

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

April 2012

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 340 persons to 10,680, a rate of 2.9%.

Unemployment for the UK, GB, England & Wales, the SW, Gloucestershire and its Local Authority Districts

Area	Apr'12 Number	Apr'12 Rate	Mar'12 Number	Mar'12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,616,849	4.0	1,666,859	4.1	-50,010	-3.0	-0.1
GB	1,554,548	4.0	1,604,509	4.1	-49,961	-3.1	-0.1
England & Wales	1,410,203	3.9	1,454,132	4.1	-43,929	-3.0	-0.2
England	1,329,765	3.9	1,370,504	4.0	-40,739	-3.0	-0.1
South West	91,790	2.8	96,978	2.9	-5,188	-5.3	-0.1
Gloucestershire	10,680	2.9	11,020	3.0	-340	-3.1	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,497	3.3	2,513	3.3	-16	-0.6	0.0
Cotswold	743	1.5	816	1.6	-73	-8.9	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,547	3.0	1,603	3.1	-56	-3.5	-0.1
Gloucester	3,214	4.2	3,303	4.3	-89	-2.7	-0.1
Stroud	1,524	2.2	1,561	2.3	-37	-2.4	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,155	2.3	1,224	2.4	-69	-5.6	-0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 49,961 persons to **1,554,548** a rate of **4.0%**.

The County rate of unemployment has decreased to **2.9%**.

All districts showed an decrease in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **7,282 (3.9%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **3,398 (1.8%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.63 million** unemployed at a rate of **8.2 %**. This is based on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. It is obtained from an ongoing national household survey and updated on a quarterly basis.
- 2) the seasonally adjusted unemployment claimant count for the UK of **1.59 million** at a rate of **3.9%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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