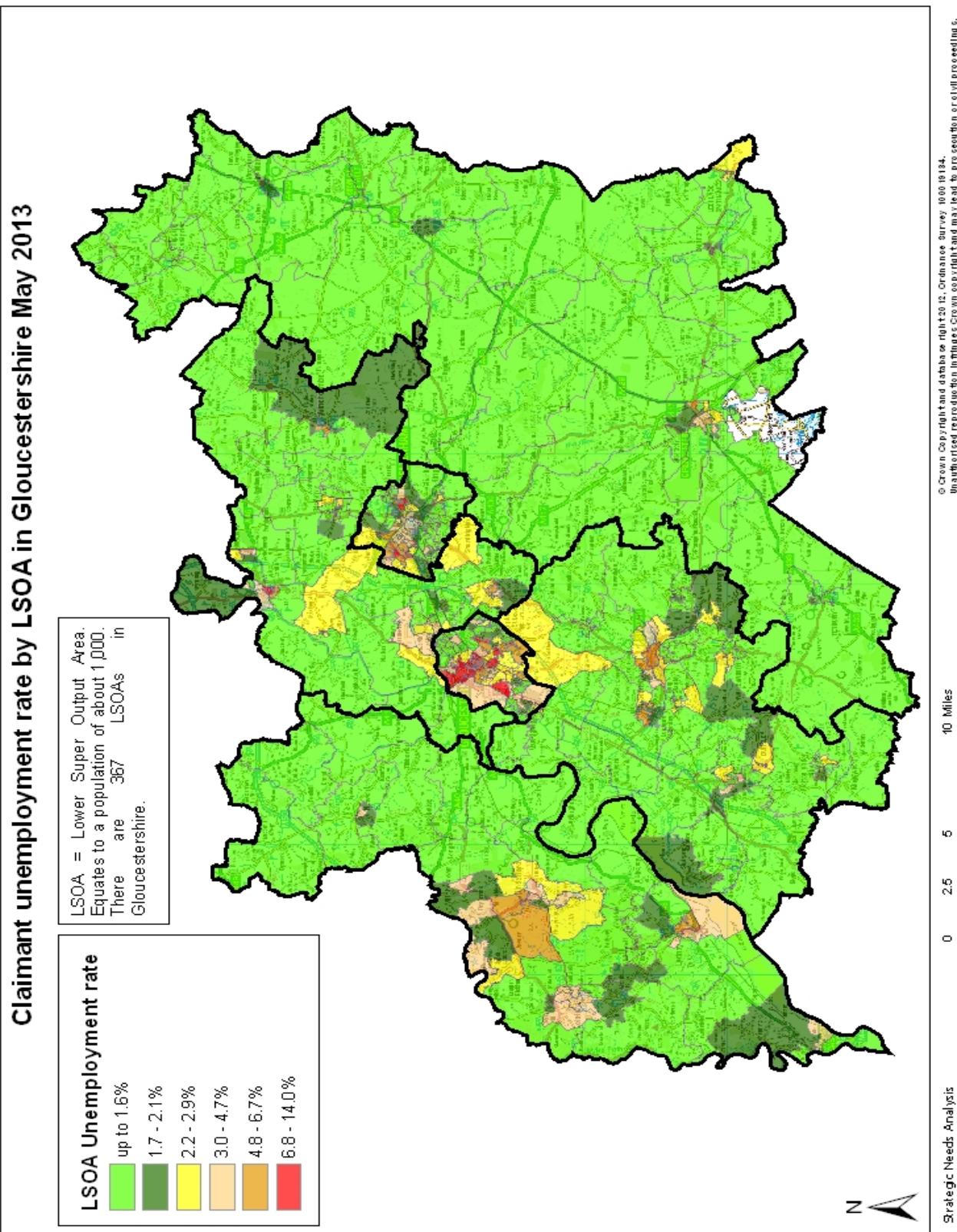
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.6	7
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	10
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.0	21
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	1.0	21
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	1.1	27
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.1	27
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.1	27
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.3	40
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.4	49
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.4	49
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.6	64
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.6	64
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.8	77
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.8	77
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.0	87
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.2	94
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.3	97
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.6	104
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.6	104
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	3.3	116
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.3	116
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.6	135



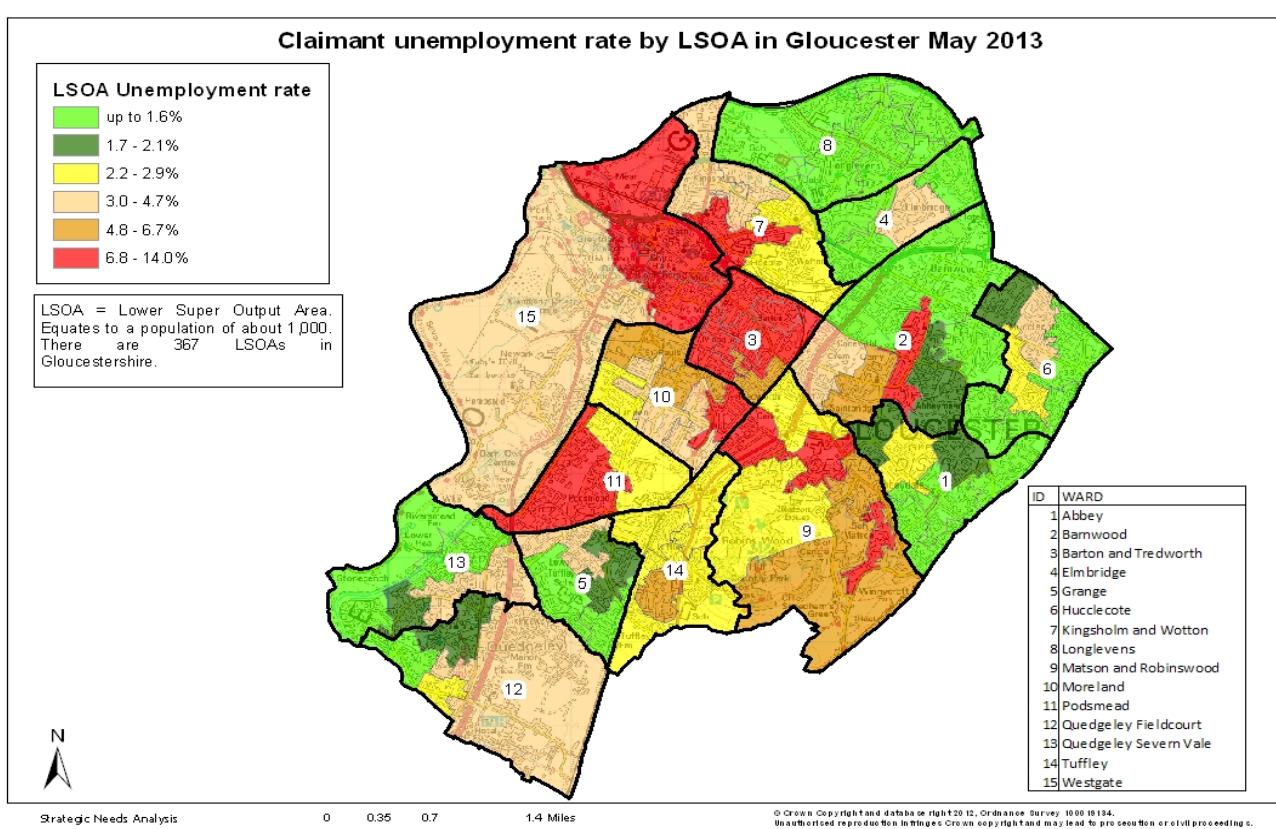
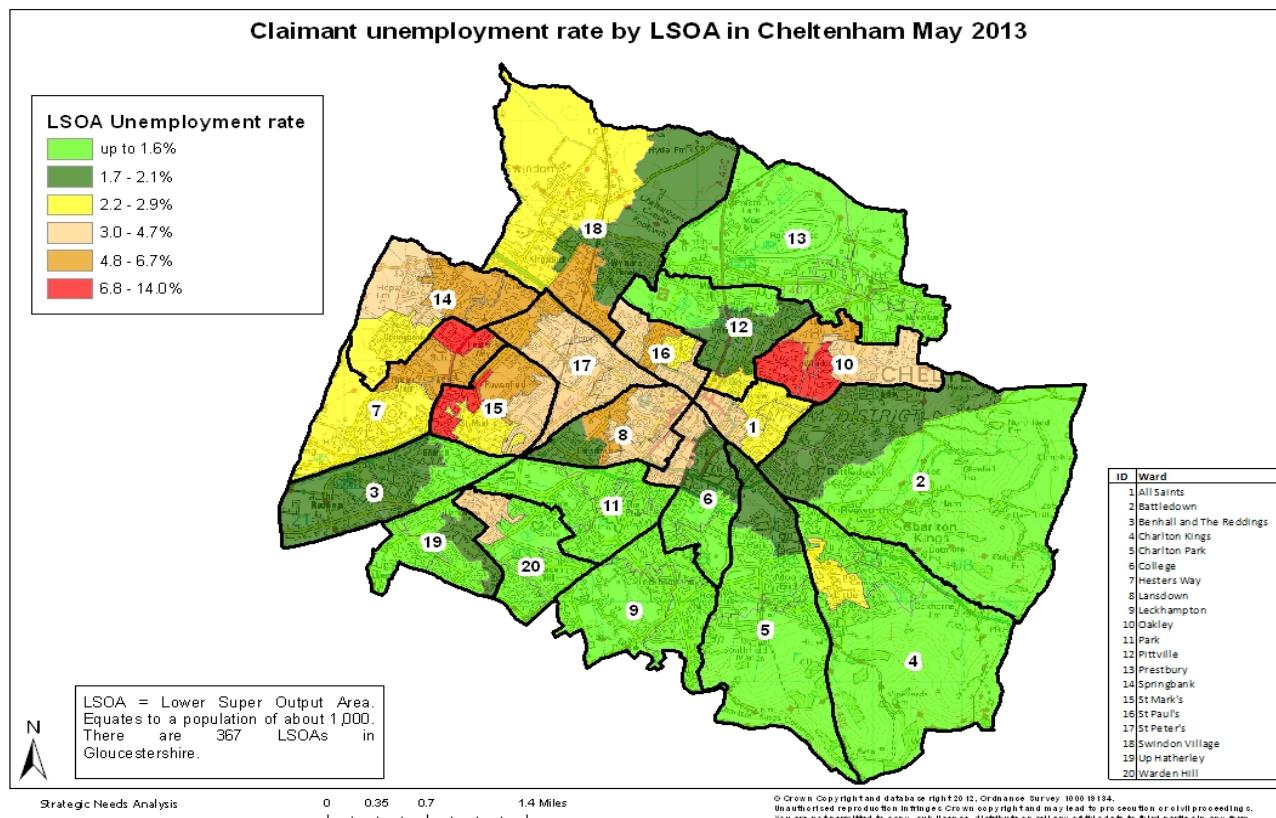
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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 May 2013 there were 614 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 4.5%. The total number of NEET decreased by 25 young people in May 2013 compared to April 2013. Five districts saw a decrease in their NEET figure; one district saw an increase.

Total NEET Group by District Area

May 2013 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	129	52	70	212	84	67	614
Cohort	2224	1838	1899	4174	2490	1657	14282
% NEET	5.8	2.8	3.7	5.1	3.4	4.0	4.5

Please note the figures included in last months report were based on academic age (young people in Year 12-14 age range) rather than the actual age, which is normally used. This means the NEETs information included in last months unemployment bulletin is not comparable with the information in this edition or any previous editions.

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 551267.

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