

# 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 out of work.** For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](http://www.ons.gov.uk).

## 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](http://www.nomis.co.uk)).

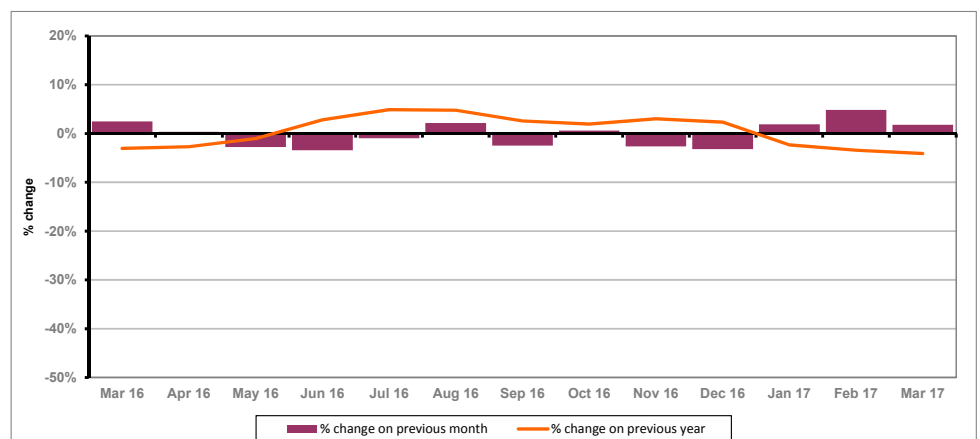
## PART 1: SUMMARY

**The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.1% in March 2017.** This remained the same as the February 2017 figure. The South West rate increased to 1.4% and the UK rate remained the same at 2.0%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 1.4%, and 0.9% lower than the UK average of 2.0%.

**The claimant count in Gloucestershire in March 2017 increased by 75 people.** The amount of people claiming in March 2017 was 1.8% higher than the number in February 2017. This compares to a 2.8% increase in the South West and a 2.1% increase for the UK.

**The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month.** The count was 4.1% lower in March 2017 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:  
March 2016 to March 2017



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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 March 2017

**Compared to last 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 2017

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

### CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	885
Compared to last month:	7.3%
Claimant rate:	1.2%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (2.8%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,385
Compared to last month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming wards	Westgate (3.7%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	360
Compared to last month:	1.4%
Claimant rate:	0.7%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (2.4%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	525
Compared to last month:	2.9%
Claimant rate:	0.7%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (2.2%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	640
Compared to last month:	1.6%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (2.3%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	510
Compared to last month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	1.0%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (2.8%)

## 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

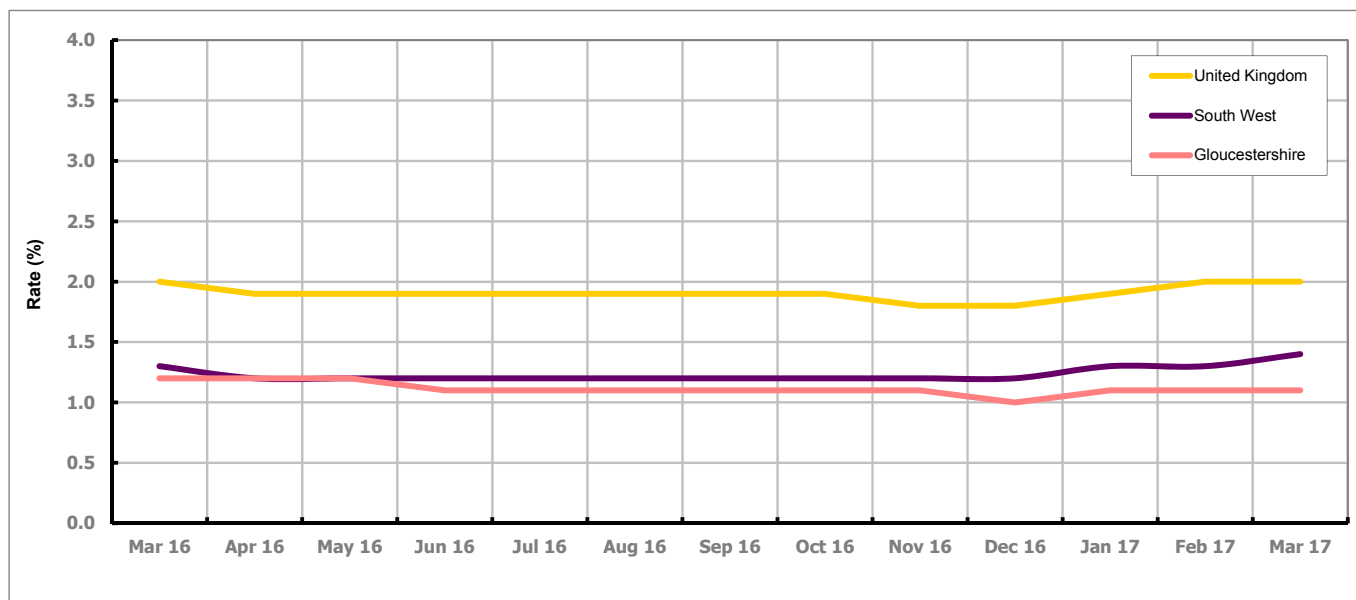


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.1% in March 2017. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since November 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.8% against the UK average.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in March 2017	% change on February 2017	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months increasing
UK	<b>821,720</b>	2.1%	1.2%	2
South West	<b>45,790</b>	2.8%	2.3%	5
Gloucestershire	<b>4,300</b>	1.8%	0.4%	2

Table 1 shows that in March 2017, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.8% higher than the number in February 2017.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to March 2017 was 0.4%.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - March 2017

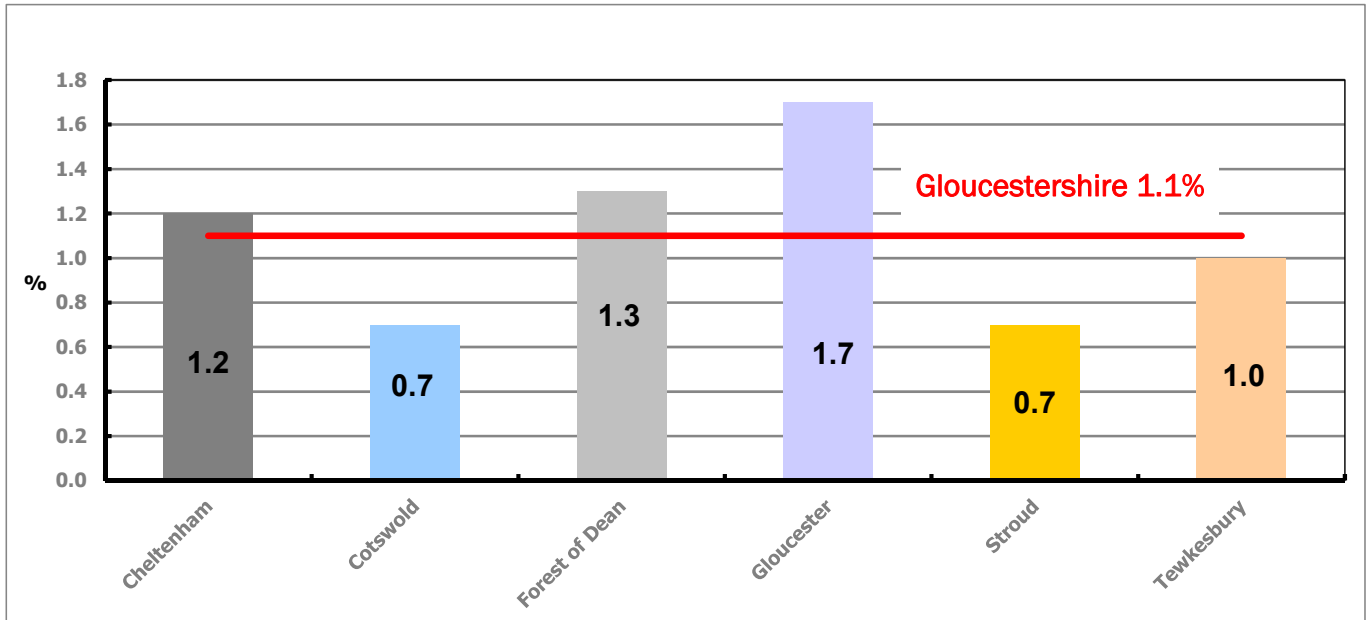


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for March 2017 in Gloucestershire. Between February 2017 and March 2017, the rate increased in Cheltenham and the Forest of Dean, while all other districts stayed the same.

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

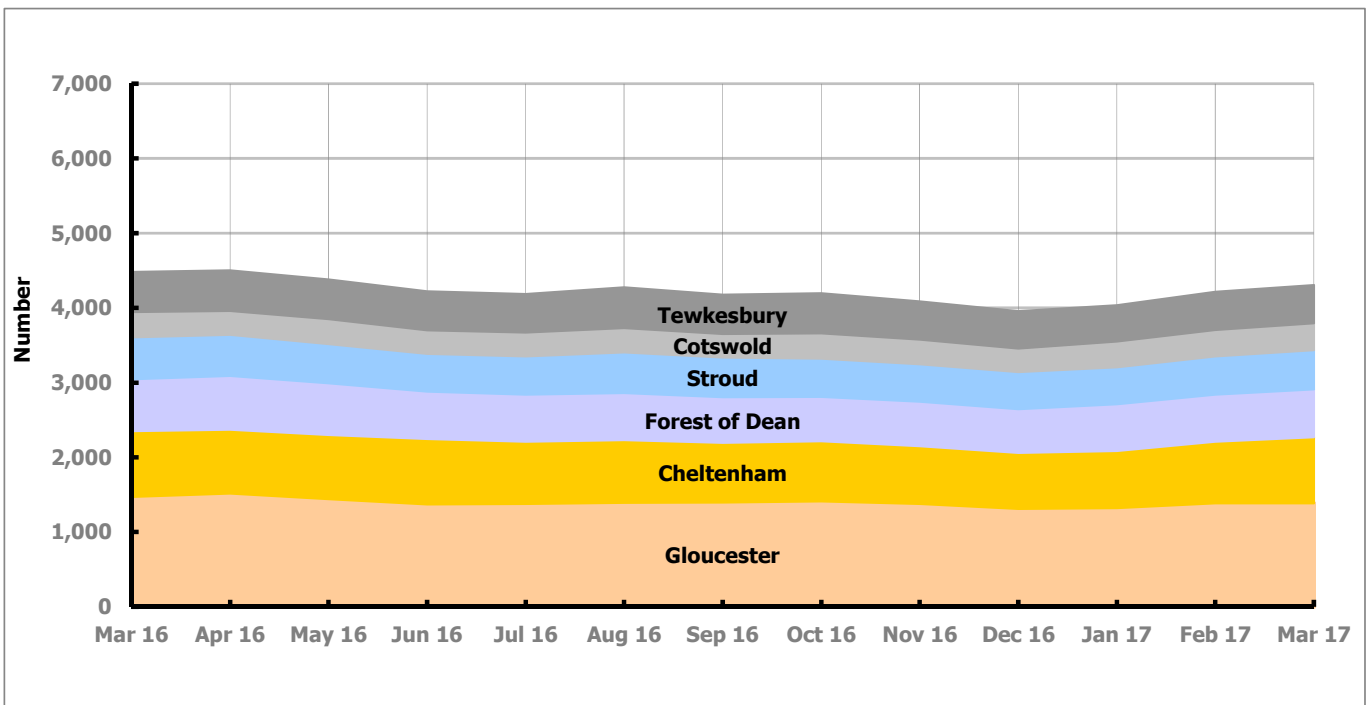


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. Overall, the number of claimants has decreased slightly over the last year.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Mar 17 Number	Mar 17 Rate	Feb 17 Number	Feb 17 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	4,300	1.1	4,225	1.1	75	1.8%	0.0
Cheltenham	885	1.2	825	1.1	60	7.3%	0.1
Cotswold	360	0.7	355	0.7	5	1.4%	0.0
Forest of Dean	640	1.3	630	1.2	10	1.6%	0.1
Gloucester	1,385	1.7	1,385	1.7	0	0.0%	0.0
Stroud	525	0.7	510	0.7	15	2.9%	0.0
Tewkesbury	510	1.0	510	1.0	0	0.0%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in March 2017 compared to February 2017. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants, except Gloucester and Tewkesbury which stayed the same.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Mar 17 Number	Mar 17 Rate	Feb 17 Number	Feb 17 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	2,730	1.4	2,665	1.4	65	2.4%	0.0
Cheltenham	575	1.5	525	1.4	50	9.5%	0.1
Cotswold	225	0.9	225	0.9	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	400	1.6	395	1.6	5	1.3%	0.0
Gloucester	890	2.2	880	2.2	10	1.1%	0.0
Stroud	330	0.9	330	0.9	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	315	1.2	305	1.2	10	3.3%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in March 2017 compared to February 2017. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants, except Cotswold and Stroud which stayed the same.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Mar 17 Number	Mar 17 Rate	Feb 17 Number	Feb 17 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	1,570	0.8	1,560	0.8	10	0.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	310	0.8	300	0.8	10	3.3%	0.0
Cotswold	135	0.5	130	0.5	5	3.8%	0.0
Forest of Dean	235	0.9	235	0.9	0	0.0%	0.0
Gloucester	495	1.2	505	1.2	-10	-2.0%	0.0
Stroud	200	0.6	185	0.5	15	8.1%	0.1
Tewkesbury	195	0.7	205	0.8	-10	-4.9%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in March 2017 compared to February 2017. Cheltenham, Cotswold and Stroud saw an increase in the number of female claimants, while Gloucester and Tewkesbury saw a decrease, and the Forest of Dean stayed the same.

## 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

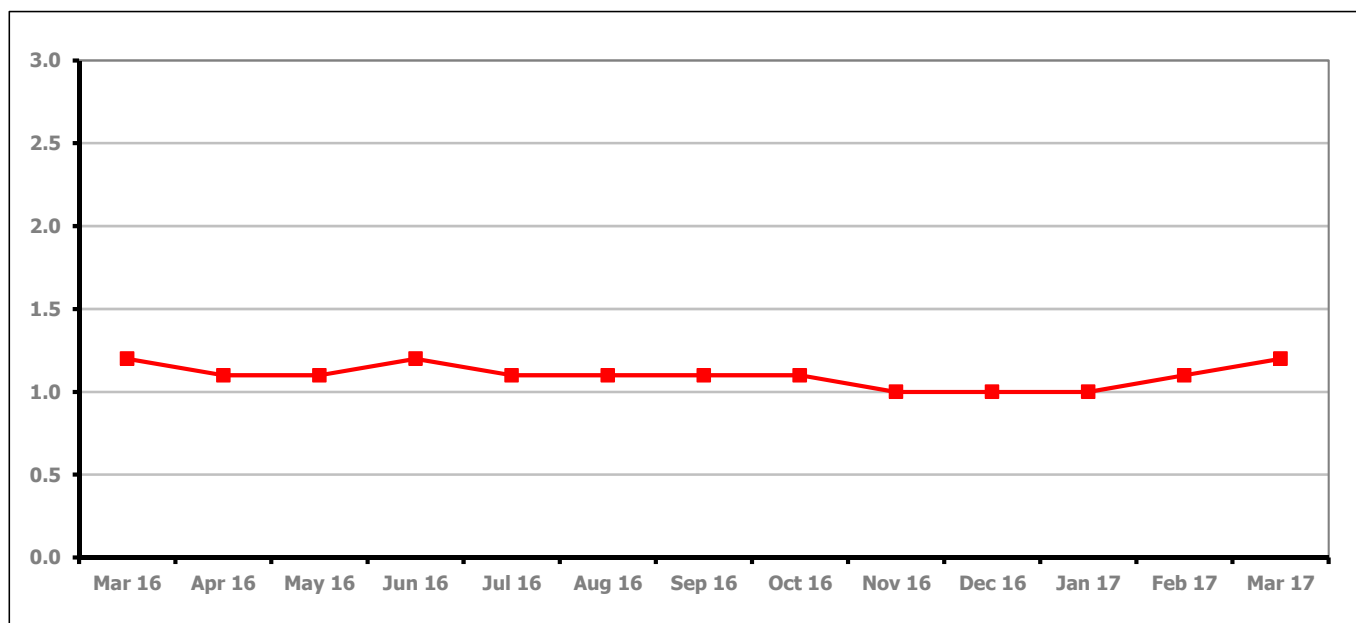


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased in March 2017 to 1.2%.

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

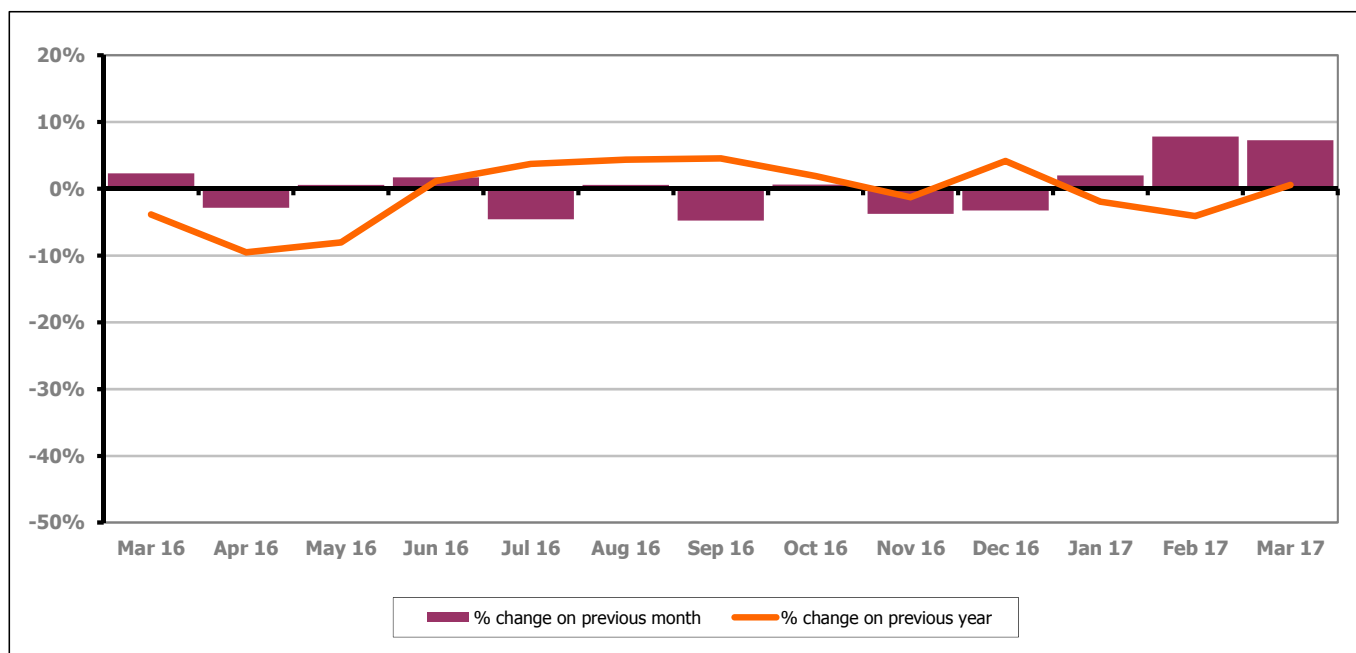


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by 7.3% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between February 2017 and March 2017 to 0.6%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - March 2017

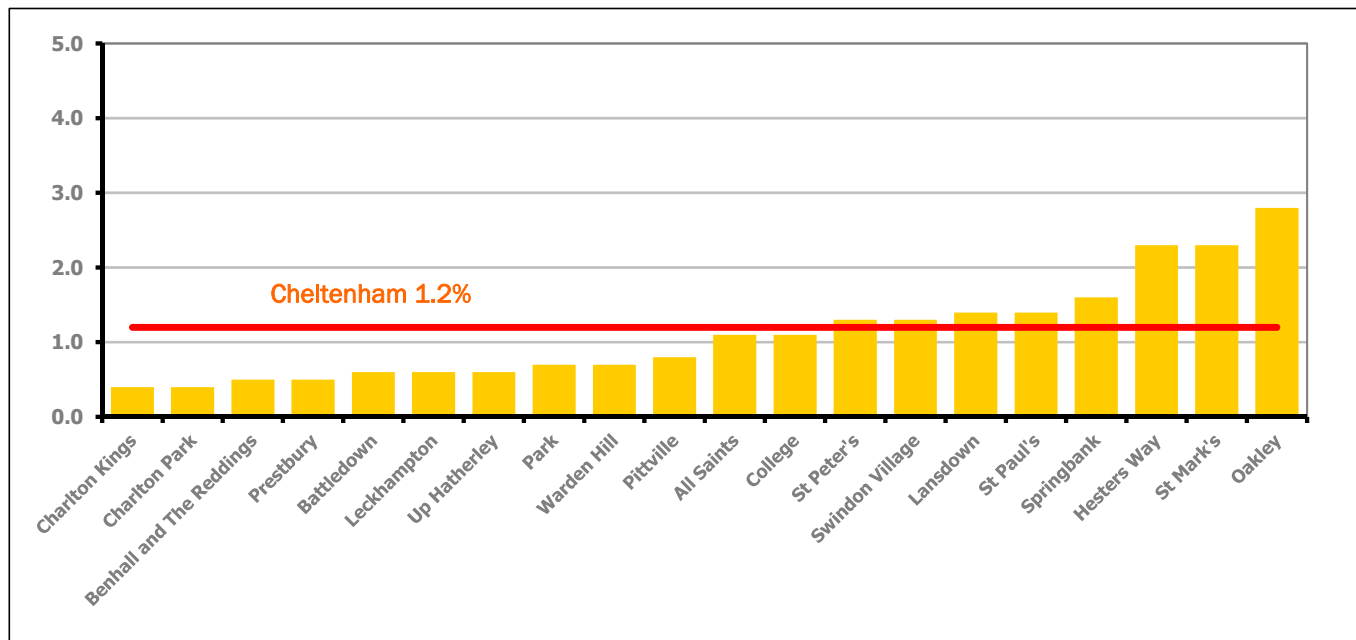


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.2%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - March 2017

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.4	12
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.4	12
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.5	23
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.5	23
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.6	36
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.6	36
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.6	36
Cheltenham	Park	0.7	54
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	0.7	54
Cheltenham	Pittville	0.8	69
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.1	100
Cheltenham	College	1.1	100
Cheltenham	St Peter's	1.3	111
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.3	111
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.4	115
Cheltenham	St Paul's	1.4	115
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.6	128
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	2.3	136
Cheltenham	St Mark's	2.3	136
Cheltenham	Oakley	2.8	142

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

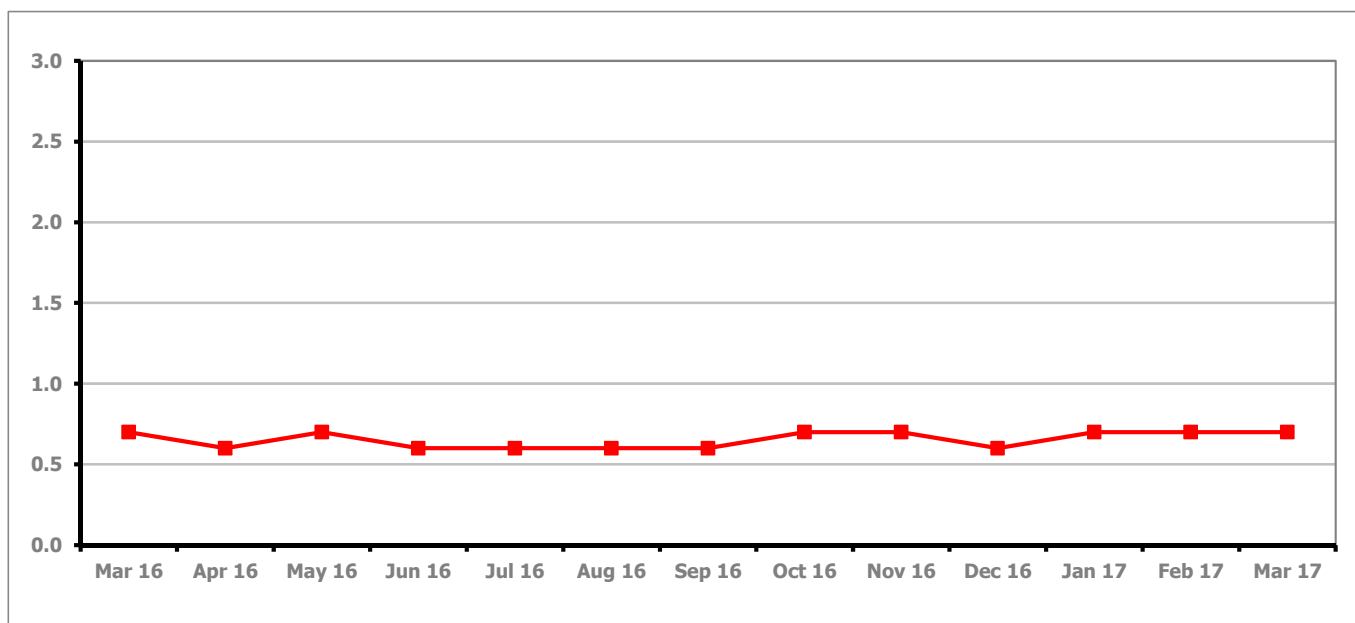
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District stayed the same as last month at 0.7%.

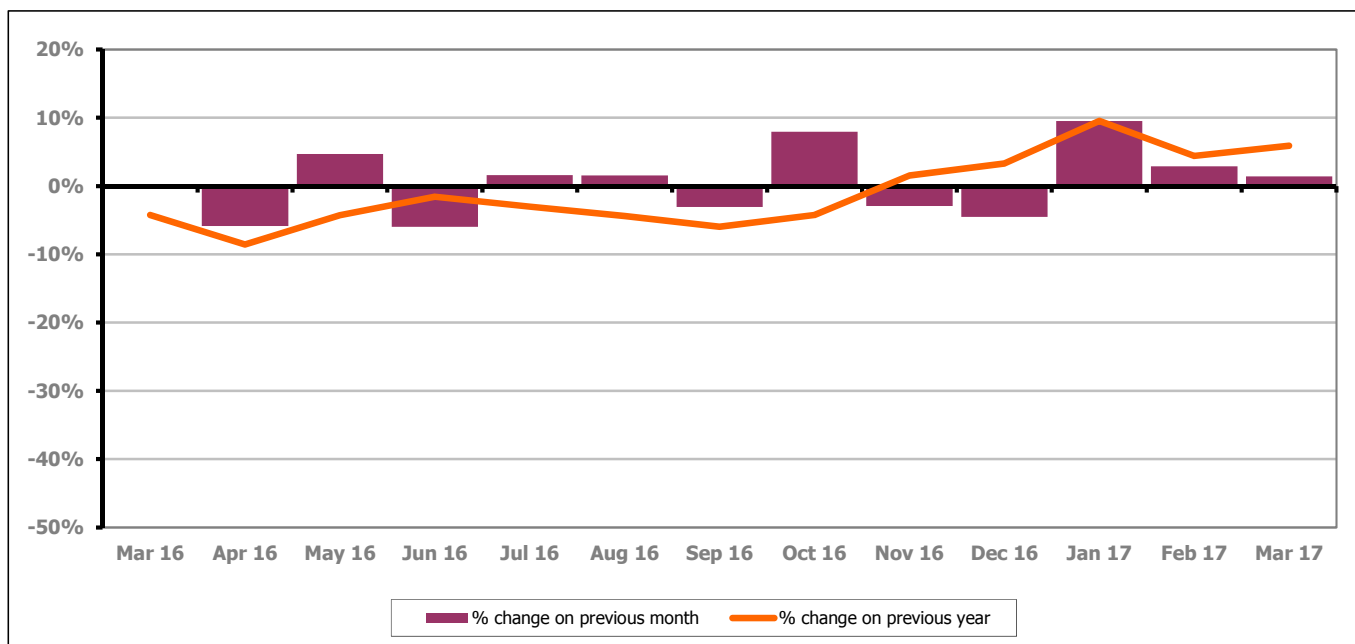
*Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by 1.4% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between February 2017 and March 2017 to 5.9%.



## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - March 2017

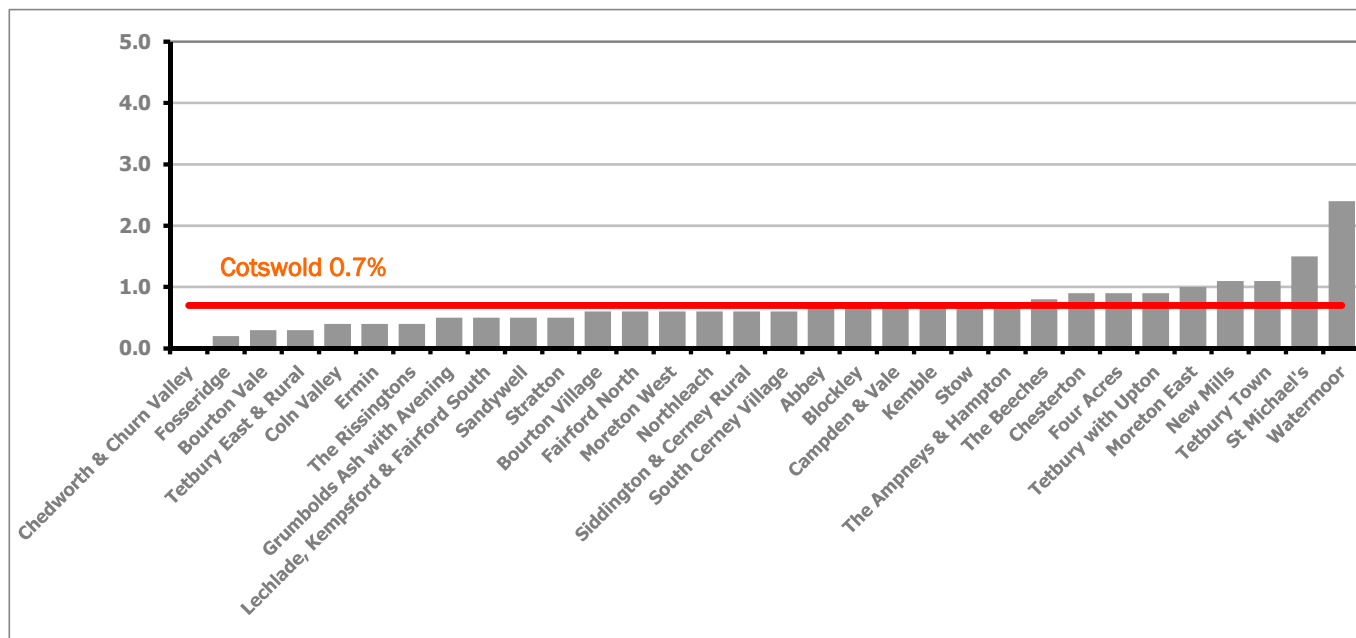
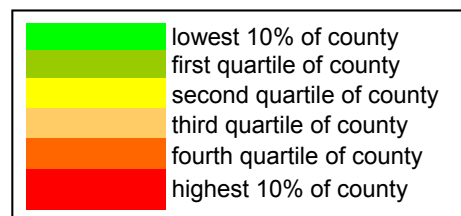


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.7%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - March 2017

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.2	2
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	0.3	3
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	0.3	3
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.4	12
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	12
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	0.4	12
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.5	23
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	0.5	23
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.5	23
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.5	23
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	0.6	36
Cotswolds	Fairford North	0.6	36
Cotswolds	Moreton West	0.6	36
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.6	36
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	0.6	36
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	0.6	36
Cotswolds	Abbey	0.7	54
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.7	54
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	0.7	54
Cotswolds	Kemble	0.7	54
Cotswolds	Stow	0.7	54
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	0.7	54
Cotswolds	The Beeches	0.8	69
Cotswolds	Chesterton	0.9	79
Cotswolds	Four Acres	0.9	79
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	0.9	79
Cotswolds	Moreton East	1.0	92
Cotswolds	New Mills	1.1	100
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.1	100
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.5	122
Cotswolds	Watermoor	2.4	140



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

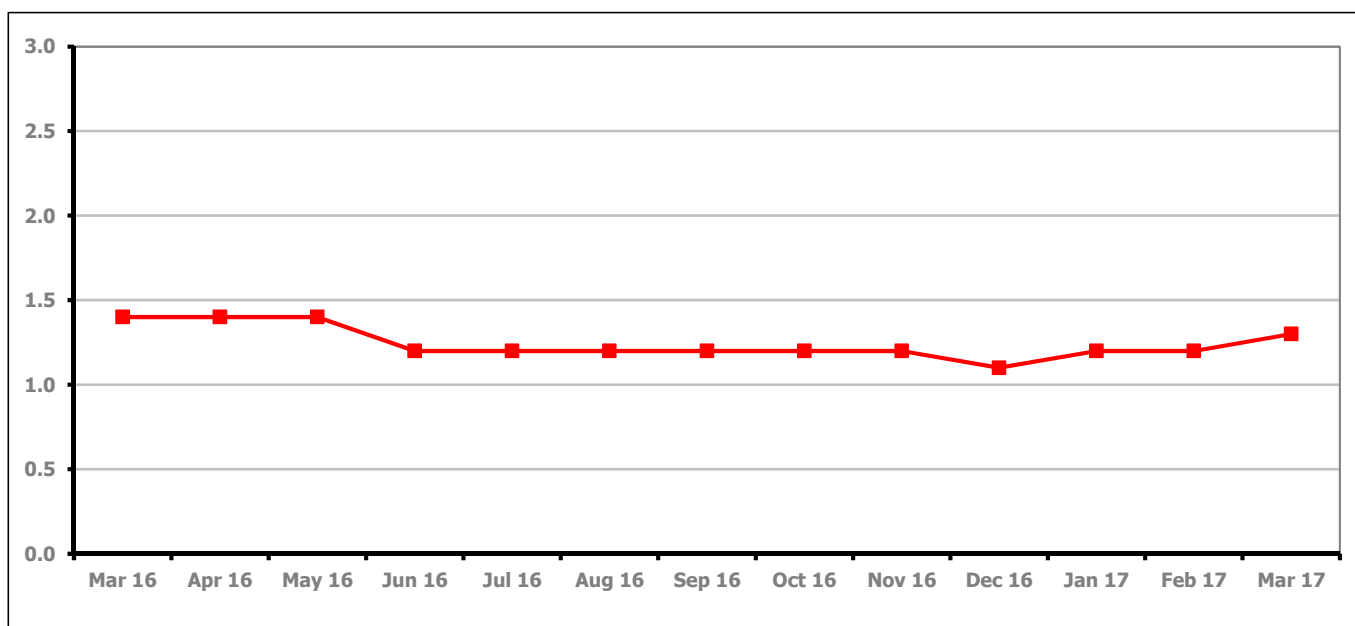
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased in March 2017 to 1.3%.

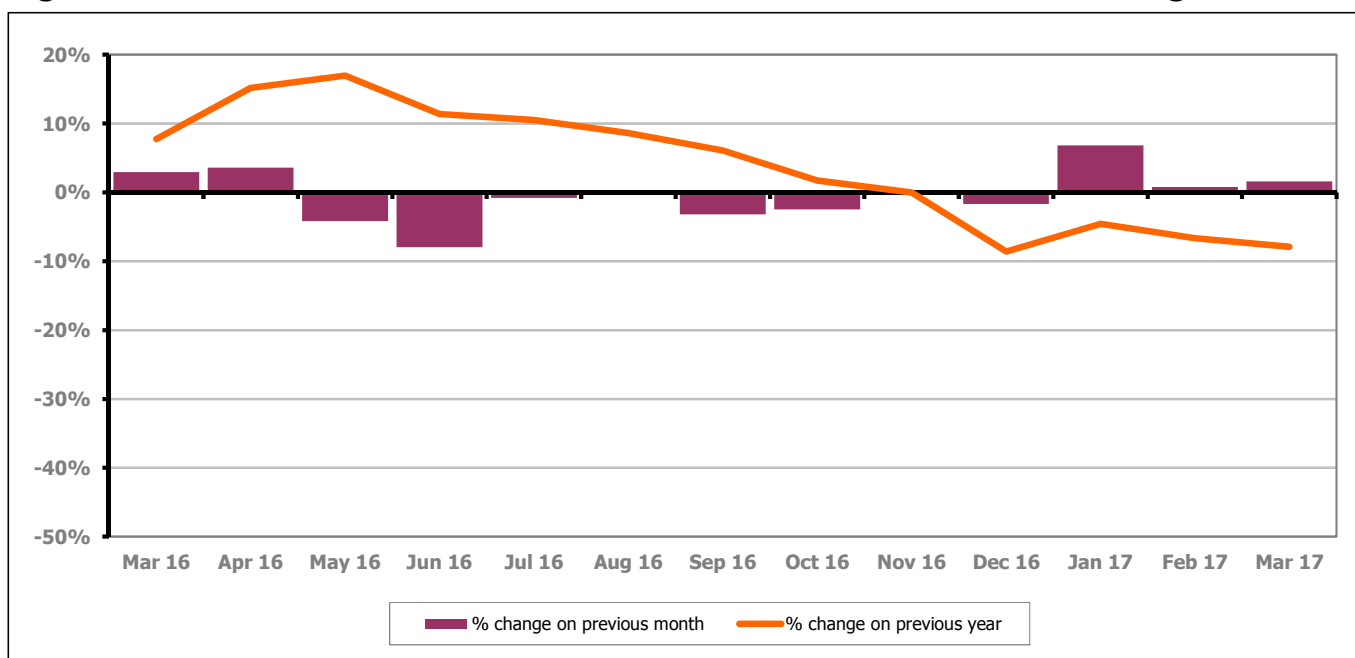
*Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 11 shows the claimant count increased by 1.6% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased between February 2017 and March 2017 to -7.9%.

## 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 - March 2017

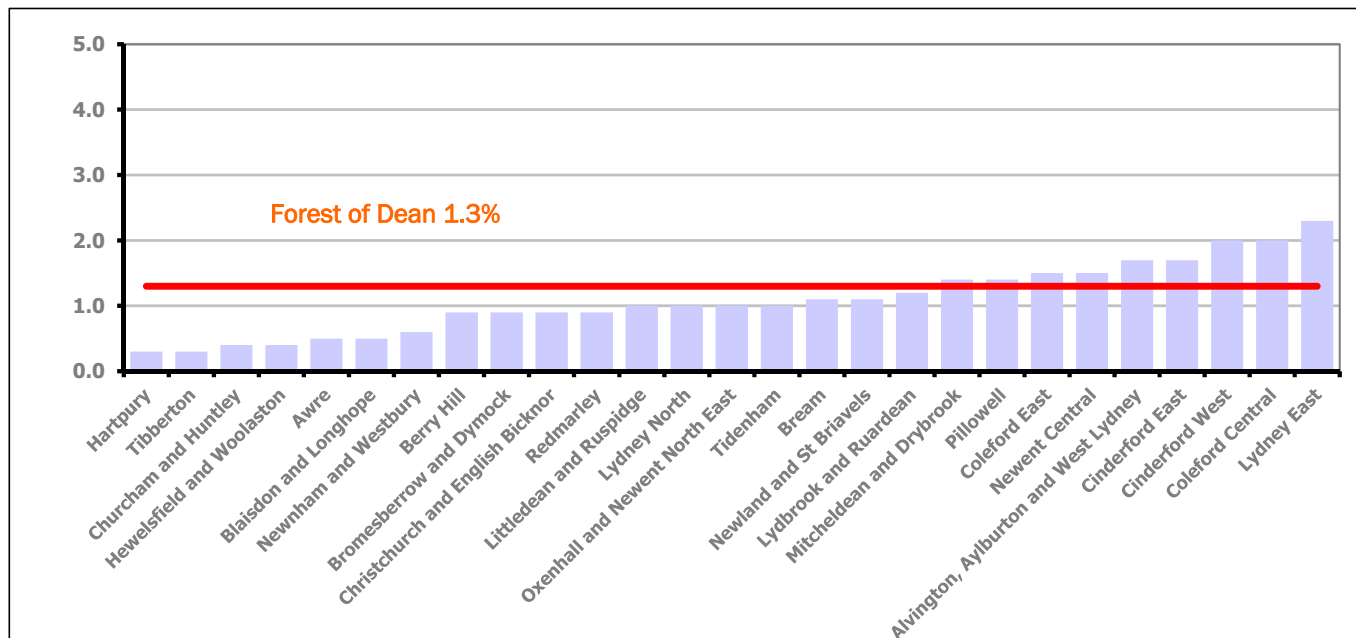


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.3%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - March 2017

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpur	0.3	3
Forest	Tibberton	0.3	3
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.4	12
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.4	12
Forest	Awre	0.5	23
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.5	23
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.6	36
Forest	Berry Hill	0.9	79
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.9	79
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	0.9	79
Forest	Redmarley	0.9	79
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.0	92
Forest	Lydney North	1.0	92
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.0	92
Forest	Tidenham	1.0	92
Forest	Bream	1.1	100
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.1	100
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.2	107
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.4	115
Forest	Pillowell	1.4	115
Forest	Coleford East	1.5	122
Forest	Newent Central	1.5	122
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.7	129
Forest	Cinderford East	1.7	129
Forest	Cinderford West	2.0	132
Forest	Coleford Central	2.0	132
Forest	Lydney East	2.3	136

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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.

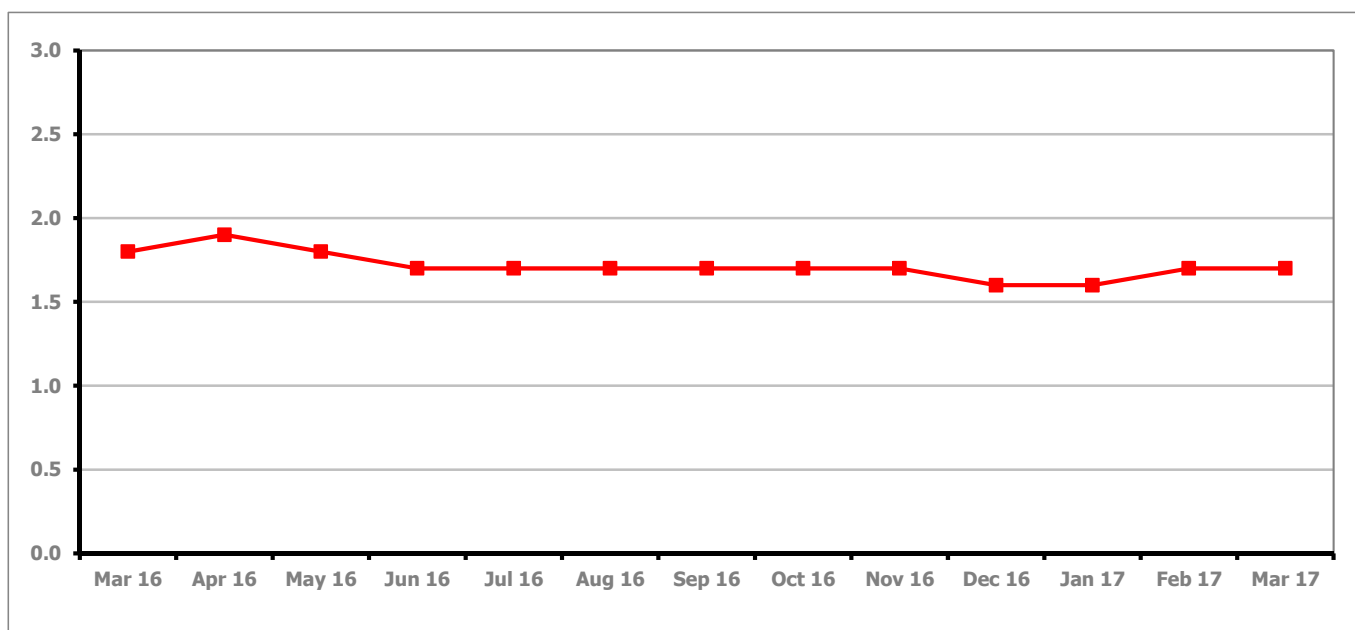
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City stayed the same as last month at 1.7%.

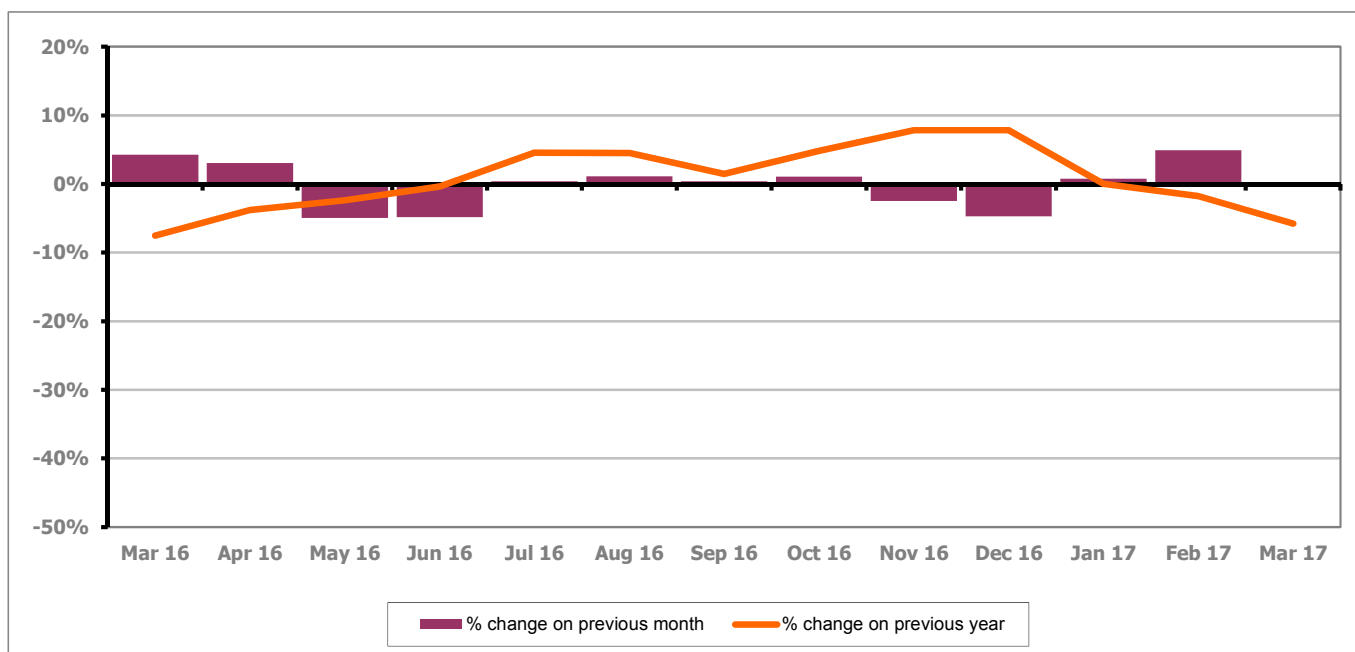
*Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count remained unchanged from last month. The change on the previous year has decreased between February 2017 and March 2017 to -5.8%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - March 2017

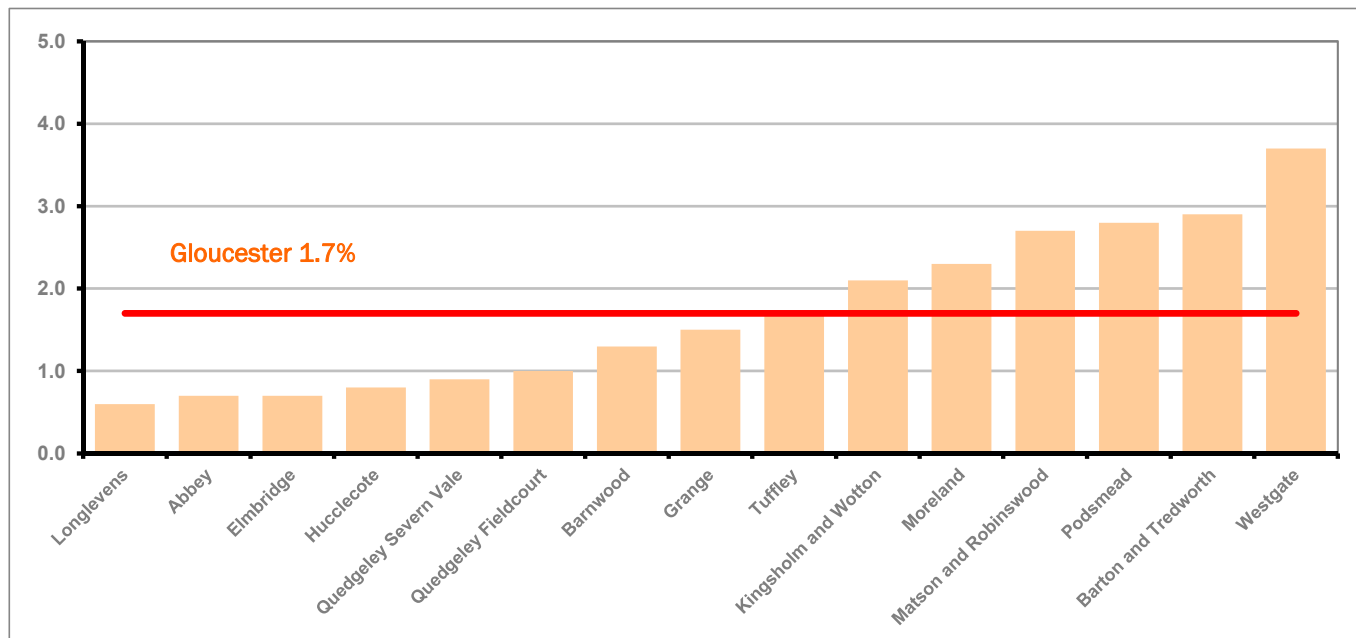
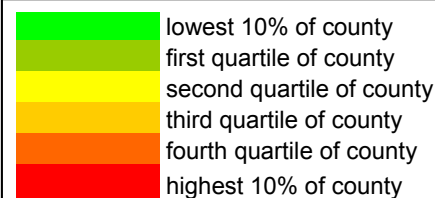


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 1.7%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - March 2017

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.6	36
Gloucester	Abbey	0.7	54
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.7	54
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.8	69
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	0.9	79
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.0	92
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.3	111
Gloucester	Grange	1.5	122
Gloucester	Tuffley	1.7	129
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	2.1	134
Gloucester	Moreland	2.3	136
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	2.7	141
Gloucester	Podsmead	2.8	142
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	2.9	145
Gloucester	Westgate	3.7	146



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

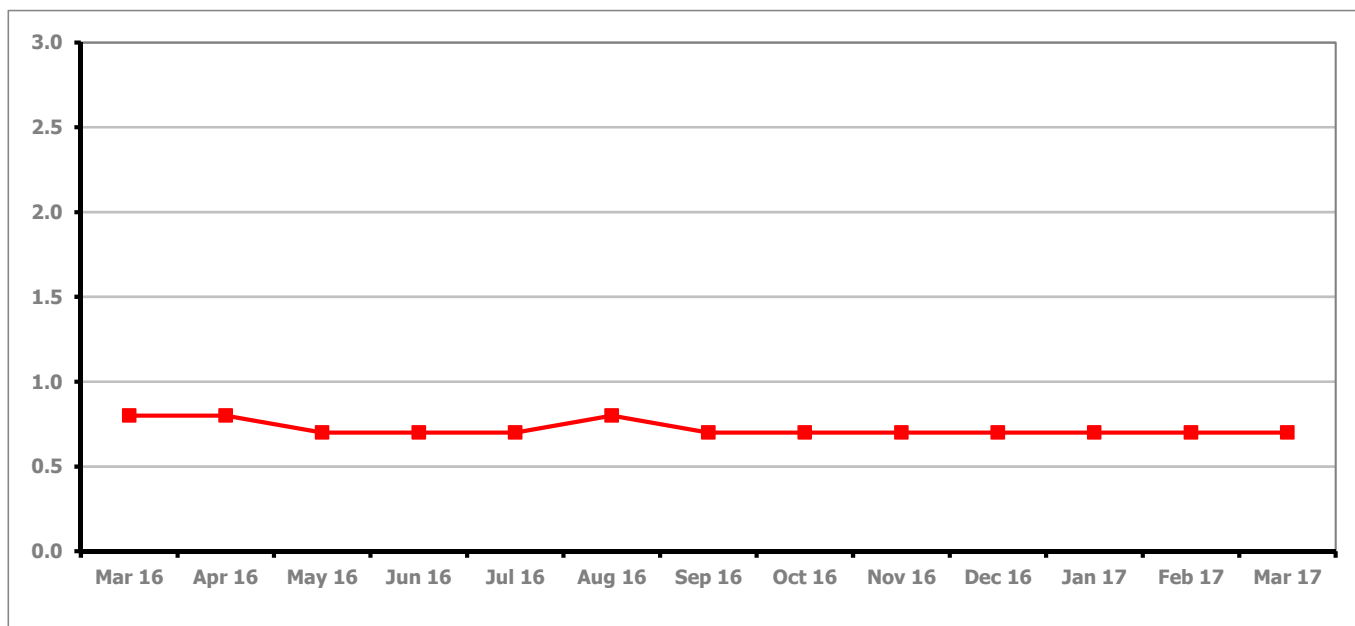
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud stayed the same as last month at 0.7%.

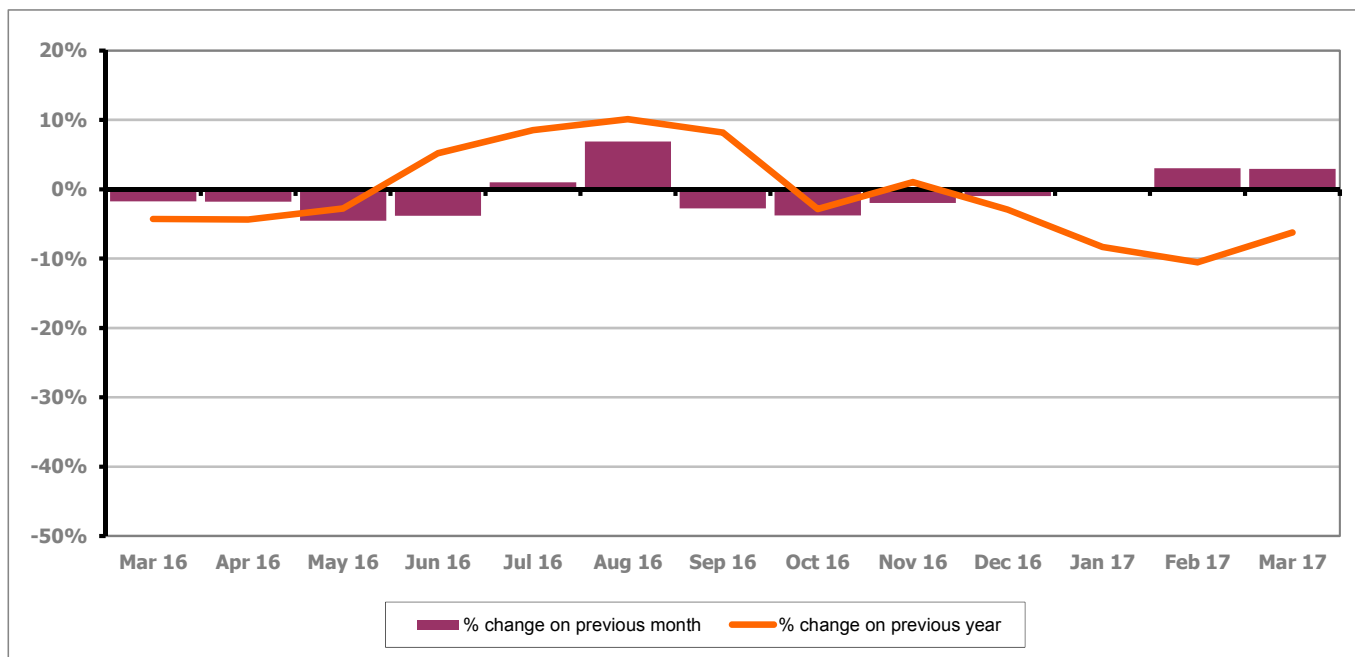
*Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count has increased by 2.9% since February 2017. The change on the previous year has increased between February 2017 and March 2017 to -6.3%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - March 2017

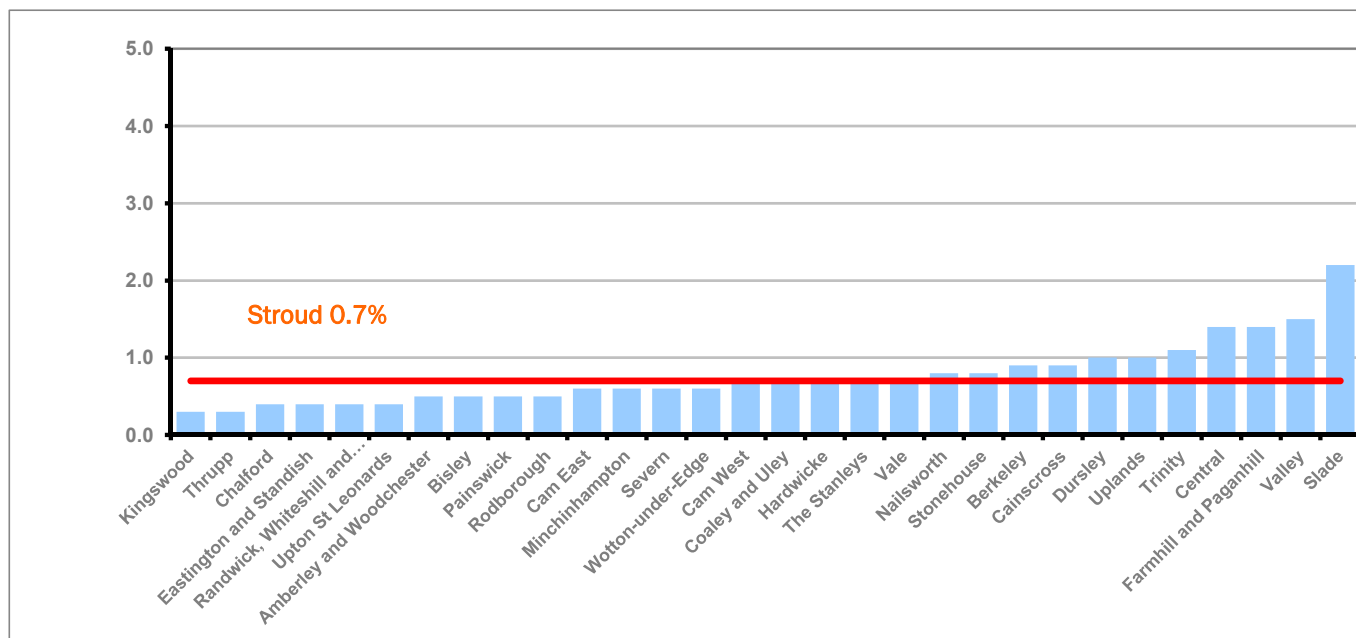
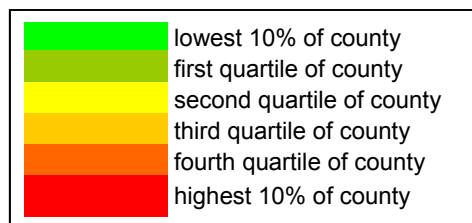


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.7%. Eleven wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - March 2017

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Kingswood	0.3	3
Stroud	Thrupp	0.3	3
Stroud	Chalford	0.4	12
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.4	12
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.4	12
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.4	12
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.5	23
Stroud	Bisley	0.5	23
Stroud	Painswick	0.5	23
Stroud	Rodborough	0.5	23
Stroud	Cam East	0.6	36
Stroud	Minchinhampton	0.6	36
Stroud	Severn	0.6	36
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.6	36
Stroud	Cam West	0.7	54
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.7	54
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.7	54
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.7	54
Stroud	Vale	0.7	54
Stroud	Nailsworth	0.8	69
Stroud	Stonehouse	0.8	69
Stroud	Berkeley	0.9	79
Stroud	Cainscross	0.9	79
Stroud	Dursley	1.0	92
Stroud	Uplands	1.0	92
Stroud	Trinity	1.1	100
Stroud	Central	1.4	115
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	1.4	115
Stroud	Valley	1.5	122
Stroud	Slade	2.2	135



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Table 9 shows overall claimant rates for Stroud District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

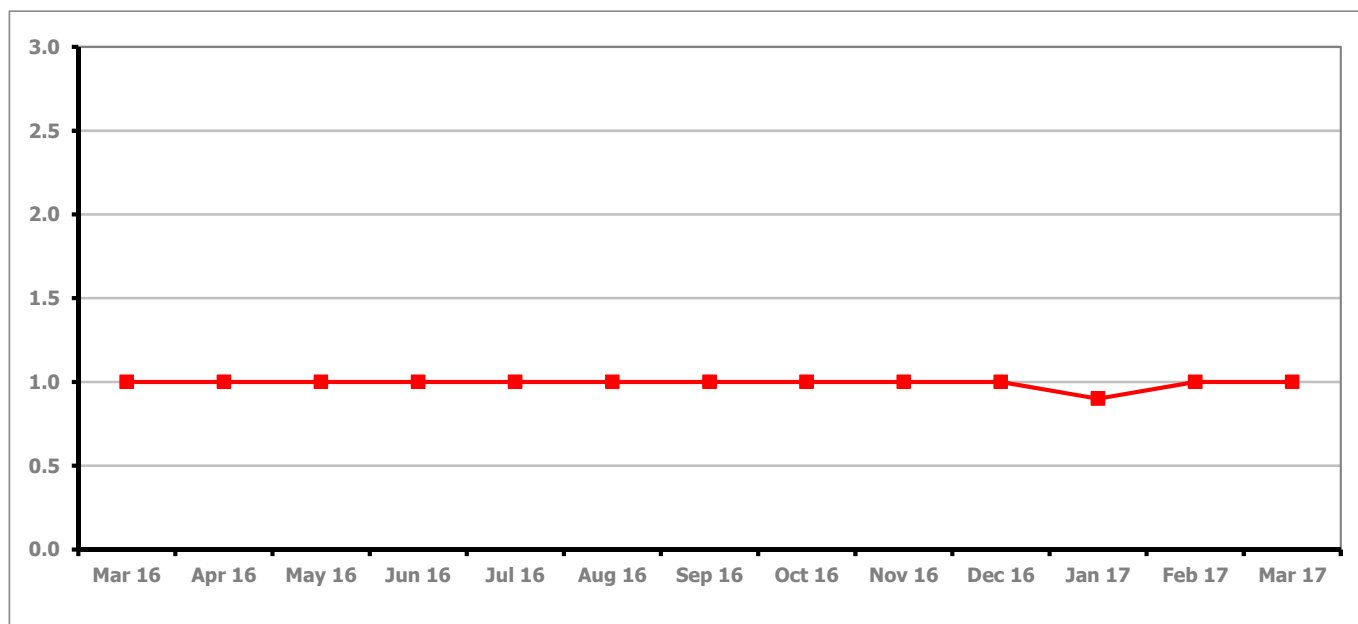
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.6 Tewkesbury District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District stayed the same as last month at 1.0%.

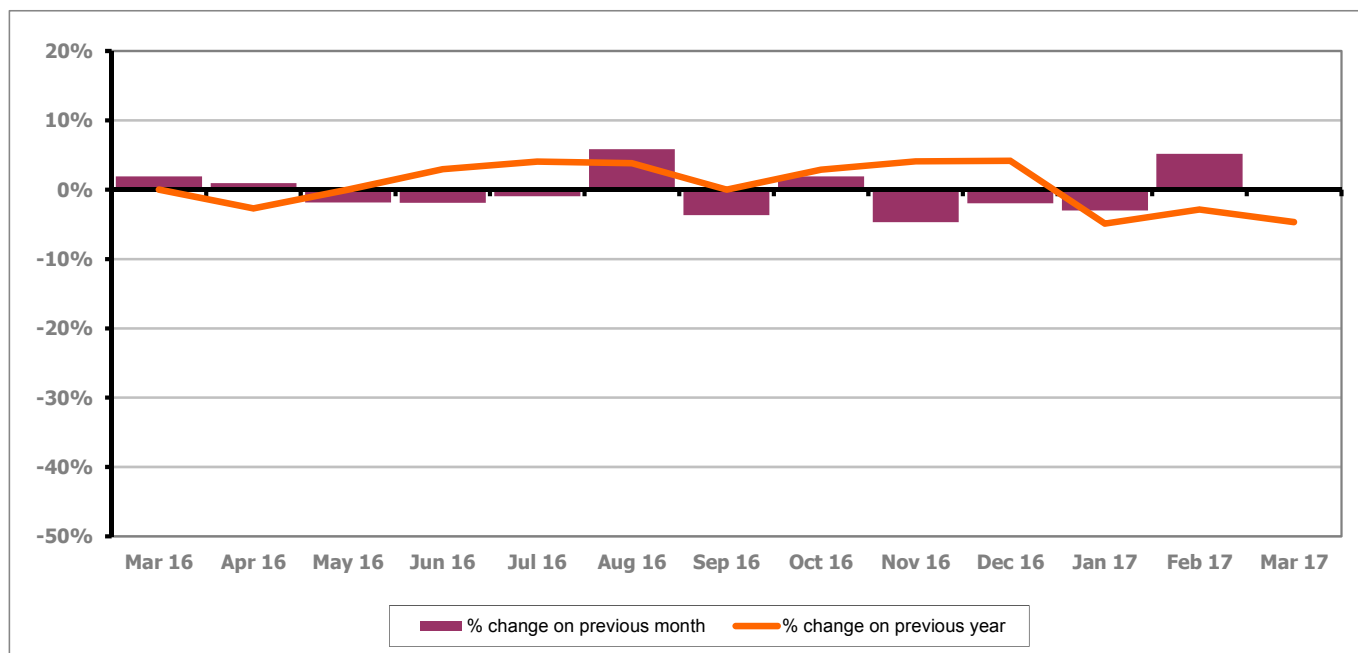
*Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count remained unchanged from last month. The change on the previous year has decreased between February 2017 and March 2017 to -4.7%.



## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - March 2017

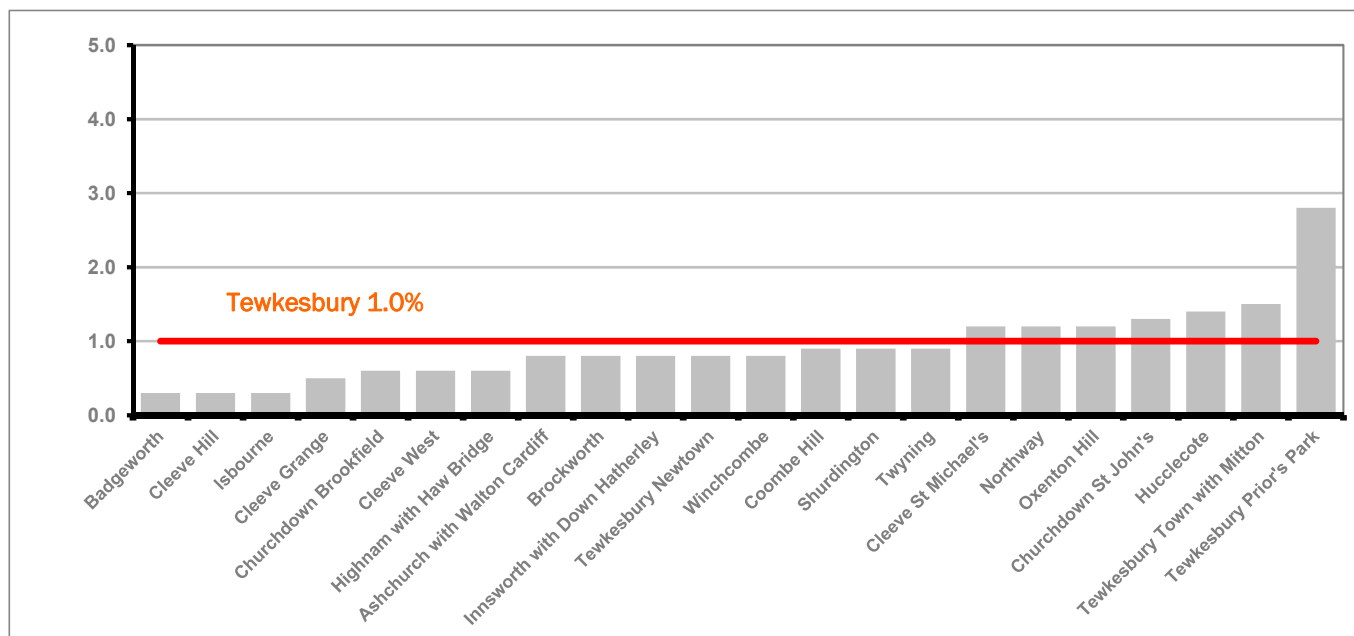


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.0%. Seven wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - March 2017

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.3	3
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.3	3
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.3	3
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	0.5	23
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.6	36
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.6	36
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.6	36
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	0.8	69
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	0.8	69
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	0.8	69
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	0.8	69
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	0.8	69
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	0.9	79
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	0.9	79
Tewkesbury	Twynning	0.9	79
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.2	107
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.2	107
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	1.2	107
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.3	111
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.4	115
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.5	122
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	2.8	142

lowest 10% of county

first quartile of county

second quartile of county

third quartile of county

fourth quartile of county

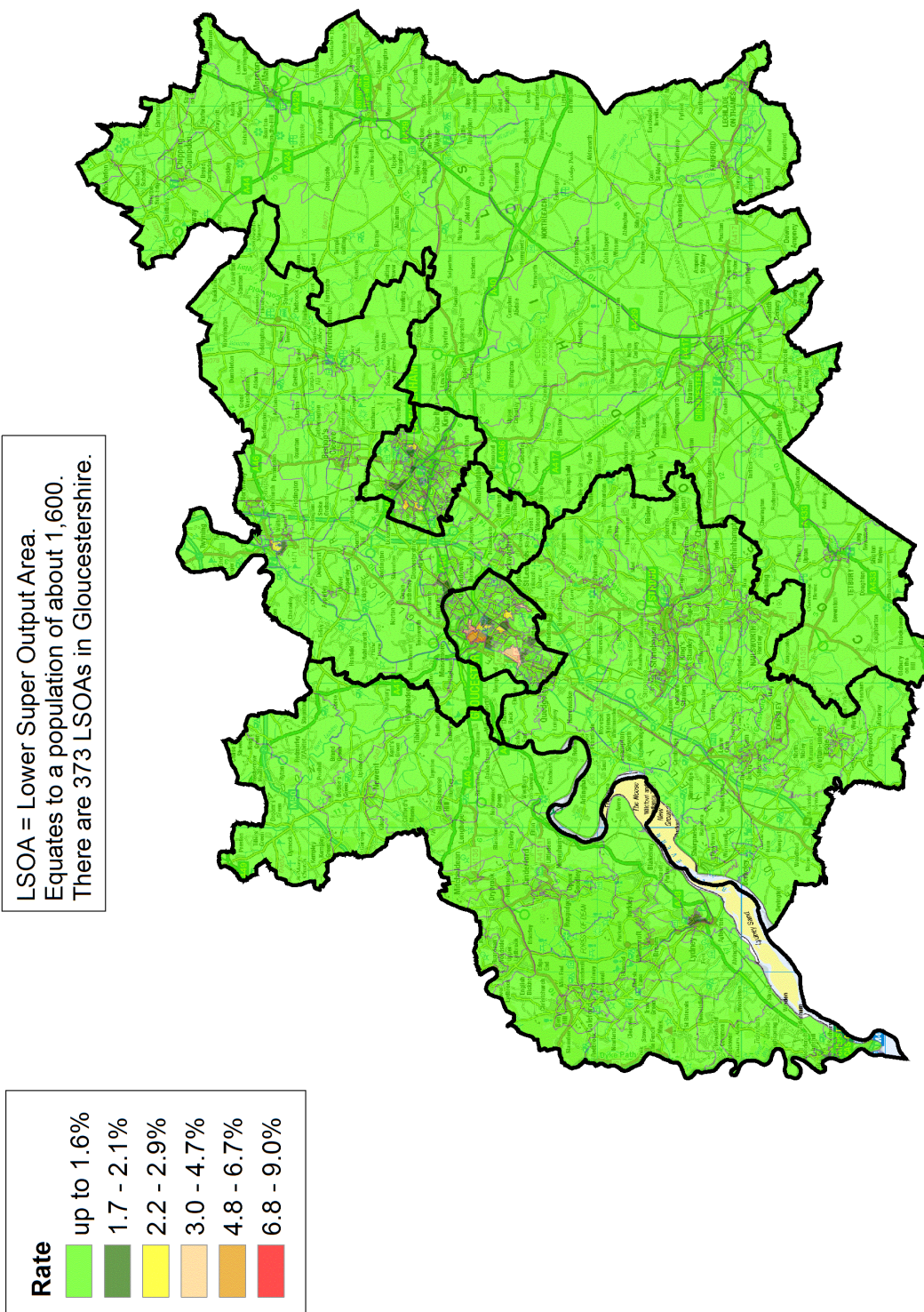
highest 10% of county

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

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

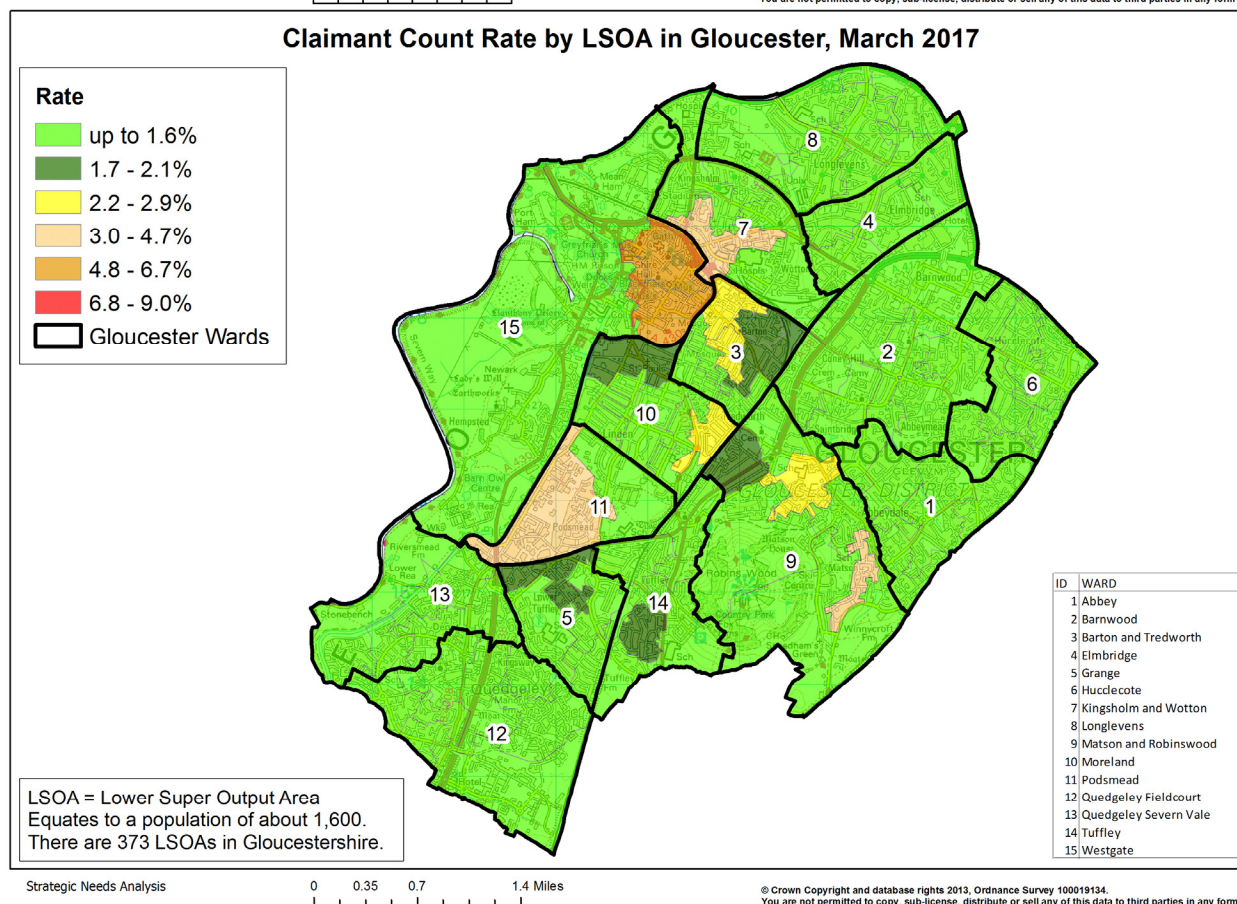
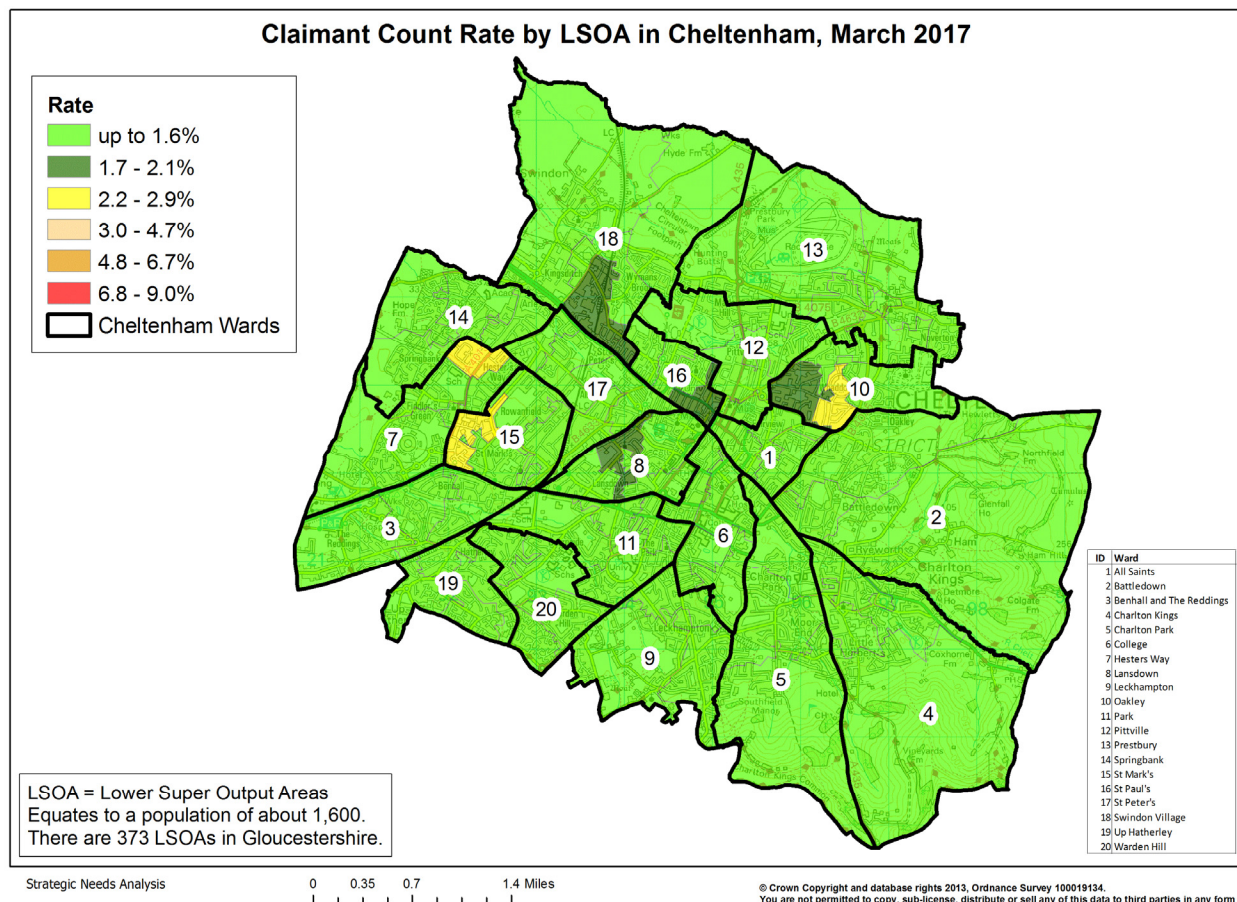
## PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

### Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, March 2017





## 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 22: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

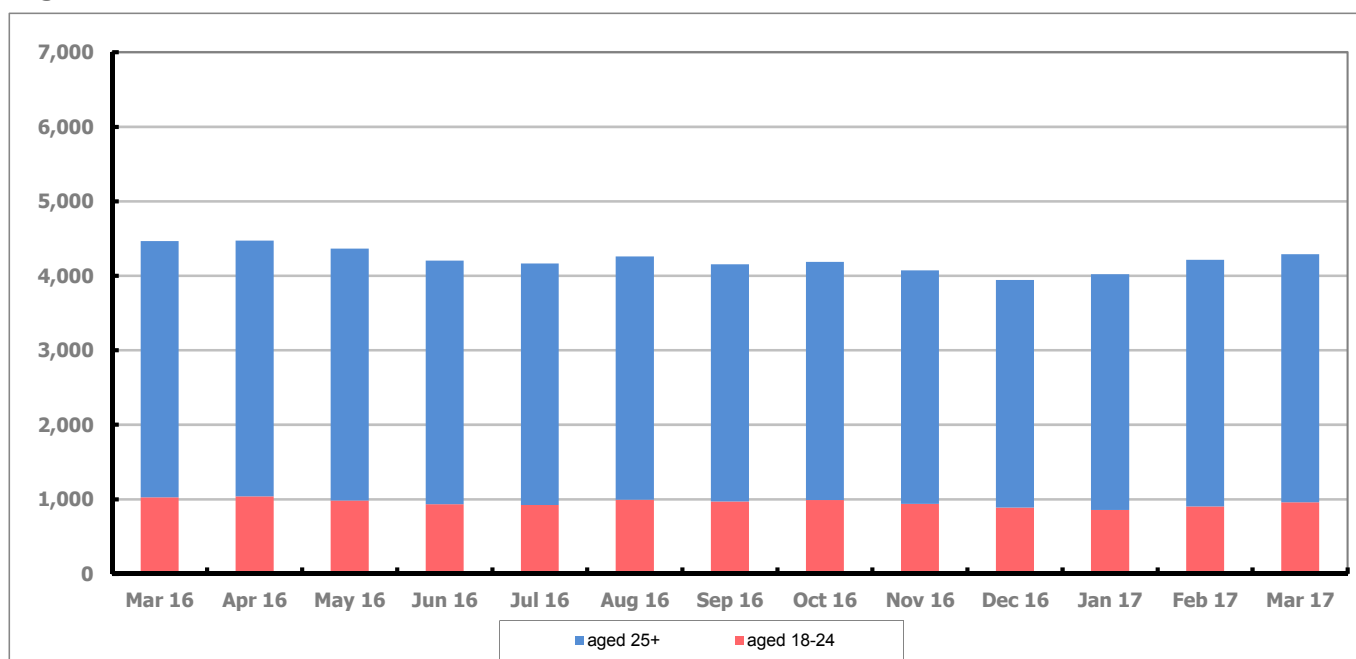


Figure 22 shows that in March 2017, 960 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 22.3% of total working age claimants.

Figure 23: Youth Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

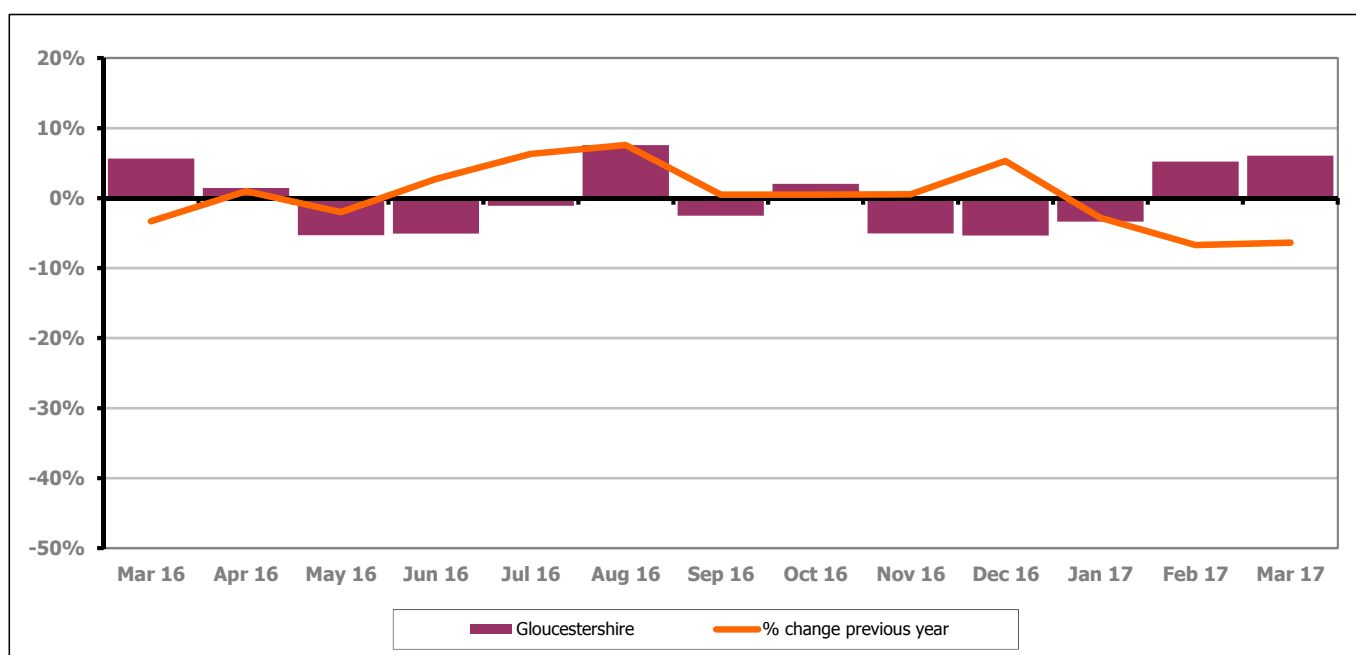


Figure 23 shows the number of young claimants increased in March 2017 by 6.1%, this represented 55 people. Over the last year the number of young claimants decreased by 6.3% or 65 people.

## 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 March 2017 there were 459 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 3.18%. The total number of NEET young people decreased by 40 in March 2017 compared to February 2017, all 6 districts saw an decrease in their figure.

### Total NEET Group by District Area

#### March 2017 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
<b>Total NEET</b>	80	33	57	144	86	59	459
<b>Cohort</b>	2646	2148	2135	3707	3183	2197	16016
<b>% NEET</b>	3.02	1.54	2.67	3.88	2.70	2.69	3.18*

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.