

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

March 2010

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 527 persons to 11,423, a rate of 3.3%.



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

Area	Mar'10 Number	Mar'10 Rate	Feb'10 Number	Feb'10 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,614,852	4.2	1,657,041	4.4	-42,189	-2.5	-0.2
GB	1,558,194	4.2	1,600,181	4.3	-41,987	-2.6	-0.1
England & Wales	1,413,751	4.2	1,453,271	4.3	-39,520	-2.7	-0.1
England	1,333,659	4.2	1,370,285	4.3	-36,626	-2.7	-0.1
South West	94,277	3.0	98,015	3.1	-3,738	-3.8	-0.1
Gloucestershire	11,423	3.3	11,950	3.4	-527	-4.4	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,580	3.7	2,696	3.9	-116	-4.3	-0.2
Cotswold	969	2.0	1,039	2.2	-70	-6.7	-0.2
Forest of Dean	1,566	3.2	1,681	3.5	-115	-6.8	-0.3
Gloucester	3,171	4.4	3,244	4.5	-73	-2.3	-0.1
Stroud	1,807	2.8	1,940	3.0	-133	-6.9	-0.2
Tewkesbury	1,330	2.9	1,350	2.9	-20	-1.5	0.0

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by **41,987** persons to **1,558,194** a rate of **4.2%**.

The County rate of unemployment has decreased to **3.3%**.

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

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **8,342 (4.5%)**, and the number of females unemployed stands at **3,081 (1.9%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.50 million** unemployed at a rate of **8.0%**. 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 **1.54 million** at a rate of **4.1%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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