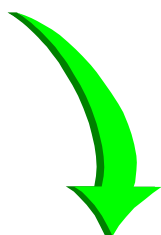# CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR
December 2013
January 22nd 2014 Release

Unemployment in the County has decreased by 209 persons to 7,632 a rate of 2.0%.

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

Area	Dec 13 Number	Dec'13 Rate	Nov 13 Number	Nov'13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,201,512	2.9	1,222,890	3.0	-21,378	-1.7	-0.1
GB	1,143,413	2.9	1,164,085	2.9	-20,672	-1.8	0.0
England & Wales	1,035,129	2.9	1,054,906	2.9	-19,777	-1.9	0.0
England	971,596	2.8	990,742	2.9	-19,146	-1.9	-0.1
South West	64,716	2.0	65,855	2.0	-1,139	-1.7	0.0
Gloucestershire	7,632	2.0	7,841	2.1	-209	-2.7	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,674	2.2	1,739	2.3	-65	-3.7	-0.1
Cotswold	571	1.1	583	1.2	-12	-2.1	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,037	2.0	1,037	2.0	0	0.0	0.0
Gloucester	2,428	3.0	2,506	3.1	-78	-3.1	-0.1
Stroud	1,040	1.5	1,079	1.5	-39	-3.6	0.0
Tewkesbury	882	1.7	897	1.8	-15	-1.7	-0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 20,672 persons to **1,143,413** a rate of **2.9%.**

The County rate of unemployment has decreased to **2.0%**.

Cheltenham, Cotswold, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury saw a decrease in the number of unemployed claimants. The number of claimants in the Forest of Dean was the same as last month.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **5,061 (2.7%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **2,571 (1.4%)** both representing an decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

1) the UK figure of **2.32 million** unemployed at a rate of **7.1%.** 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 **1.25 million** at a rate of **3.1%.**

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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