

Unemployment Bulletin

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Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 12 January 2023. Enhancements to Universal Credit as part of the UK government's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) mean that an increasing number of people became eligible for unemployment-related benefit support, although still employed. Consequently changes in the Claimant Count will not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who are unemployed. We are not able to identify to what extent people who are employed or unemployed have affected the numbers.

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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](https://www.ons.gov.uk/universal-credit).

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). 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 2.2% in January 2023. The South West and UK rates remained at 2.5% and 3.6% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 2.5%, and 1.4% lower than the UK average of 3.6%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in January 2023 increased by 70 people. The amount of people claiming in January 2023 was 0.8% higher than the number in December 2022. This compares to a 0.1% increase in the South West and a 0.5% increase in the UK.

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DISTRICTS AT A GLANCE

At a glance unemployment information grouped by district. Includes:

Claimant count: Total number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in January 2023

Claimant count change on previous month: How much larger/smaller January's claimant count is compared to December expressed as a %

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in January 2023

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,760
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.3%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Oakley (4.6%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	2,580
Claimant count change on previous month:	-1.3%
Claimant rate:	3.0%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Westgate (6.9%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	900
Claimant count change on previous month:	5.9%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watermoor (3.0%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,165
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Slade (3.8%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,235
Claimant count change on previous month:	3.3%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Lydney East (4.5%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,100
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.9%
Claimant rate:	1.9%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (3.9%)

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

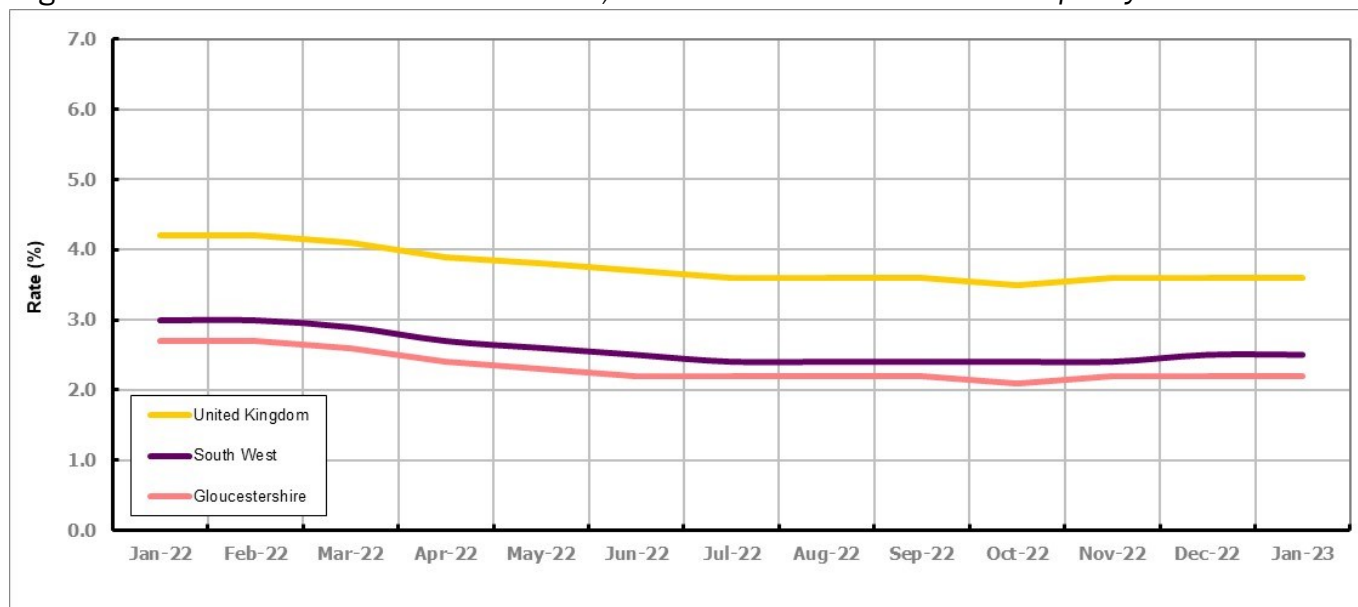


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.2% in January 2023. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.4% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in January 2023	% change on December 2022	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,522,165	0.5%	2
South West	86,135	0.1%	2
Gloucestershire	8,740	0.8%	2

Table 1 shows that in January 2023, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 0.8% higher than the number in December 2022.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - January 2023

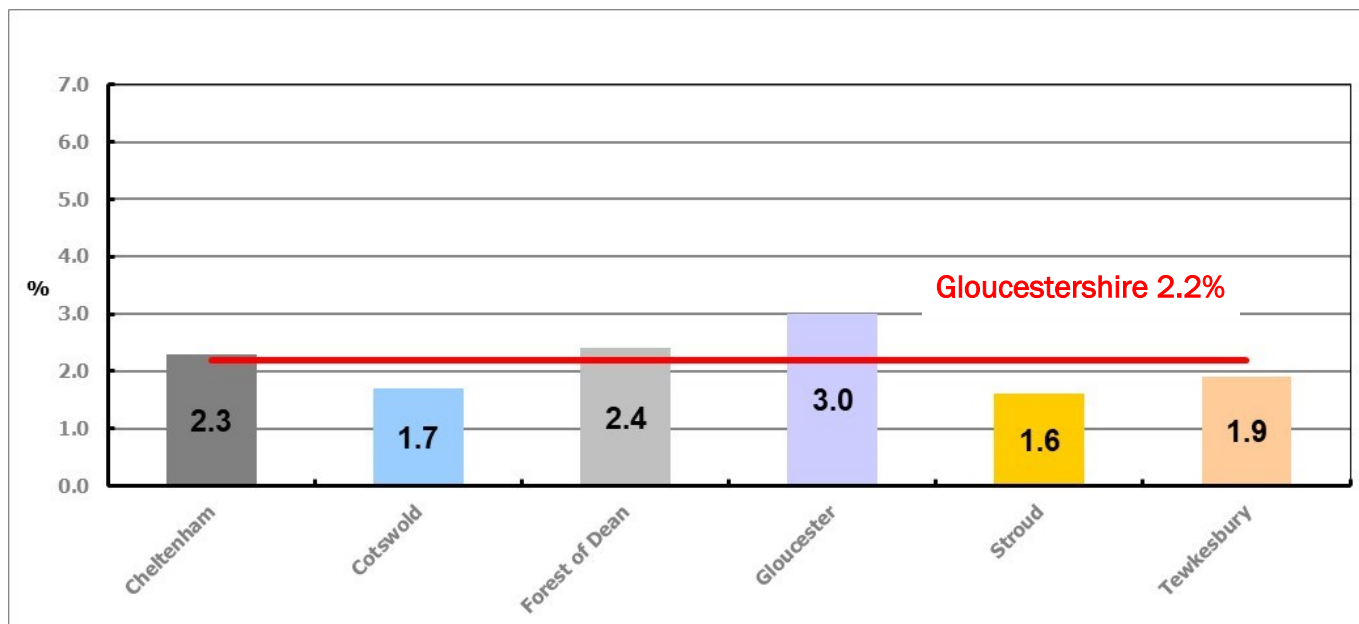


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for January 2023 in Gloucestershire. Between December 2022 and January 2023 the rate increased in Cotswold, and Forest of Dean, but decreased in Gloucester. The rate in all other districts remained the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jan 23 Number	Jan 23 Rate	Dec 22 Number	Dec 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	8,740	2.2	8,670	2.2	70	0.8%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,760	2.3	1,755	2.3	5	0.3%	0.0
Cotswold	900	1.7	850	1.6	50	5.9%	0.1
Forest of Dean	1,235	2.4	1,195	2.3	40	3.3%	0.1
Gloucester	2,580	3.0	2,615	3.1	-35	-1.3%	-0.1
Stroud	1,165	1.6	1,165	1.6	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,100	1.9	1,090	1.9	10	0.9%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in January 2023 compared to December 2022. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants except Gloucester which saw a decrease, and Stroud which remained the same.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jan 23 Number	Jan 23 Rate	Dec 22 Number	Dec 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,865	2.5	4,775	2.5	90	1.9%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,050	2.8	1,025	2.7	25	2.4%	0.1
Cotswold	450	1.8	410	1.6	40	9.8%	0.2
Forest of Dean	645	2.6	630	2.5	15	2.4%	0.1
Gloucester	1,520	3.6	1,530	3.6	-10	-0.7%	0.0
Stroud	610	1.7	600	1.7	10	1.7%	0.0
Tewkesbury	590	2.2	580	2.1	10	1.7%	0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in January 2023 compared to December 2022. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants except Gloucester which saw a decrease.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jan 23 Number	Jan 23 Rate	Dec 22 Number	Dec 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,875	1.9	3,895	2.0	-20	-0.5%	-0.1
Cheltenham	705	1.9	730	1.9	-25	-3.4%	0.0
Cotswold	455	1.7	440	1.6	15	3.4%	0.1
Forest of Dean	590	2.3	570	2.2	20	3.5%	0.1
Gloucester	1,060	2.5	1,085	2.5	-25	-2.3%	0.0
Stroud	555	1.5	565	1.5	-10	-1.8%	0.0
Tewkesbury	510	1.8	510	1.7	0	0.0%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in January 2023 compared to December 2022. All districts saw a decrease in the number of female claimants except Cotswold and Forest of Dean which saw an increase, and Tewkesbury which remained 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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

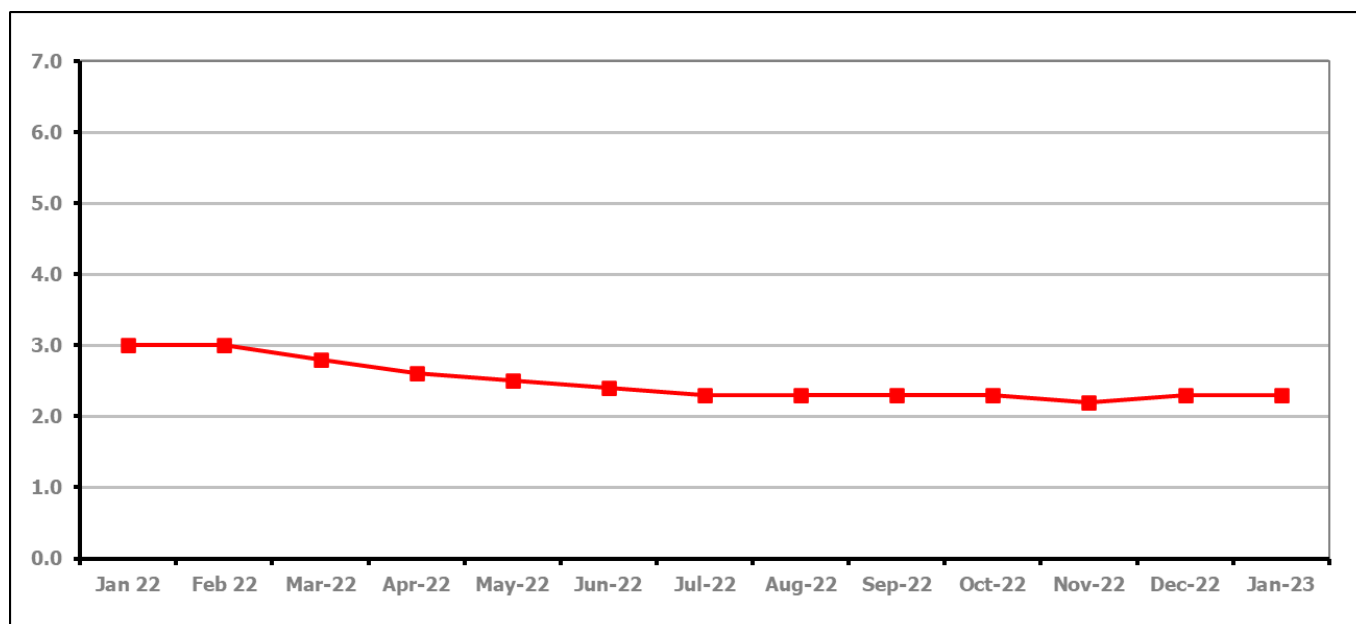


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained at 2.3% in January 2023.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - January 2023

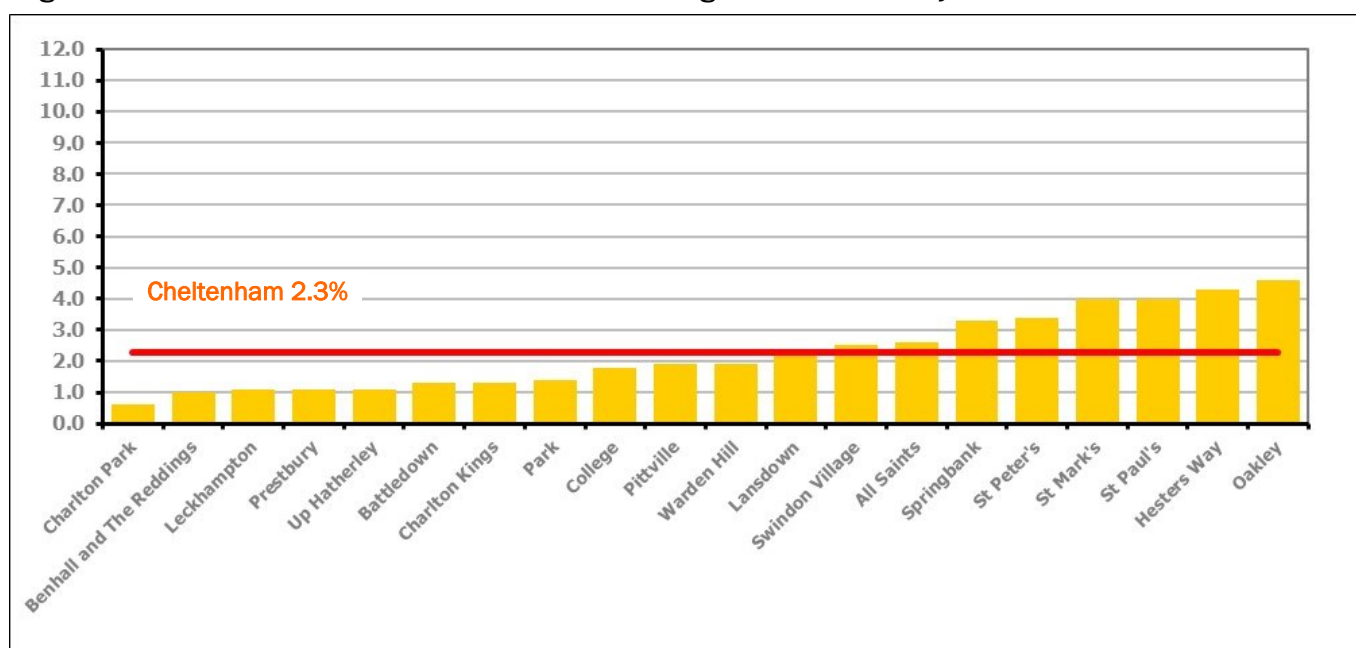


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.3%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - January 2023

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.6	1
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.0	8
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.1	13
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.1	13
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.1	13
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.3	29
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.3	29
Cheltenham	Park	1.4	37
Cheltenham	College	1.8	69
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.9	75
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.9	75
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.3	97
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.5	106
Cheltenham	All Saints	2.6	111
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.3	121
Cheltenham	St Peter's	3.4	122
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.0	127
Cheltenham	St Paul's	4.0	127
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	4.3	131
Cheltenham	Oakley	4.6	135

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

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

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4.2 Cotswold District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

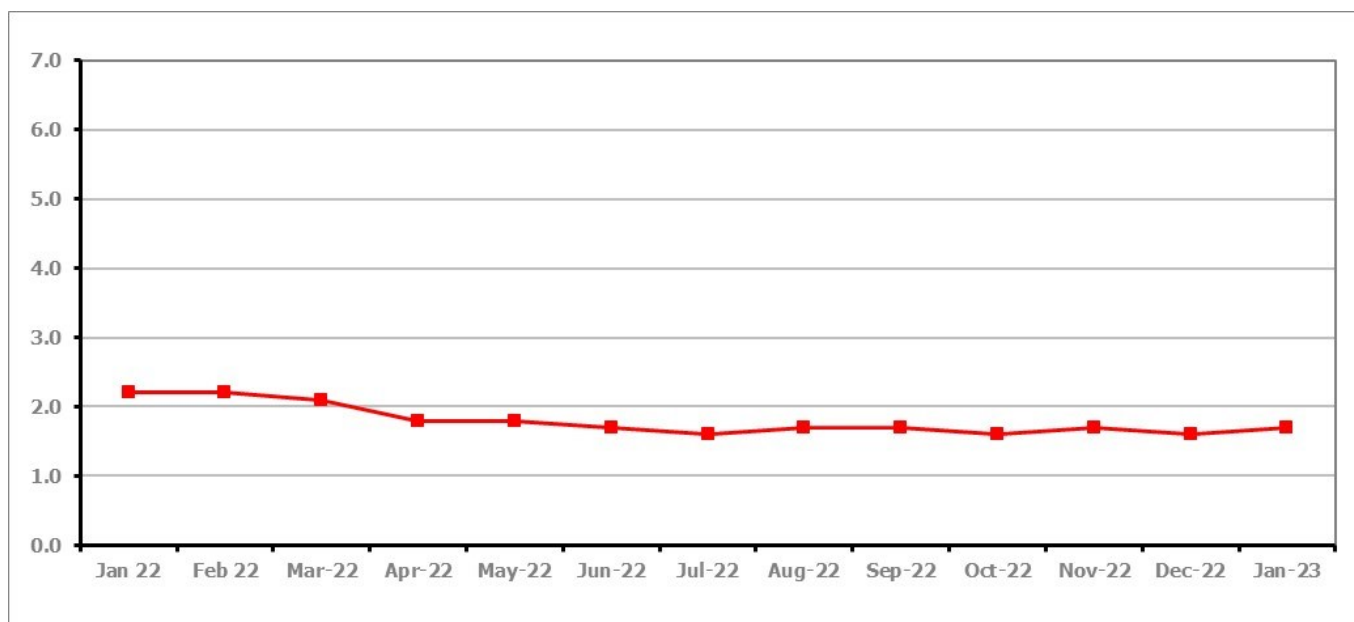


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased to 1.7% in January 2023.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - January 2023

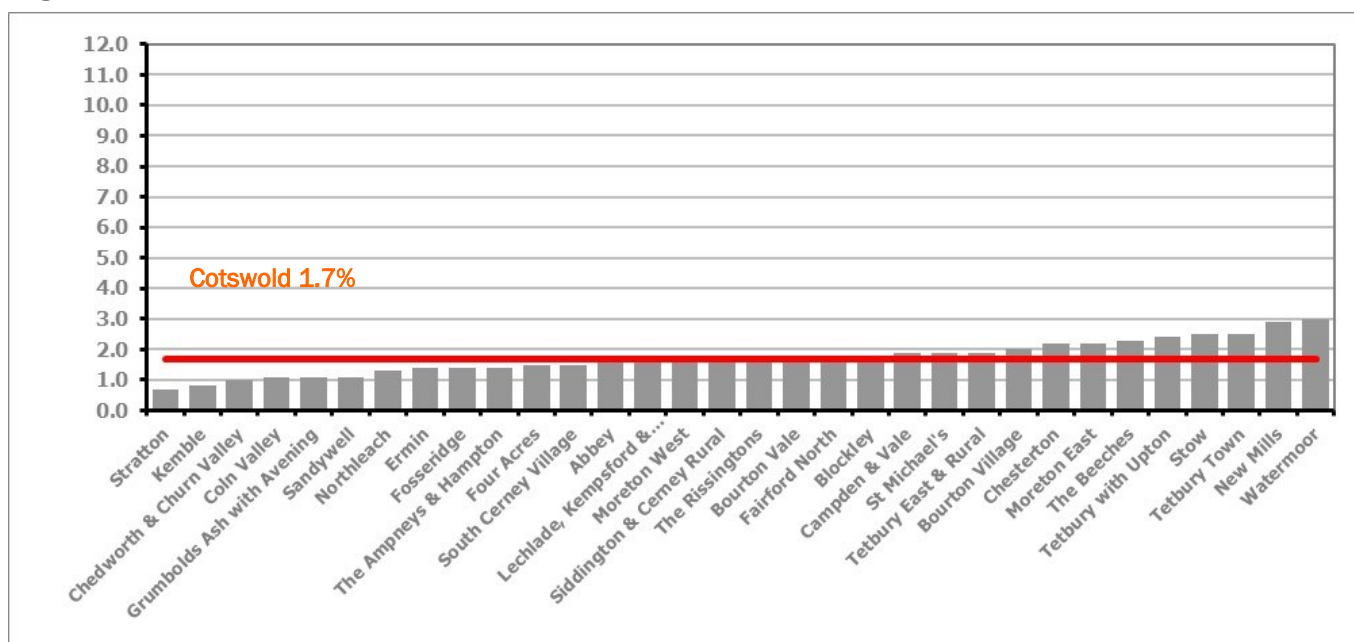


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.7%. Thirteen wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - January 2023

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.7	3
Cotswolds	Kemble	0.8	4
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.0	8
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	1.1	13
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.1	13
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.1	13
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.3	29
Cotswolds	Ermin	1.4	37
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.4	37
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.4	37
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.5	46
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	1.5	46
Cotswolds	Abbey	1.6	51
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	1.6	51
Cotswolds	Moreton West	1.6	51
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.6	51
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.6	51
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	1.7	58
Cotswolds	Fairford North	1.7	58
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.8	69
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	1.9	75
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.9	75
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	1.9	75
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	2.0	82
Cotswolds	Chesterton	2.2	89
Cotswolds	Moreton East	2.2	89
Cotswolds	The Beeches	2.3	97
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	2.4	101
Cotswolds	Stow	2.5	106
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	2.5	106
Cotswolds	New Mills	2.9	116
Cotswolds	Watermoor	3.0	118

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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 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

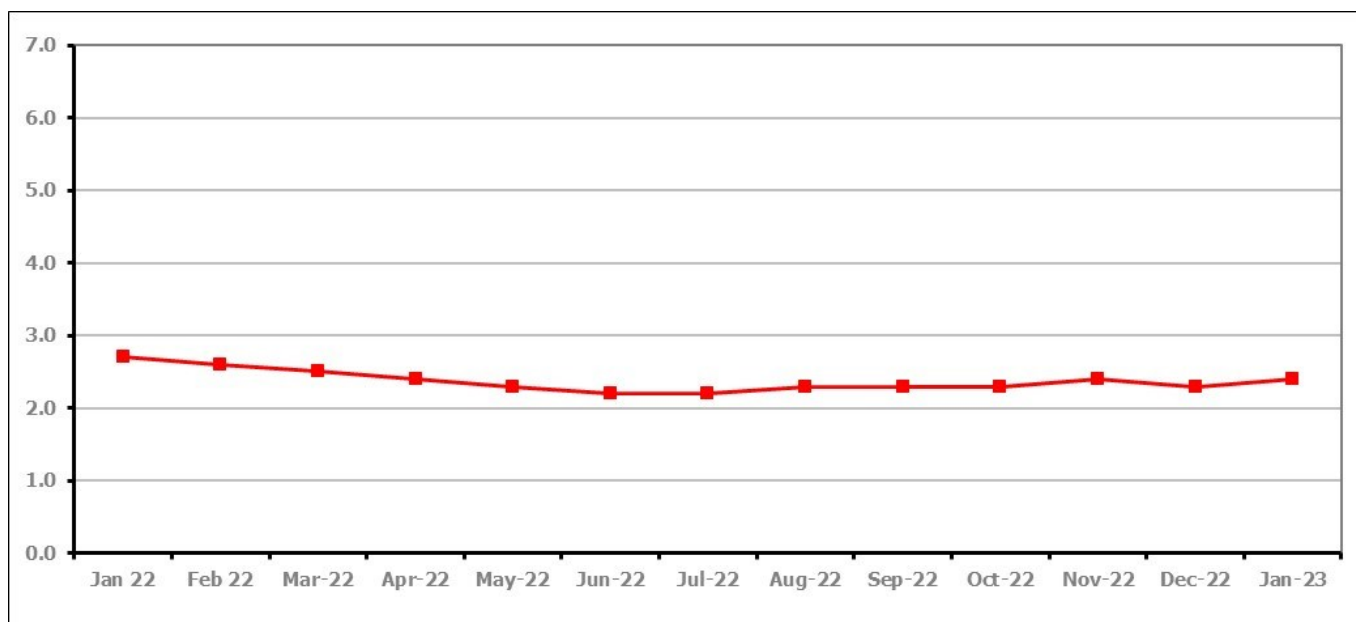


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased to 2.4% in January 2023.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - January 2023

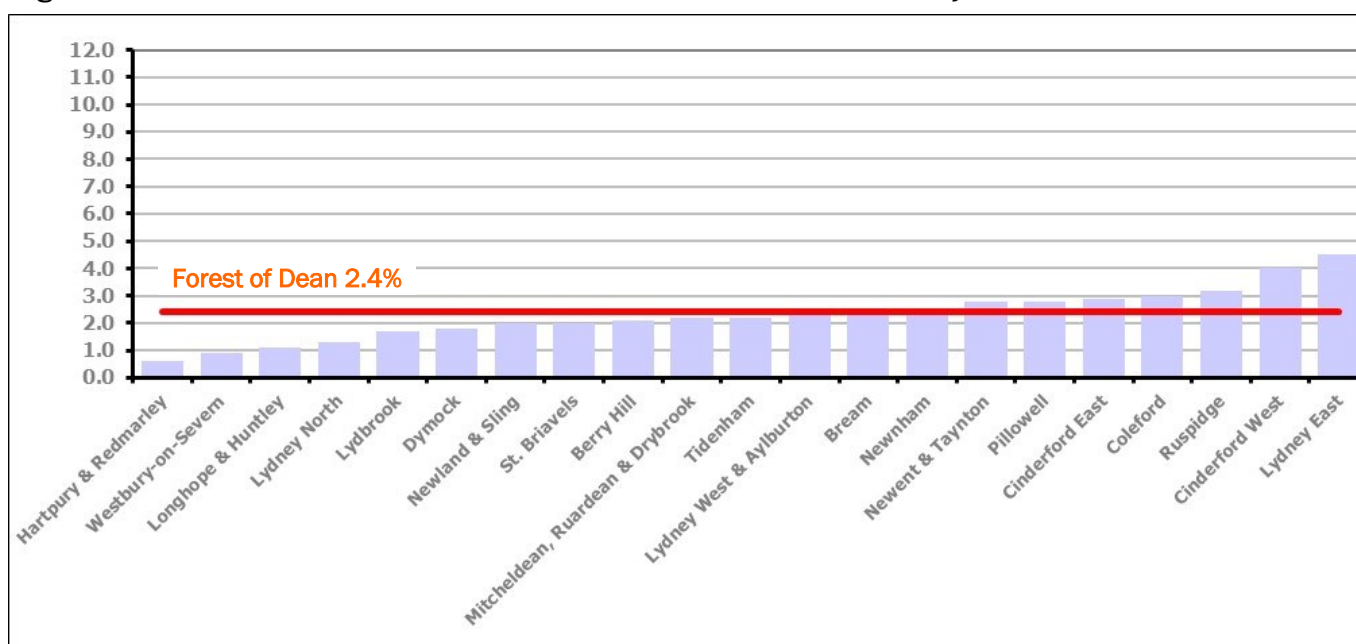


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.4%. Seven wards lie above the average.

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 - January 2023*

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpur & Redmarley	0.6	1
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	0.9	5
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	1.1	13
Forest	Lydney North	1.3	29
Forest	Lydbrook	1.7	58
Forest	Dymock	1.8	69
Forest	Newland & Sling	2.0	82
Forest	St. Briavels	2.0	82
Forest	Berry Hill	2.1	87
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.2	89
Forest	Tidenham	2.2	89
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	2.3	97
Forest	Bream	2.4	101
Forest	Newnham	2.4	101
Forest	Newent & Taynton	2.8	112
Forest	Pillowell	2.8	112
Forest	Cinderford East	2.9	116
Forest	Coleford	3.0	118
Forest	Ruspidge	3.2	120
Forest	Cinderford West	4.0	127
Forest	Lydney East	4.5	134

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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.

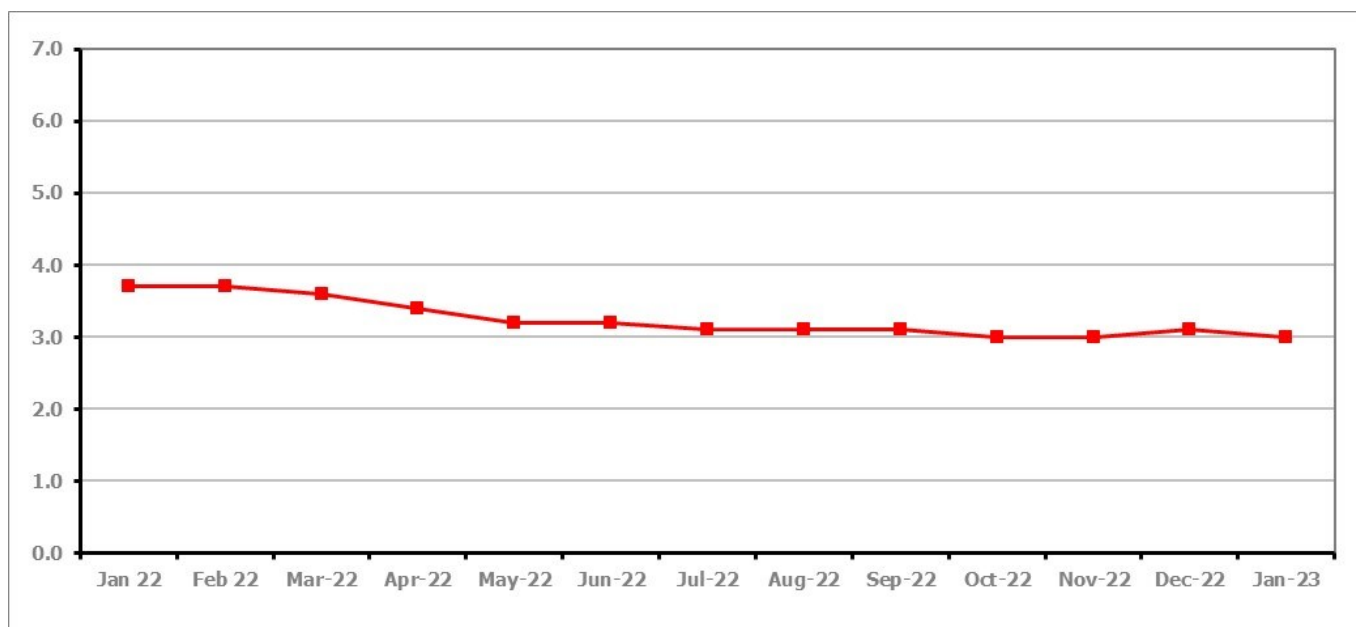
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased to 3.0% in January 2023.

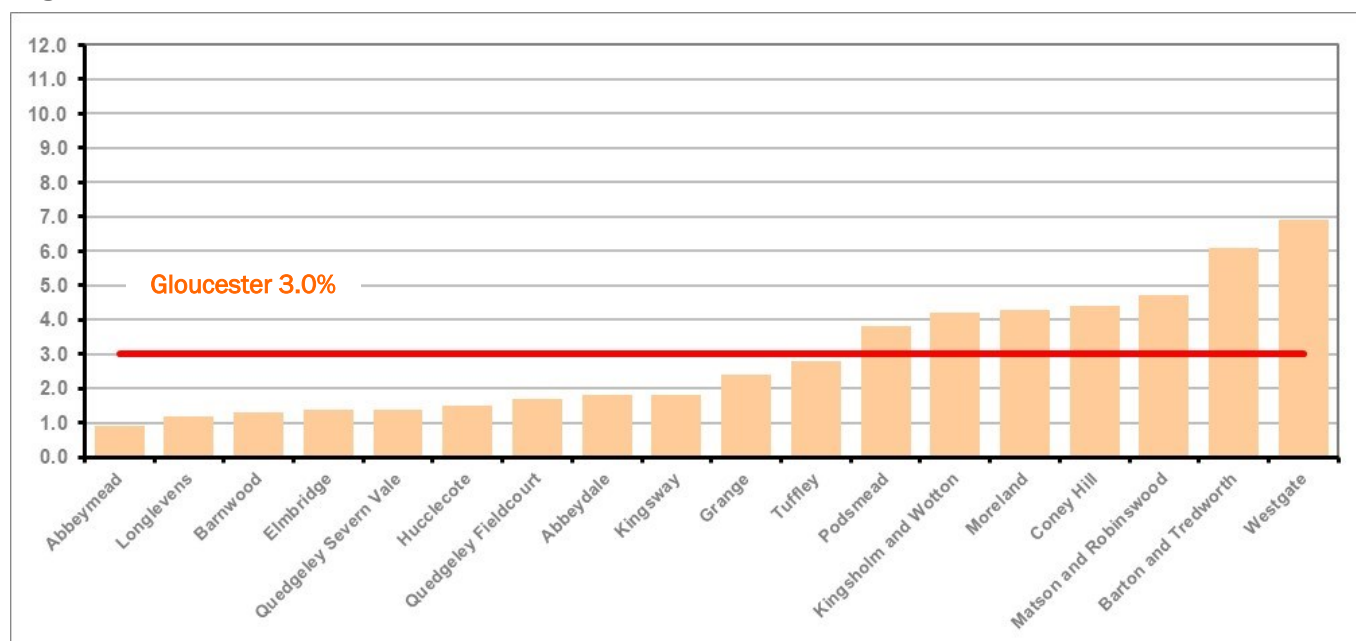
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - January 2023

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.0%. Seven 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 - January 2023

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbeymead	0.9	5
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.2	23
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.3	29
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.4	37
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.4	37
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.5	46
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.7	58
Gloucester	Abbeydale	1.8	69
Gloucester	Kingsway	1.8	69
Gloucester	Grange	2.4	101
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.8	112
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.8	124
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.2	130
Gloucester	Moreland	4.3	131
Gloucester	Coney Hill	4.4	133
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	4.7	136
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	6.1	137
Gloucester	Westgate	6.9	138

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

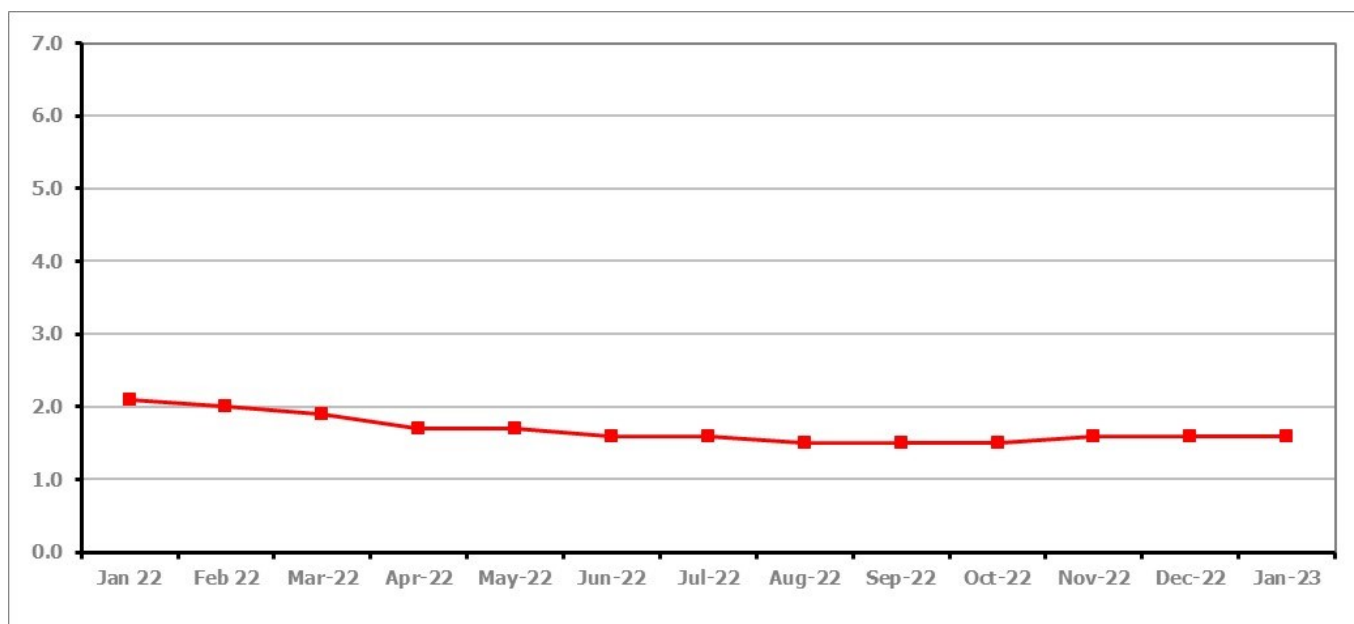
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained at 1.6% in January 2023.

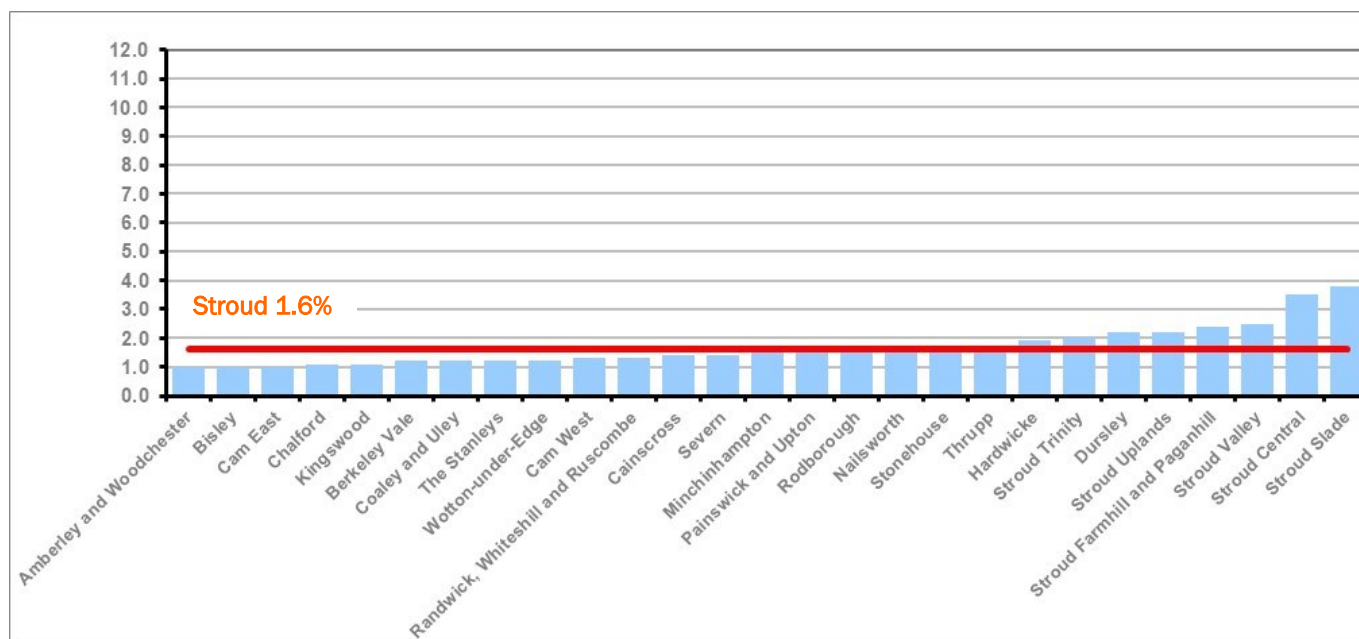
Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - January 2023

Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.6%. Eleven 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 - January 2023

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.0	8
Stroud	Bisley	1.0	8
Stroud	Cam East	1.0	8
Stroud	Chalford	1.1	13
Stroud	Kingswood	1.1	13
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	1.2	23
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.2	23
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.2	23
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.2	23
Stroud	Cam West	1.3	29
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.3	29
Stroud	Cainscross	1.4	37
Stroud	Severn	1.4	37
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.5	46
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	1.6	51
Stroud	Rodborough	1.6	51
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.7	58
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.7	58
Stroud	Thrupp	1.7	58
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.9	75
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	2.0	82
Stroud	Dursley	2.2	89
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	2.2	89
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	2.4	101
Stroud	Stroud Valley	2.5	106
Stroud	Stroud Central	3.5	123
Stroud	Stroud Slade	3.8	124

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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 Borough

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year

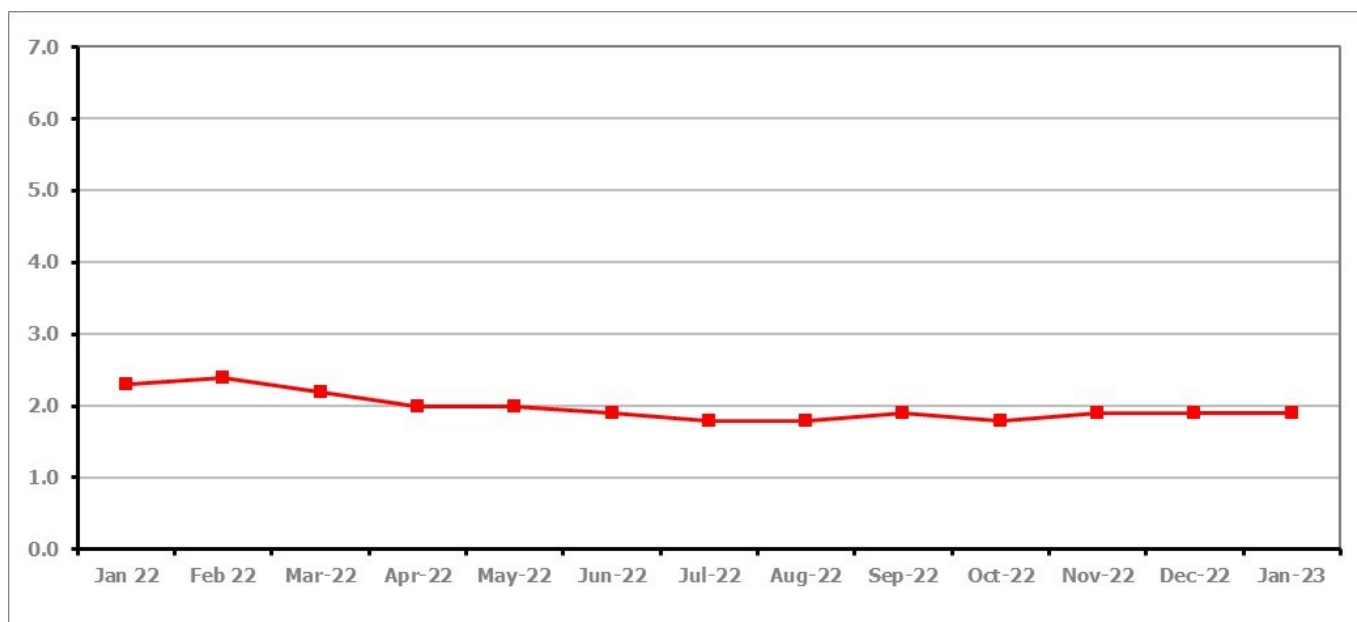


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough remained at 1.9% in January 2023.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - January 2023

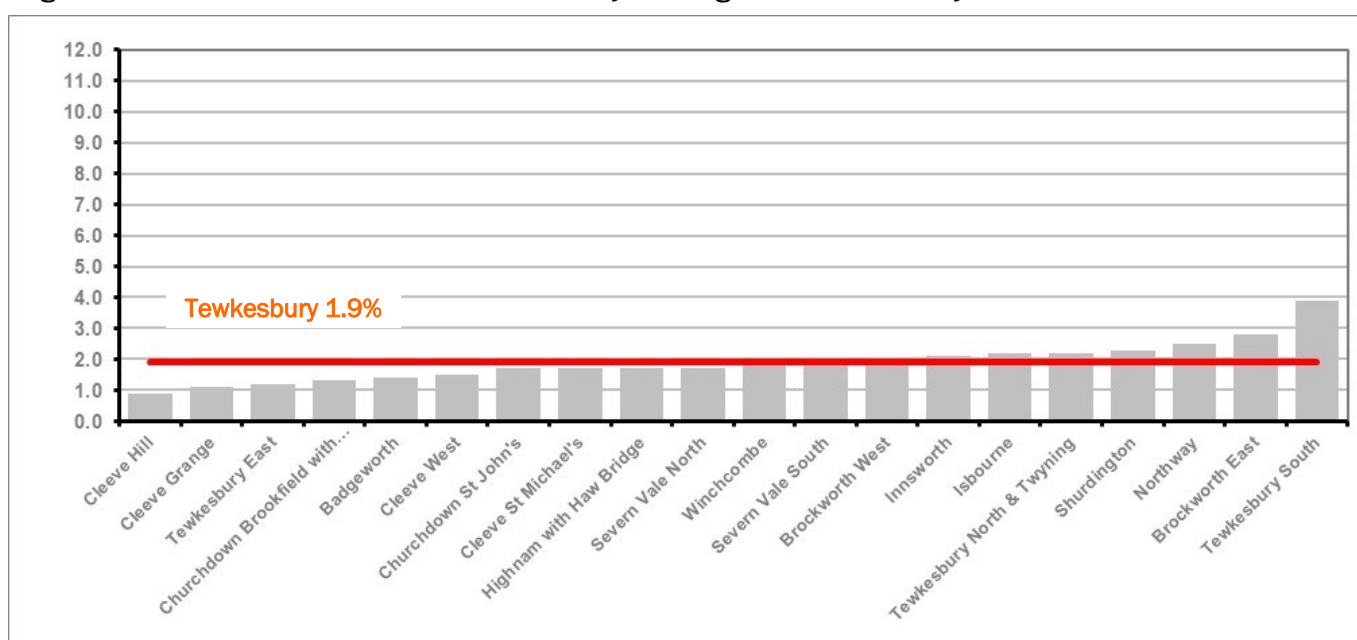


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.9%. Eight wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - January 2023

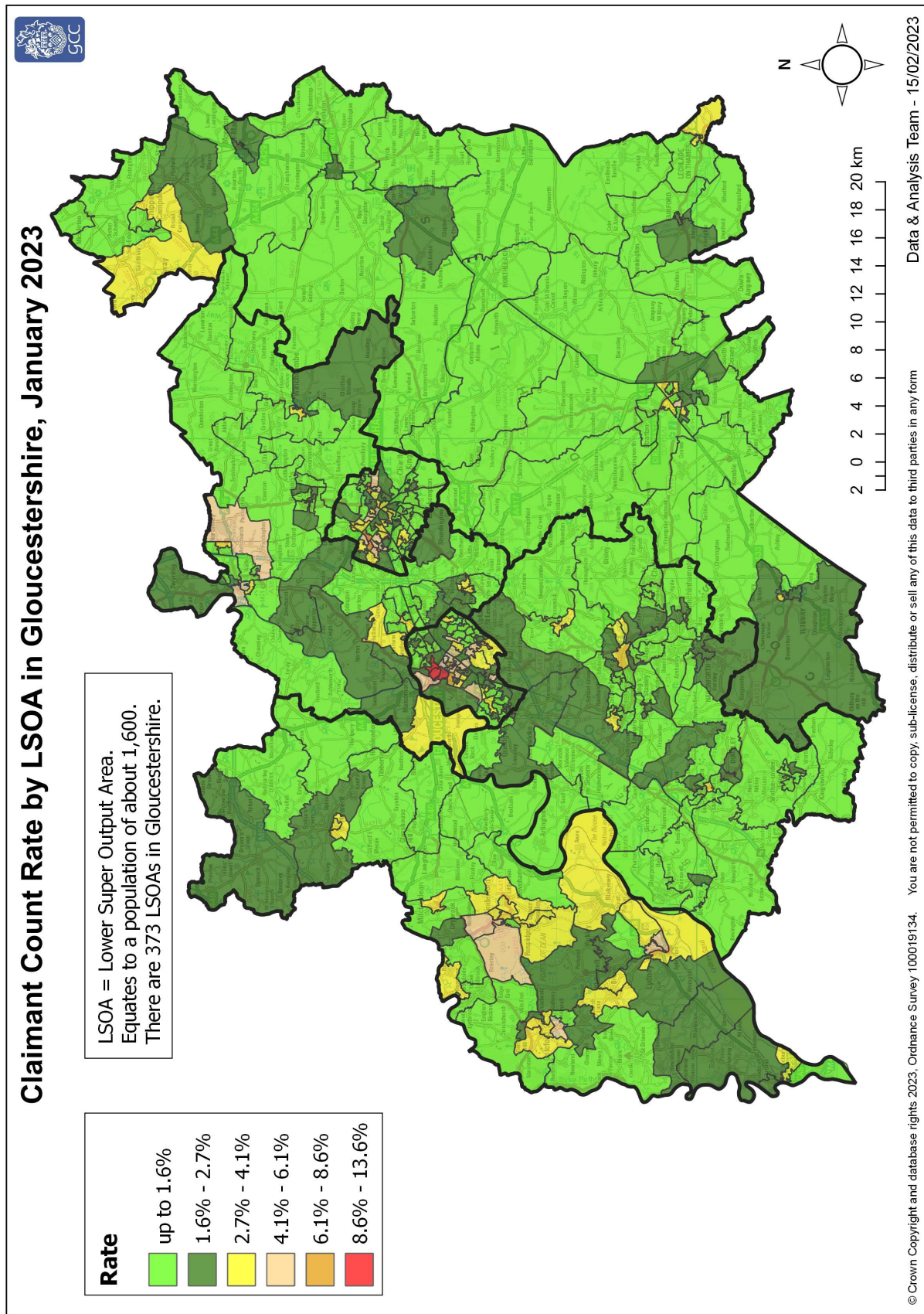
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.9	5
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.1	13
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	1.2	23
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	1.3	29
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.4	37
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.5	46
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.7	58
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.7	58
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.7	58
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	1.7	58
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.8	69
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	1.9	75
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	2.0	82
Tewkesbury	Innsworth	2.1	87
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.2	89
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twyning	2.2	89
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.3	97
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.5	106
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	2.8	112
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	3.9	126

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

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



These maps currently show the 2011 LSOA boundaries.

Note: We have made changes to the way in which the rates illustrated on the maps are calculated - this means they are not comparable with those shown in previous bulletins.

Rates calculated using Lower Layer Super Output Area Population Estimates Mid-2019, Office for National Statistics

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

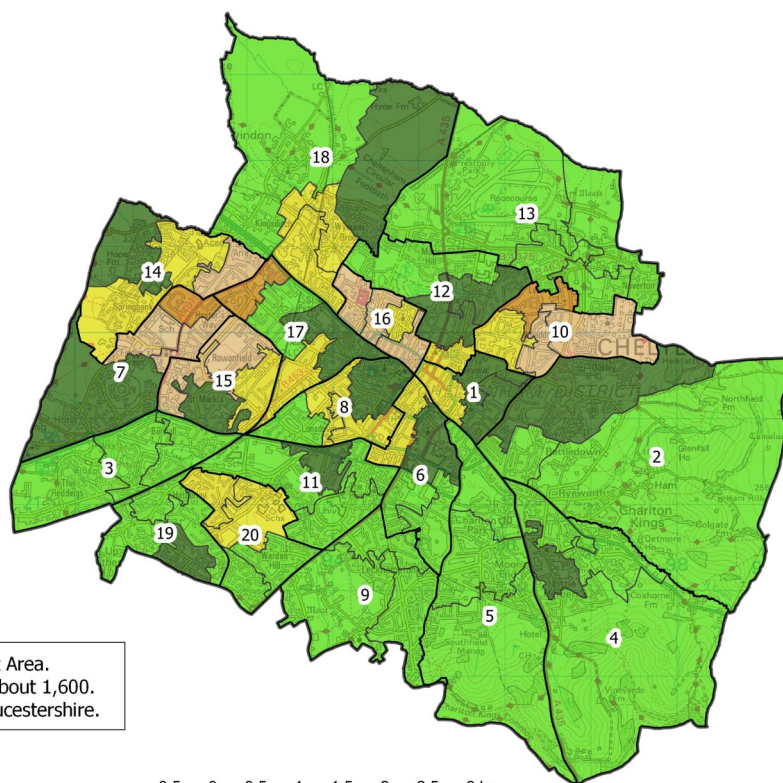
Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Cheltenham, January 2023



Rate

- up to 1.6%
- 1.6% - 2.7%
- 2.7% - 4.1%
- 4.1% - 6.1%
- 6.1% - 8.6%
- 8.6% - 13.6%

Cheltenham Wards



ID	Ward
1	All Saints
2	Battledown
3	Benhall and The Reddings
4	Charlton Kings
5	Charlton Park
6	College
7	Hesters Way
8	Lansdown
9	Leckhampton
10	Oakley
11	Park
12	Pittville
13	Prestbury
14	Springbank
15	St Mark's
16	St Paul's
17	St Peter's
18	Swindon Village
19	Up Hatherley
20	Warden Hill

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

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Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucester, January 2023

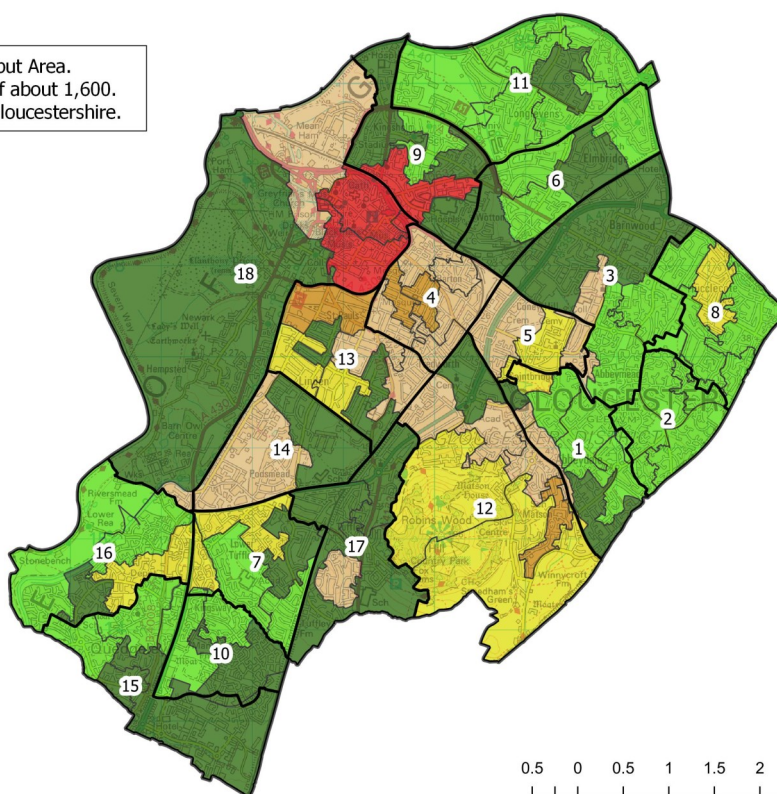


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Rate

- up to 1.6%
- 1.6% - 2.7%
- 2.7% - 4.1%
- 4.1% - 6.1%
- 6.1% - 8.6%
- 8.6% - 13.6%

Gloucester Wards



ID	Ward
1	Abbeydale
2	Abbeymead
3	Barnwood
4	Barton and Tredworth
5	Coney Hill
6	Elmbridge
7	Grange
8	Hucclecote
9	Kingsholm and Wotton
10	Kingsway
11	Longlevens
12	Matson and Robinswood
13	Moreland
14	Podsmead
15	Quedgeley Fieldcourt
16	Quedgeley Severn Vale
17	Tuffley
18	Westgate

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These maps currently show the 2011 LSOA boundaries.

Note: We have made changes to the way in which the rates illustrated on the maps are calculated - this means

Rates calculated using Lower Layer Super Output Area Population Estimates Mid-2019, Office for National Statistics

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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

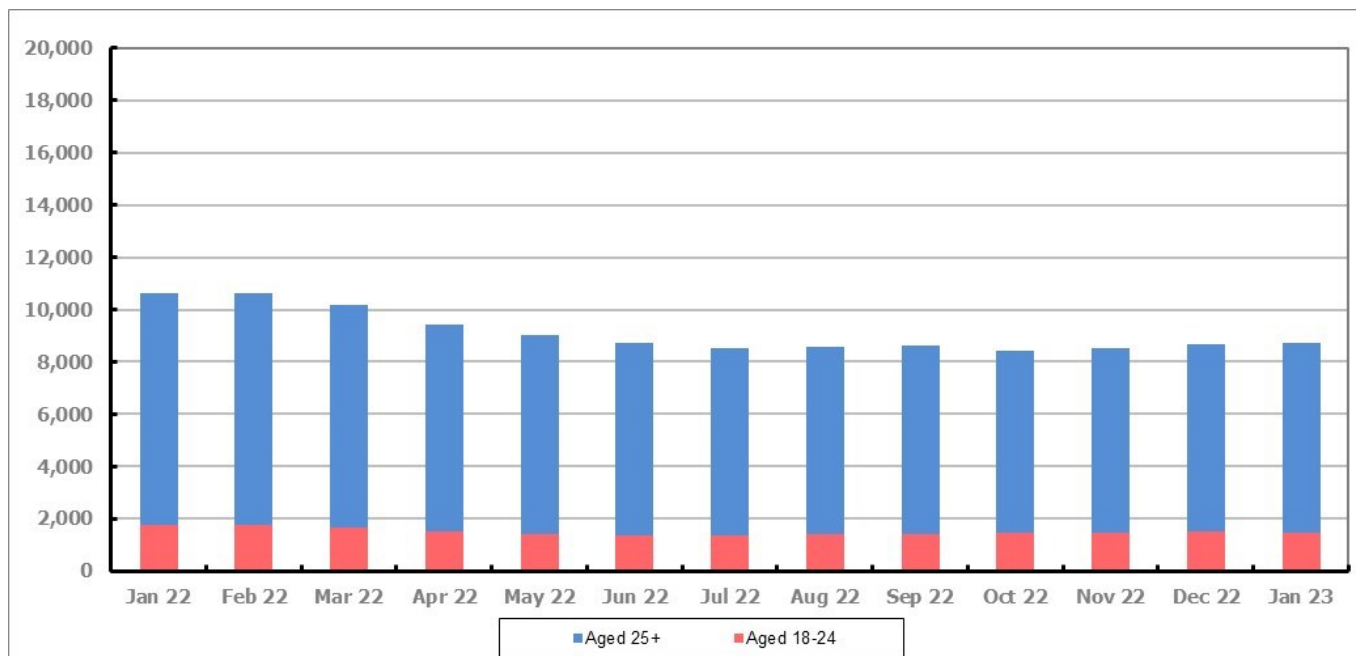


Figure 15 shows that in January 2023, 1,470 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 16.8% of total working age claimants.

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 on the Academic Year 12 and 13 (16/17 age) against nationally defined criteria for counting the NEET group to the Department for Education (DfE) on a monthly basis. 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.

January 2023

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	51	2142	2.38%
Cotswold	27	1685	1.60%
Forest	50	1717	2.91%
Gloucester	126	3157	3.99%
Stroud	40	2642	1.51%
Tewkesbury	39	1994	1.96%
Total	333	13337	2.50%

16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	64	2776	2.31%
Cotswold	32	2165	1.48%
Forest	69	2216	3.11%
Gloucester	161	4011	4.01%
Stroud	52	3411	1.52%
Tewkesbury	47	2583	1.82%
Total	425	17162	2.48%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	2.66%
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Monthly Change	-33	-2	-0.25%
Previous month	366	13339	2.74%

Monthly Change	-49	-528	-0.20%
Previous month	474	17690	2.68%

The academic year 12-13 group contains a proportion of young people who turn 18 in the academic year but were 17 on the 31st August the previous academic year so are entitled to learning through RPA (raising participation age).

Please note all figures quoted above are subject to change before the submission date to the DfE which usually happens in the second or third week of the month for the previous month.

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy, then please contact Lynne.Speak@Prospects.co.uk or telephone 07900 391182.

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