

JOBSEEKERS ALLOWANCE CLAIMANT DATA

for May 2015

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Jobseekers Allowance claimants in the County decreased by 220 persons to 4,400 a rate of 1.2%.

Jobseekers Allowance claimants for the UK, GB, England & Wales, the SW, Gloucestershire and its Local Authority Districts

Area	May'15 Number	May'15 Rate	Apr'15 Number	Apr'15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate %
UK*	761,962	1.9	795,967	1.9	-34,005	-4.3	0.0
GB*	719,153	1.8	751,795	1.9	-32,642	-4.3	-0.1
England & Wales*	641,665	1.8	671,163	1.9	-29,498	-4.4	-0.1
England*	597,099	1.7	624,743	1.8	-27,644	-4.4	-0.1
South West*	37,230	1.1	39,350	1.2	-2,120	-5.4	-0.1
Gloucestershire*	4,400	1.2	4,620	1.2	-220	-4.8	0.0
Cheltenham	933	1.2	945	1.3	-12	-1.3	-0.1
Cotswold*	346	0.7	352	0.7	-6	-1.7	0.0
Forest of Dean*	582	1.1	627	1.2	-45	-7.2	-0.1
Gloucester	1,473	1.8	1,573	2.0	-100	-6.4	-0.2
Stroud	538	0.8	572	0.8	-34	-5.9	0.0
Tewkesbury	528	1.0	551	1.1	-23	-4.2	-0.1

Jobseekers Allowance claimants in Great Britain **decreased** by 32,642 persons to **719,153** a rate of **1.8%**.

Gloucestershire's Jobseekers Allowance claimant rate stood at **1.2%**, the same as last month.

All districts saw a decrease in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance.

The number of males claiming Jobseekers Allowance in the County stands at **2,916 (1.6%)** and the number of female stands at **1,484 (0.8%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

* Please note Universal Credit which will replace the means-tested element of Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), is being rolled out across the country, it has recently been introduced in Cotswold and the Forest of Dean. The above figures do not include those people who are unemployed and claiming Universal Credit.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **1.81 million** unemployed at a rate of **5.5%**. 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 (which includes claimants of Jobseekers Allowance and Universal Credit) for the UK of **0.79 million** at a rate of **1.9%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level