

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 searching for work.**

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Since 2016 Gloucestershire has been transitioning to full Universal Credit with the process due to be completed in 2025. This means a broader span of claimants will be required to look for work than under Jobseekers Allowance. As more people are brought within the coverage of Universal Credit, the Claimant Count is set to rise. In addition, in May 2024 the DWP rolled out an increase in the administrative earnings threshold (AET) for full work search conditionality. This means a cohort of claimants who are in work but on an income below the AET will now be required to search for work. This change is likely to affect around 180,000 claimants across the country over around 6 months, increasing the Claimant Count over that time. More information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](#).

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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 & Insights Team in the County Council's Planning, Performance and Insight 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.

Note on claimant count rates:

From Mar-25 data onwards, ONS have updated local authority, regional and national population estimates, used to calculate rates, to the latest estimates compatible with the 2021 Census. These include the most recent 2023 estimates and the rebased series from 2011 to 2022.

PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire increased to 2.7% in November 2025. The South West rate increased to 2.8%, whilst the UK rate remained at 3.9%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.1% lower than the South West average of 2.8%, and 1.2% lower than the UK average of 3.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in November 2025 increased by 195 people. The amount of people claiming in November was 1.9% higher than the number in October. This compares to a 2.4% increase in the South West and a 1.1% 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 November 2025

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in November 2025

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

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| Claimant count: | 2,070 |
| Claimant count change on previous month: | -1.0% |
| Claimant rate: | 2.7% |
| Highest claiming ward(s) | Oakley (5.8%) |

GLOUCESTER CITY

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|--|-----------------|
| Claimant count: | 3,120 |
| Claimant count change on previous month: | 1.5% |
| Claimant rate: | 3.6% |
| Highest claiming ward(s) | Westgate (7.7%) |

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

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| Claimant count: | 1,080 |
| Claimant count change on previous month: | 5.9% |
| Claimant rate: | 2.1% |
| Highest claiming ward(s) | New Mills (4.5%) |

STROUD DISTRICT

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| Claimant count: | 1,545 |
| Claimant count change on previous month: | 2.3% |
| Claimant rate: | 2.1% |
| Highest claiming ward(s) | Stroud Central (4.3%) |

FOREST OF DEAN

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|--|------------------------|
| Claimant count: | 1,415 |
| Claimant count change on previous month: | 2.9% |
| Claimant rate: | 2.7% |
| Highest claiming ward(s) | Cinderford West (5.0%) |

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

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| Claimant count: | 1,395 |
| Claimant count change on previous month: | 2.2% |
| Claimant rate: | 2.4% |
| Highest claiming ward(s) | Brockworth East (4.1%) |

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

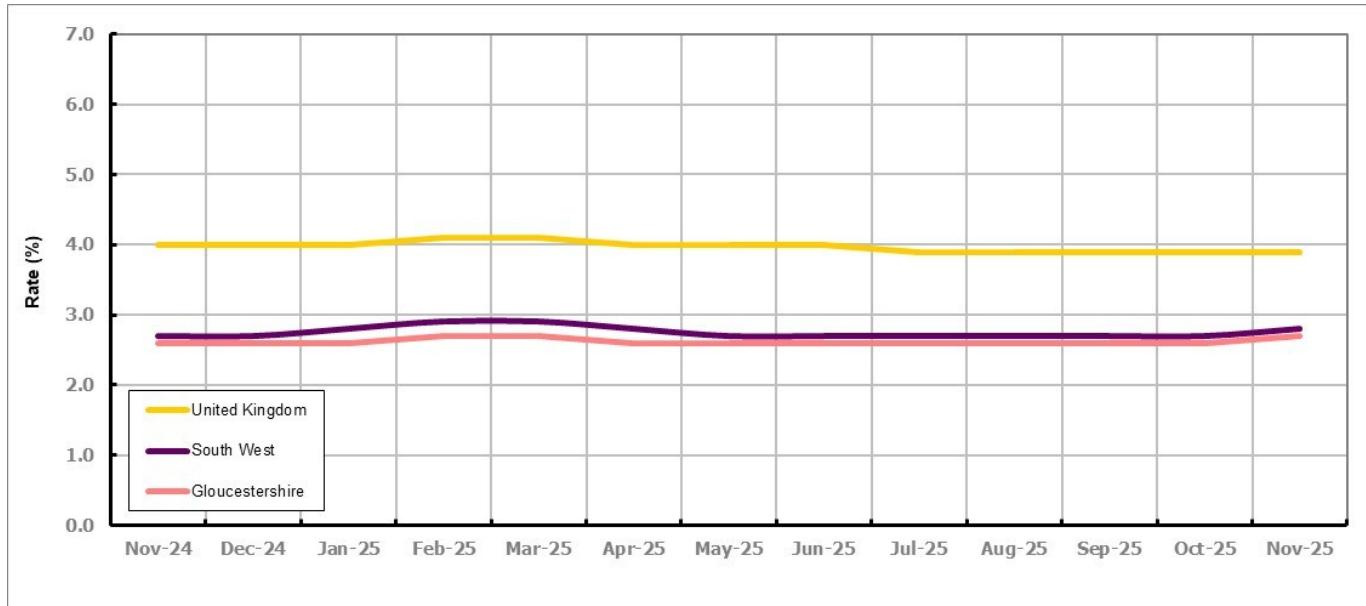


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.7% in November 2025. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since August 2024. On average, it has been approximately 1.4% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

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

| Area | Claimant Count in November 2025 | % change on October 2025 | Consecutive months increasing |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| UK | 1,667,655 | 1.1% | 0 |
| South West | 96,945 | 2.4% | 2 |
| Gloucestershire | 10,630 | 1.9% | 0 |

Table 1 shows that in November 2025, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.9% higher than the number in October 2025.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - November 2025

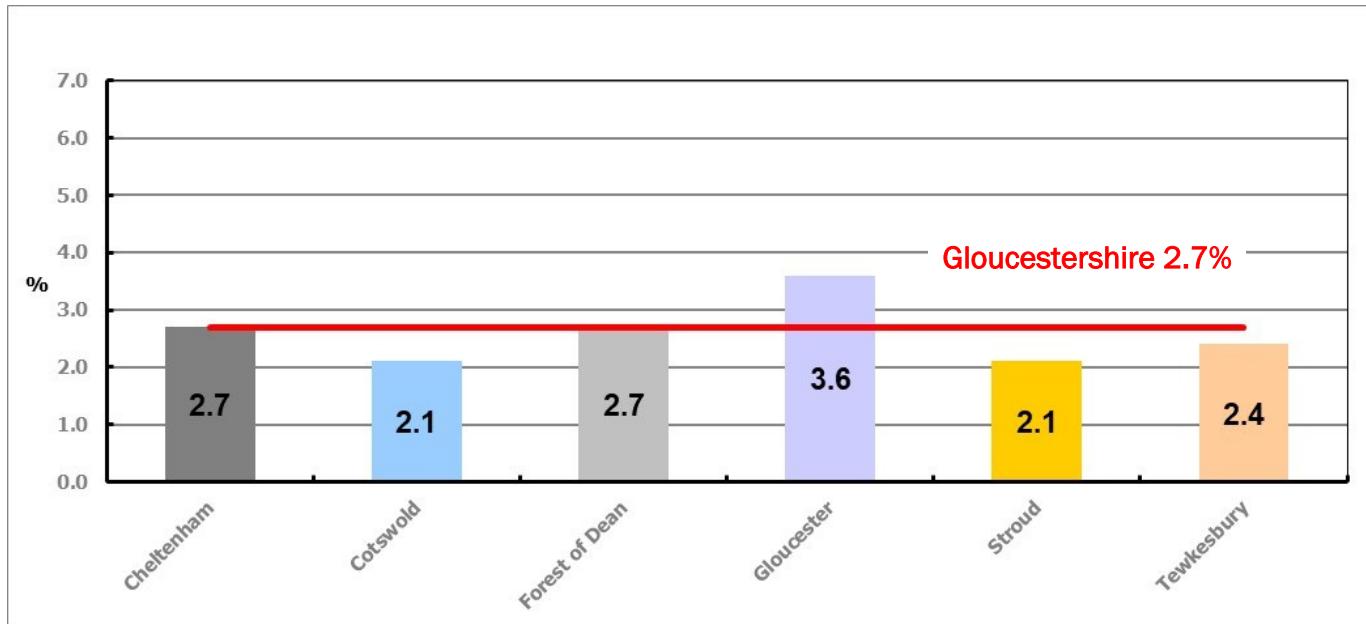


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for November 2025 in Gloucestershire. Between October and November 2025 the rate increased in all districts, except Cheltenham which saw a decrease and Gloucester which was unchanged.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

| Total | Nov 25 Number | Nov 25 Rate | Oct 25 Number | Oct 25 Rate | Monthly change | % monthly change | Monthly change of rate |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Gloucestershire | 10,630 | 2.7 | 10,435 | 2.6 | 195 | 1.9% | 0.1 |
| Cheltenham | 2,070 | 2.7 | 2,090 | 2.8 | -20 | -1.0% | -0.1 |
| Cotswold | 1,080 | 2.1 | 1,020 | 2.0 | 60 | 5.9% | 0.1 |
| Forest of Dean | 1,415 | 2.7 | 1,375 | 2.6 | 40 | 2.9% | 0.1 |
| Gloucester | 3,120 | 3.6 | 3,075 | 3.6 | 45 | 1.5% | 0.0 |
| Stroud | 1,545 | 2.1 | 1,510 | 2.0 | 35 | 2.3% | 0.1 |
| Tewkesbury | 1,395 | 2.4 | 1,365 | 2.3 | 30 | 2.2% | 0.1 |

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in November 2025 compared to October. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants except Cheltenham which saw a decrease

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

| Male | Nov 25 Number | Nov 25 Rate | Oct 25 Number | Oct 25 Rate | Monthly change | % monthly change | Monthly change of rate |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Gloucestershire | 5,860 | 3.0 | 5,690 | 2.9 | 170 | 3.0% | 0.1 |
| Cheltenham | 1,220 | 3.2 | 1,210 | 3.2 | 10 | 0.8% | 0.0 |
| Cotswold | 535 | 2.1 | 495 | 2.0 | 40 | 8.1% | 0.1 |
| Forest of Dean | 765 | 2.9 | 740 | 2.9 | 25 | 3.4% | 0.0 |
| Gloucester | 1,820 | 4.2 | 1,760 | 4.1 | 60 | 3.4% | 0.1 |
| Stroud | 805 | 2.2 | 770 | 2.1 | 35 | 4.5% | 0.1 |
| Tewkesbury | 725 | 2.6 | 715 | 2.5 | 10 | 1.4% | 0.1 |

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in November 2025 compared to October. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

| Female | Nov 25 Number | Nov 25 Rate | Oct 25 Number | Oct 25 Rate | Monthly change | % monthly change | Monthly change of rate |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Gloucestershire | 4,770 | 2.4 | 4,745 | 2.4 | 25 | 0.5% | 0.0 |
| Cheltenham | 850 | 2.3 | 880 | 2.3 | -30 | -3.4% | 0.0 |
| Cotswold | 545 | 2.0 | 525 | 1.9 | 20 | 3.8% | 0.1 |
| Forest of Dean | 655 | 2.5 | 635 | 2.4 | 20 | 3.1% | 0.1 |
| Gloucester | 1,305 | 3.0 | 1,315 | 3.1 | -10 | -0.8% | -0.1 |
| Stroud | 745 | 2.0 | 740 | 2.0 | 5 | 0.7% | 0.0 |
| Tewkesbury | 670 | 2.2 | 650 | 2.2 | 20 | 3.1% | 0.0 |

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in November 2025 compared to October. All districts saw an increase in the number of female claimants except Cheltenham and Gloucester which saw a decrease.

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

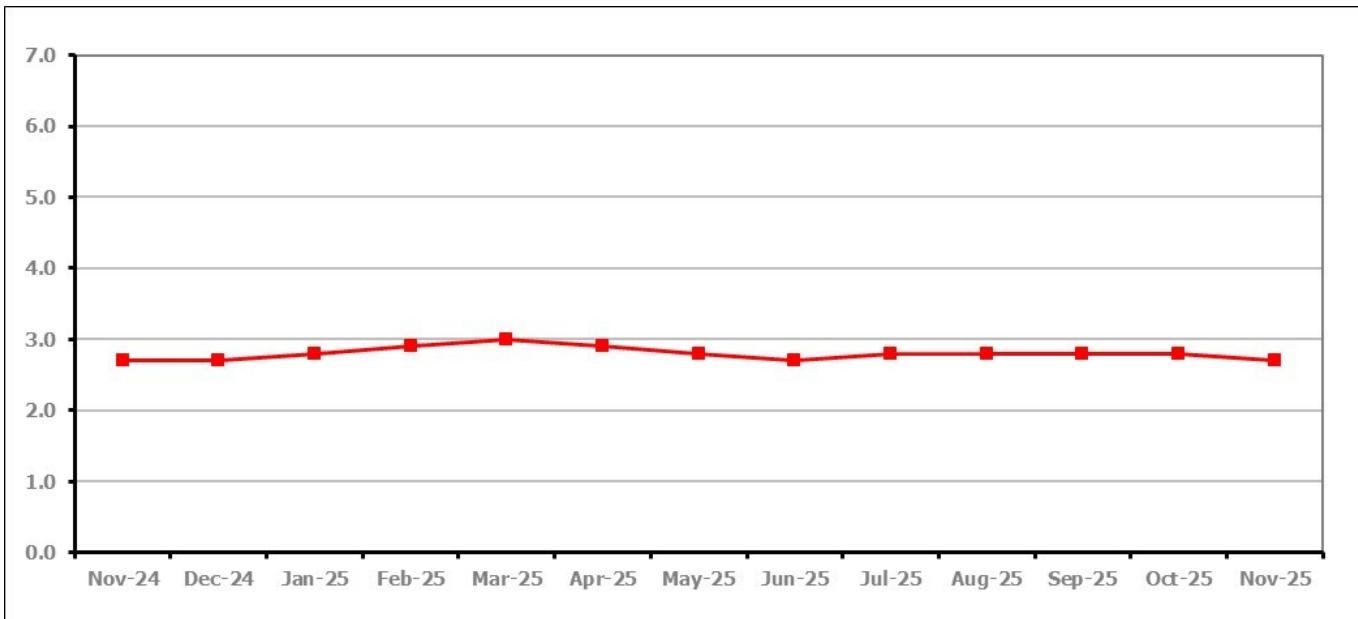


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased to 2.7% in November 2025.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - November 2025

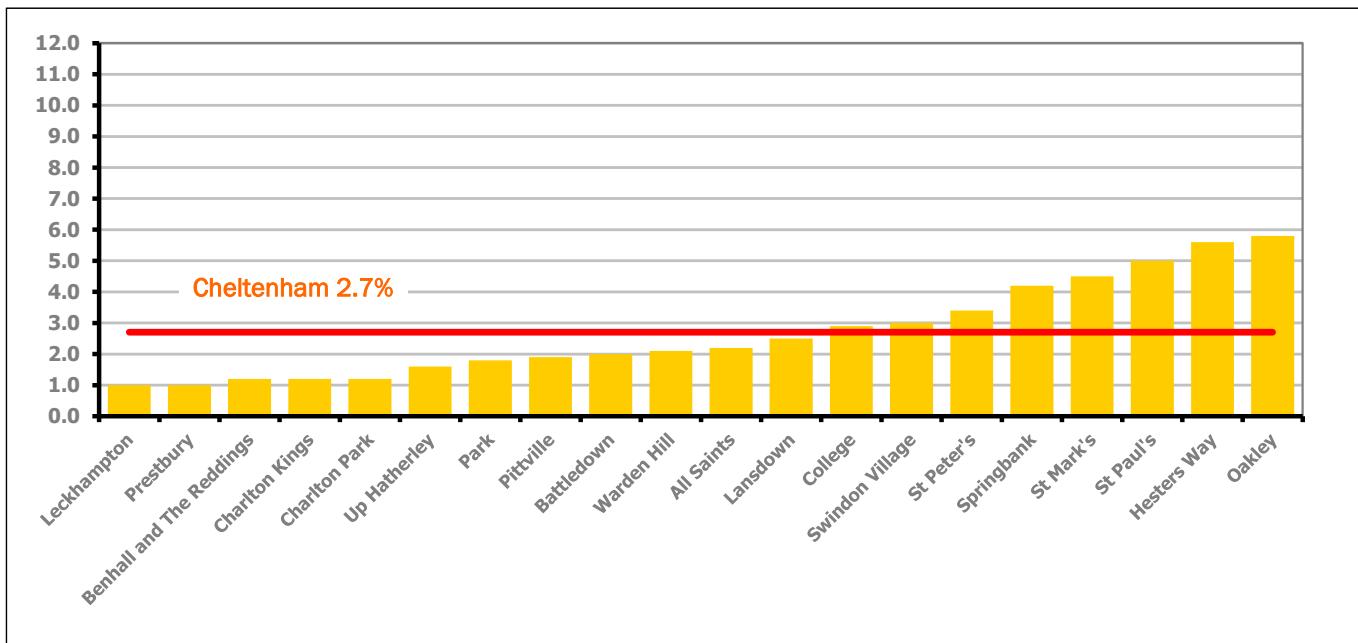


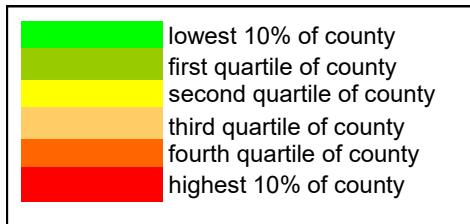
Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.7%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - November 2025

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|------------|--------------------------|------|-------|
| Cheltenham | Leckhampton | 1.0 | 3 |
| Cheltenham | Prestbury | 1.0 | 3 |
| Cheltenham | Benhall and The Reddings | 1.2 | 10 |
| Cheltenham | Charlton Kings | 1.2 | 10 |
| Cheltenham | Charlton Park | 1.2 | 10 |
| Cheltenham | Up Hatherley | 1.6 | 29 |
| Cheltenham | Park | 1.8 | 37 |
| Cheltenham | Pittville | 1.9 | 42 |
| Cheltenham | Battledown | 2.0 | 52 |
| Cheltenham | Warden Hill | 2.1 | 58 |
| Cheltenham | All Saints | 2.2 | 66 |
| Cheltenham | Lansdown | 2.5 | 81 |
| Cheltenham | College | 2.9 | 100 |
| Cheltenham | Swindon Village | 3.0 | 104 |
| Cheltenham | St Peter's | 3.4 | 115 |
| Cheltenham | Springbank | 4.2 | 123 |
| Cheltenham | St Mark's | 4.5 | 126 |
| Cheltenham | St Paul's | 5.0 | 128 |
| Cheltenham | Hesters Way | 5.6 | 135 |
| Cheltenham | Oakley | 5.8 | 136 |



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

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

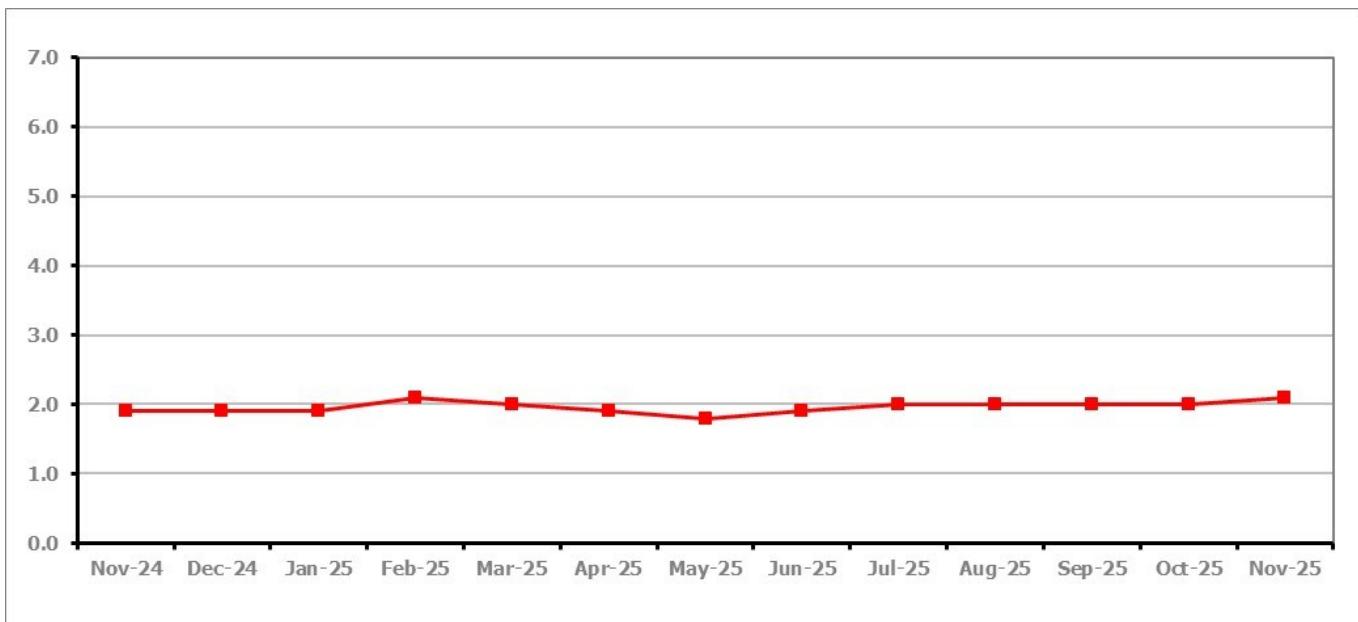
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased to 2.1% in November 2025.

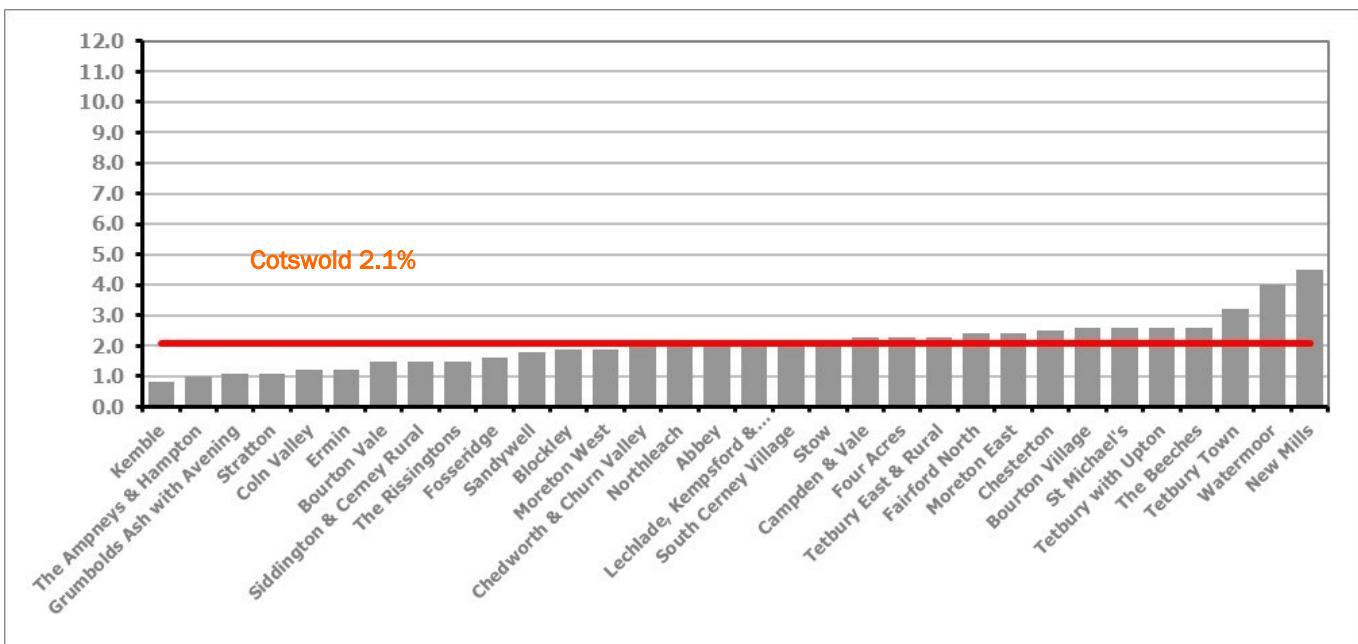
Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards – November 2025

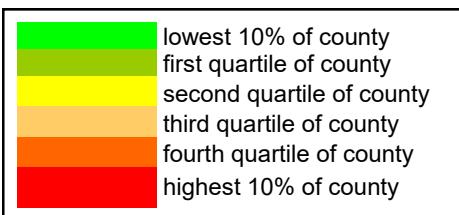
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1%. Fifteen wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - November 2025

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Cotswold | Kemble | 0.8 | 2 |
| Cotswold | The Ampneys & Hampton | 1.0 | 3 |
| Cotswold | Grumbolds Ash with Avening | 1.1 | 7 |
| Cotswold | Stratton | 1.1 | 7 |
| Cotswold | Coln Valley | 1.2 | 10 |
| Cotswold | Ermin | 1.2 | 10 |
| Cotswold | Bourton Vale | 1.5 | 24 |
| Cotswold | Siddington & Cerney Rural | 1.5 | 24 |
| Cotswold | The Rissingtons | 1.5 | 24 |
| Cotswold | Fosseridge | 1.6 | 29 |
| Cotswold | Sandywell | 1.8 | 37 |
| Cotswold | Blockley | 1.9 | 42 |
| Cotswold | Moreton West | 1.9 | 42 |
| Cotswold | Chedworth & Churn Valley | 2.0 | 52 |
| Cotswold | Northleach | 2.0 | 52 |
| Cotswold | Abbey | 2.1 | 58 |
| Cotswold | Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South | 2.1 | 58 |
| Cotswold | South Cerney Village | 2.2 | 66 |
| Cotswold | Stow | 2.2 | 66 |
| Cotswold | Campden & Vale | 2.3 | 70 |
| Cotswold | Four Acres | 2.3 | 70 |
| Cotswold | Tetbury East & Rural | 2.3 | 70 |
| Cotswold | Fairford North | 2.4 | 76 |
| Cotswold | Moreton East | 2.4 | 76 |
| Cotswold | Chesterton | 2.5 | 81 |
| Cotswold | Bourton Village | 2.6 | 87 |
| Cotswold | St Michael's | 2.6 | 87 |
| Cotswold | Tetbury with Upton | 2.6 | 87 |
| Cotswold | The Beeches | 2.6 | 87 |
| Cotswold | Tetbury Town | 3.2 | 110 |
| Cotswold | Watermoor | 4.0 | 120 |
| Cotswold | New Mills | 4.5 | 126 |



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

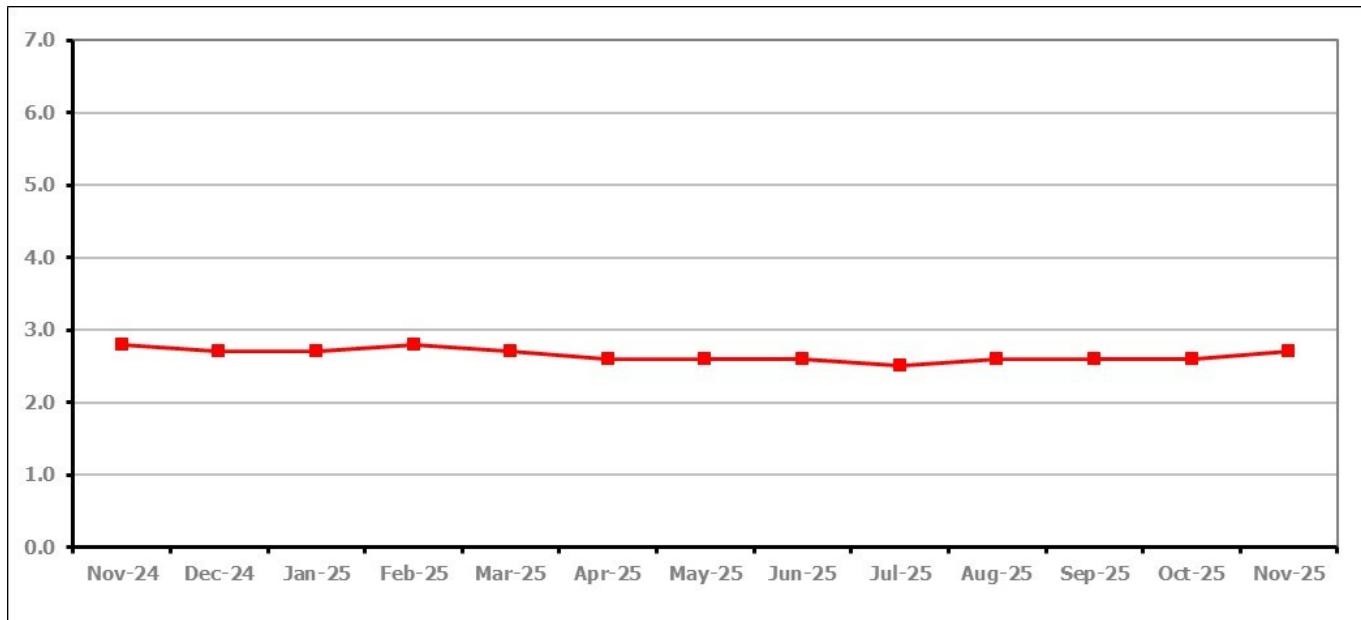
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased to 2.7% in November 2025.

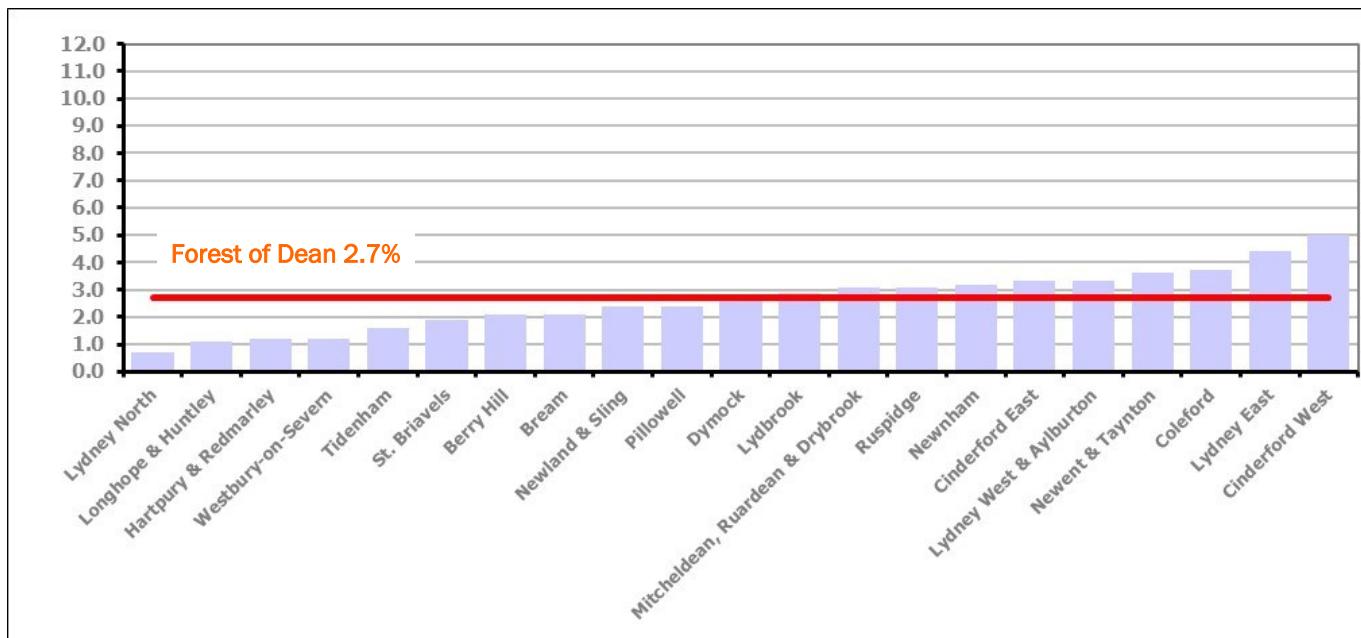
Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards – November 2025

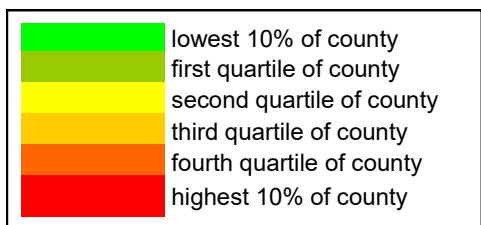
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.7%. Eleven wards lie above the average.

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 - November 2025

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|----------|----------------------------------|------|-------|
| Forest | Lydney North | 0.7 | 1 |
| Forest | Longhope & Huntley | 1.1 | 7 |
| Forest | Hartpury & Redmarley | 1.2 | 10 |
| Forest | Westbury-on-Severn | 1.2 | 10 |
| Forest | Tidenham | 1.6 | 29 |
| Forest | St. Briavels | 1.9 | 42 |
| Forest | Berry Hill | 2.1 | 58 |
| Forest | Bream | 2.1 | 58 |
| Forest | Newland & Sling | 2.4 | 76 |
| Forest | Pillowell | 2.4 | 76 |
| Forest | Dymock | 2.8 | 98 |
| Forest | Lydbrook | 2.9 | 100 |
| Forest | Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook | 3.1 | 107 |
| Forest | Ruspidge | 3.1 | 107 |
| Forest | Newnham | 3.2 | 110 |
| Forest | Cinderford East | 3.3 | 112 |
| Forest | Lydney West & Aylburton | 3.3 | 112 |
| Forest | Newent & Taynton | 3.6 | 116 |
| Forest | Coleford | 3.7 | 118 |
| Forest | Lydney East | 4.4 | 125 |
| Forest | Cinderford West | 5.0 | 128 |



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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.

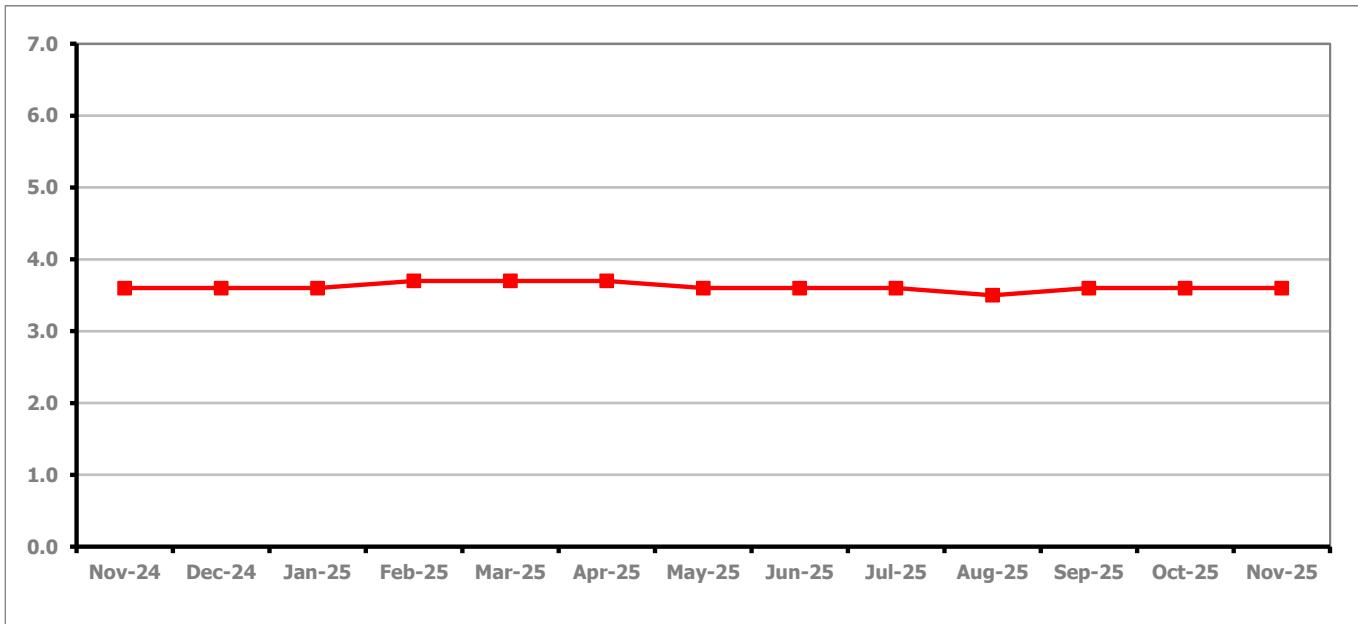
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained at 3.6% in November 2025.

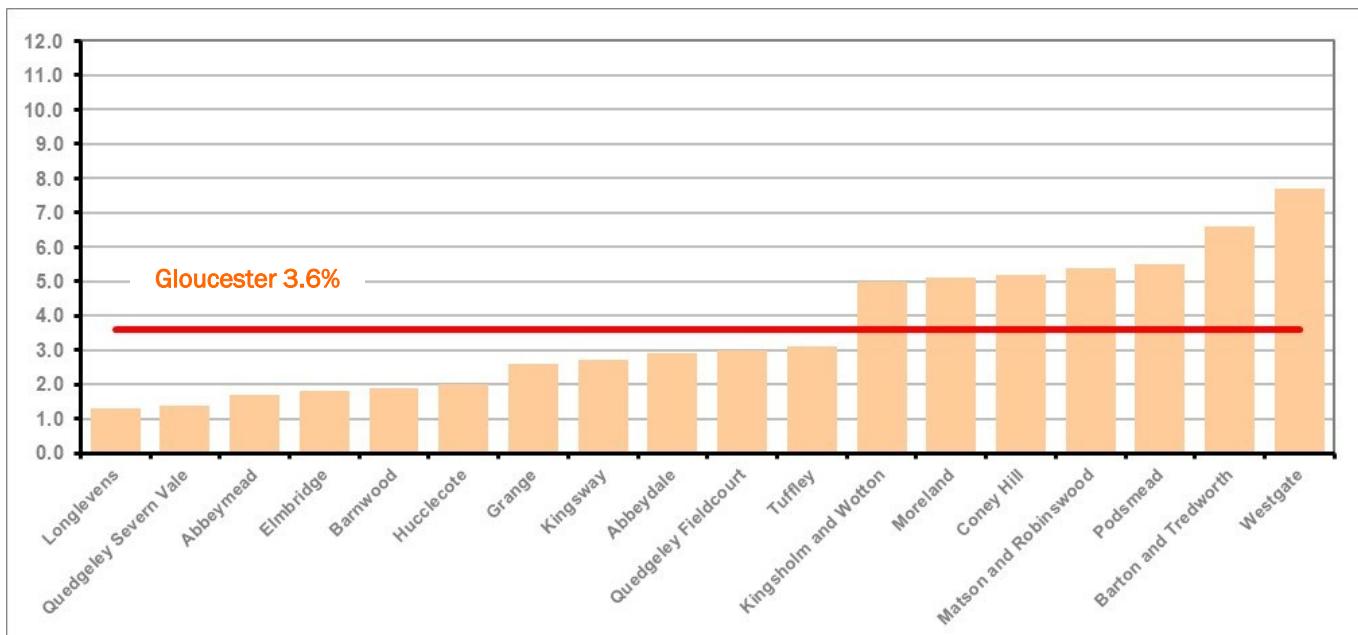
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - November 2025

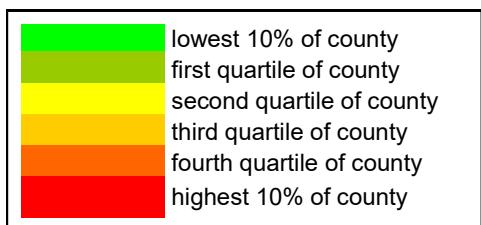
Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.6%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - November 2025

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|------------|-----------------------|------|-------|
| Gloucester | Longlevens | 1.3 | 19 |
| Gloucester | Quedgeley Severn Vale | 1.4 | 21 |
| Gloucester | Abbeymead | 1.7 | 33 |
| Gloucester | Elmbridge | 1.8 | 37 |
| Gloucester | Barnwood | 1.9 | 42 |
| Gloucester | Hucclecote | 2.0 | 52 |
| Gloucester | Grange | 2.6 | 87 |
| Gloucester | Kingsway | 2.7 | 93 |
| Gloucester | Abbeydale | 2.9 | 100 |
| Gloucester | Quedgeley Fieldcourt | 3.0 | 104 |
| Gloucester | Tuffley | 3.1 | 107 |
| Gloucester | Kingsholm and Wotton | 5.0 | 128 |
| Gloucester | Moreland | 5.1 | 131 |
| Gloucester | Coney Hill | 5.2 | 132 |
| Gloucester | Matson and Robinswood | 5.4 | 133 |
| Gloucester | Podsmead | 5.5 | 134 |
| Gloucester | Barton and Tredworth | 6.6 | 137 |
| Gloucester | Westgate | 7.7 | 138 |



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

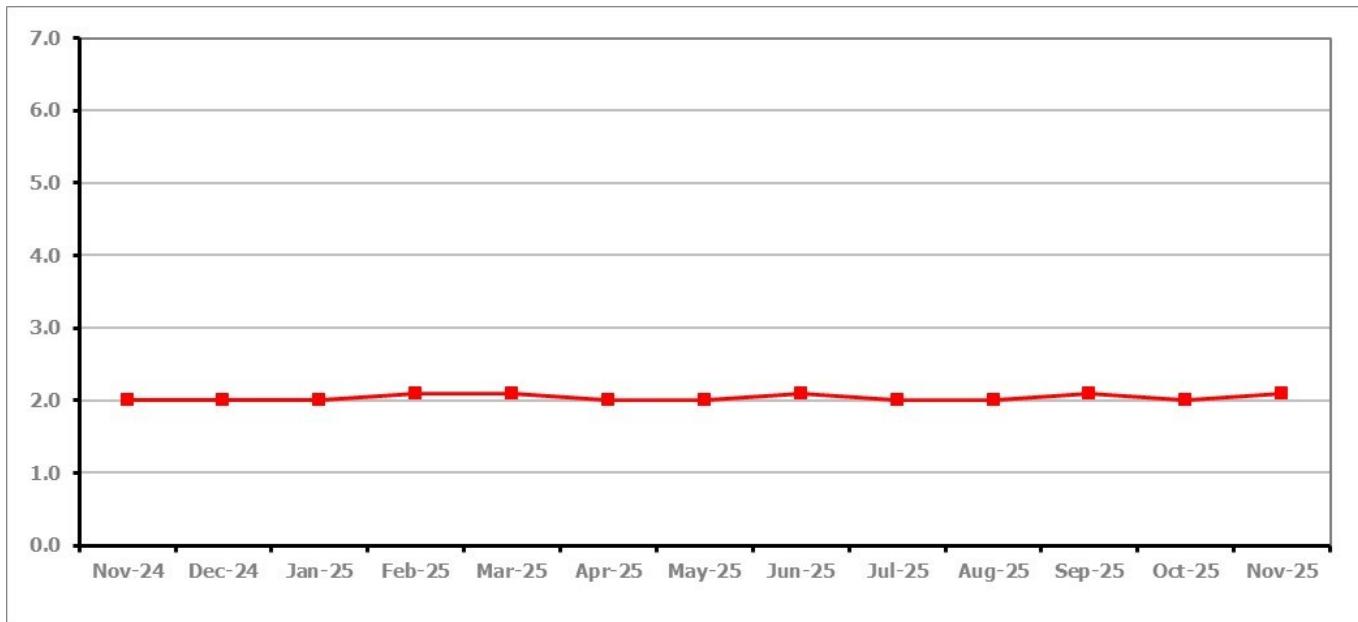
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased to 2.1% in November 2025.

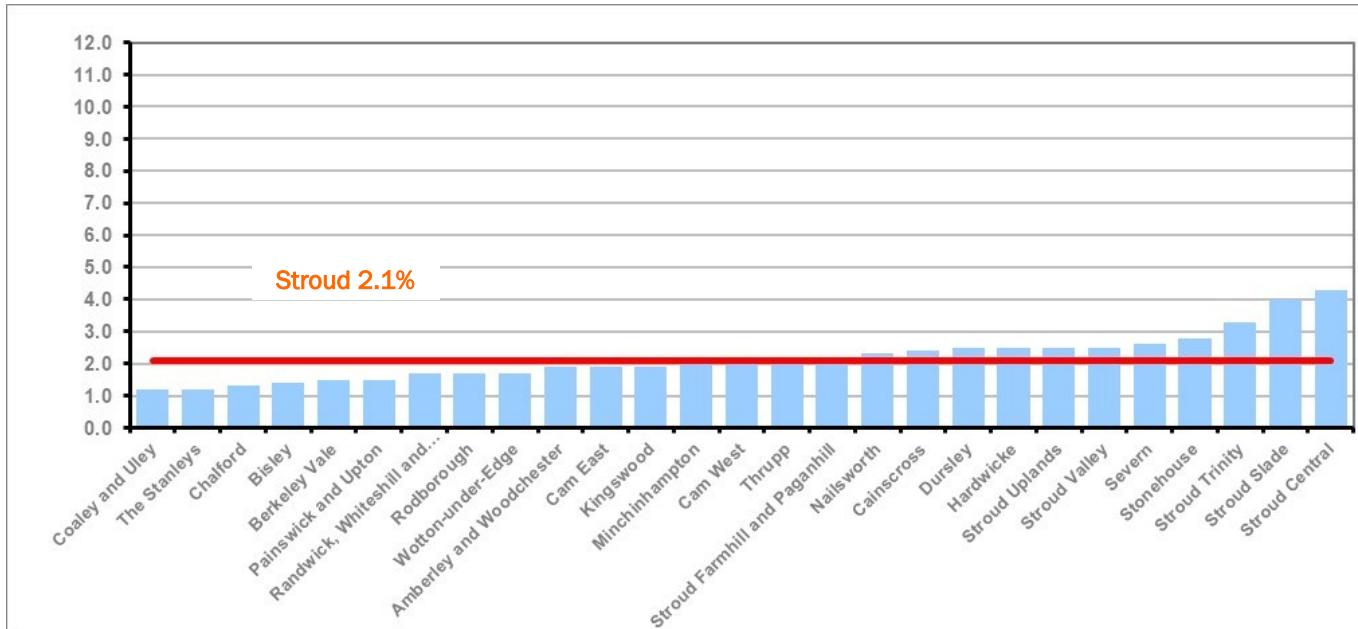
Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - November 2025

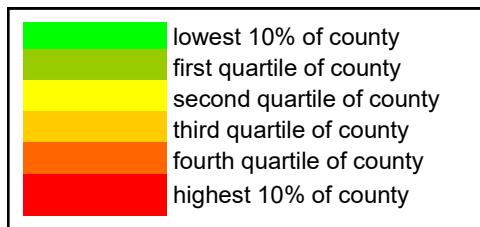
Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1%. Twelve wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - November 2025

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------|-------|
| Stroud | Coaley and Uley | 1.2 | 10 |
| Stroud | The Stanleys | 1.2 | 10 |
| Stroud | Chalford | 1.3 | 19 |
| Stroud | Bisley | 1.4 | 21 |
| Stroud | Berkeley Vale | 1.5 | 24 |
| Stroud | Painswick and Upton | 1.5 | 24 |
| Stroud | Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe | 1.7 | 33 |
| Stroud | Rodborough | 1.7 | 33 |
| Stroud | Wotton-under-Edge | 1.7 | 33 |
| Stroud | Amberley and Woodchester | 1.9 | 42 |
| Stroud | Cam East | 1.9 | 42 |
| Stroud | Kingswood | 1.9 | 42 |
| Stroud | Minchinchampton | 2.0 | 52 |
| Stroud | Cam West | 2.1 | 58 |
| Stroud | Thrupp | 2.1 | 58 |
| Stroud | Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill | 2.2 | 66 |
| Stroud | Nailsworth | 2.3 | 70 |
| Stroud | Cainscross | 2.4 | 76 |
| Stroud | Dursley | 2.5 | 81 |
| Stroud | Hardwicke | 2.5 | 81 |
| Stroud | Stroud Uplands | 2.5 | 81 |
| Stroud | Stroud Valley | 2.5 | 81 |
| Stroud | Severn | 2.6 | 87 |
| Stroud | Stonehouse | 2.8 | 98 |
| Stroud | Stroud Trinity | 3.3 | 112 |
| Stroud | Stroud Slade | 4.0 | 120 |
| Stroud | Stroud Central | 4.3 | 124 |



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

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4.6 Tewkesbury Borough

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year

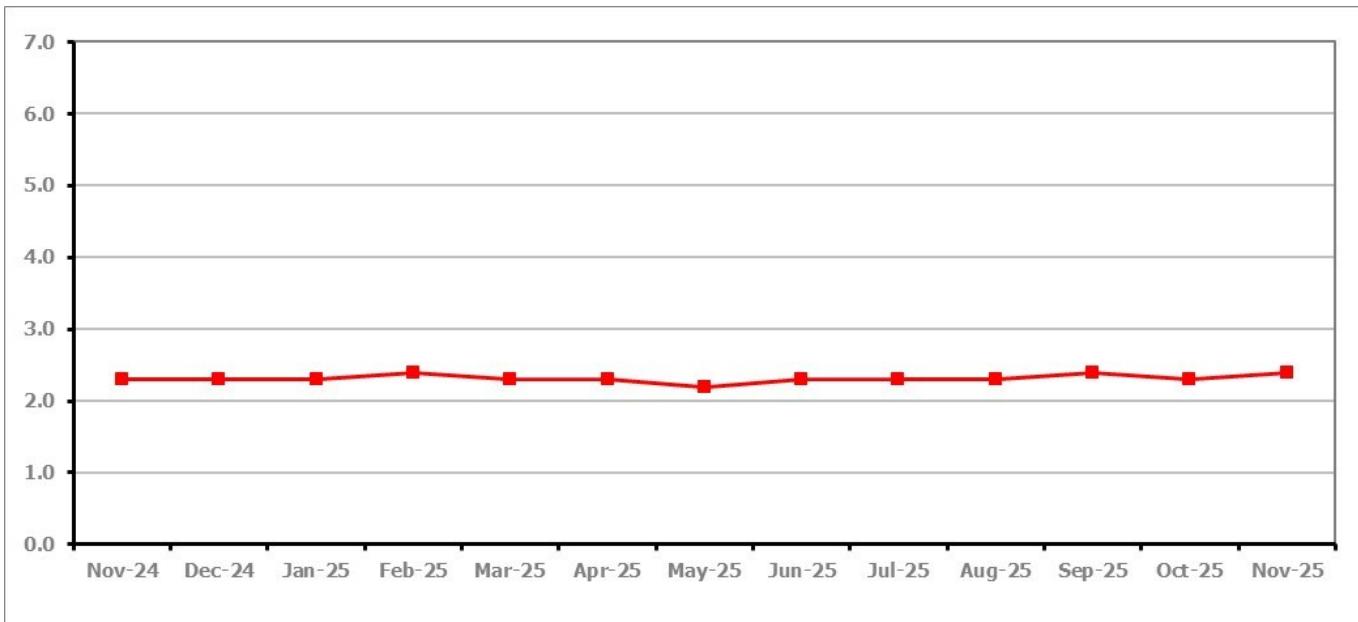


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough increased to 2.4% in November 2025.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - November 2025

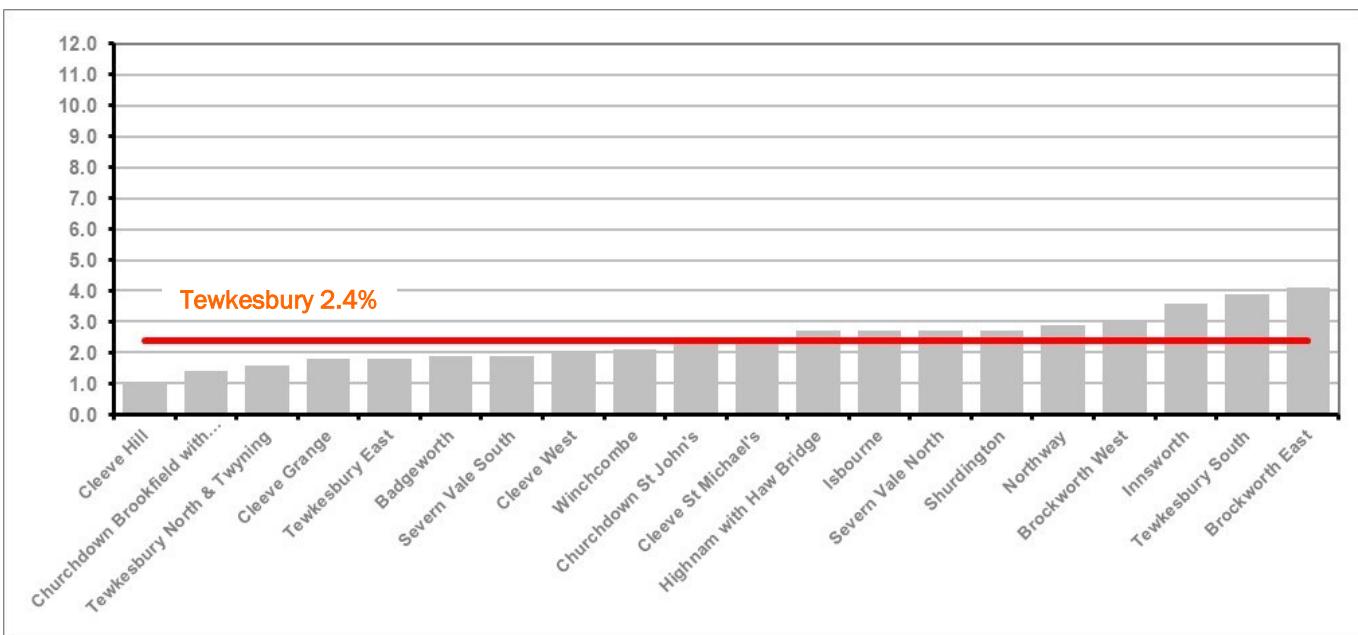


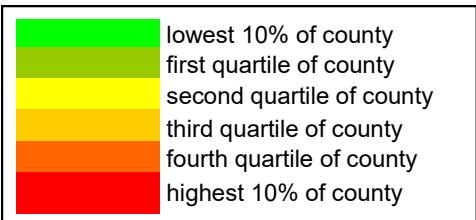
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.4%. Nine wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - November 2025

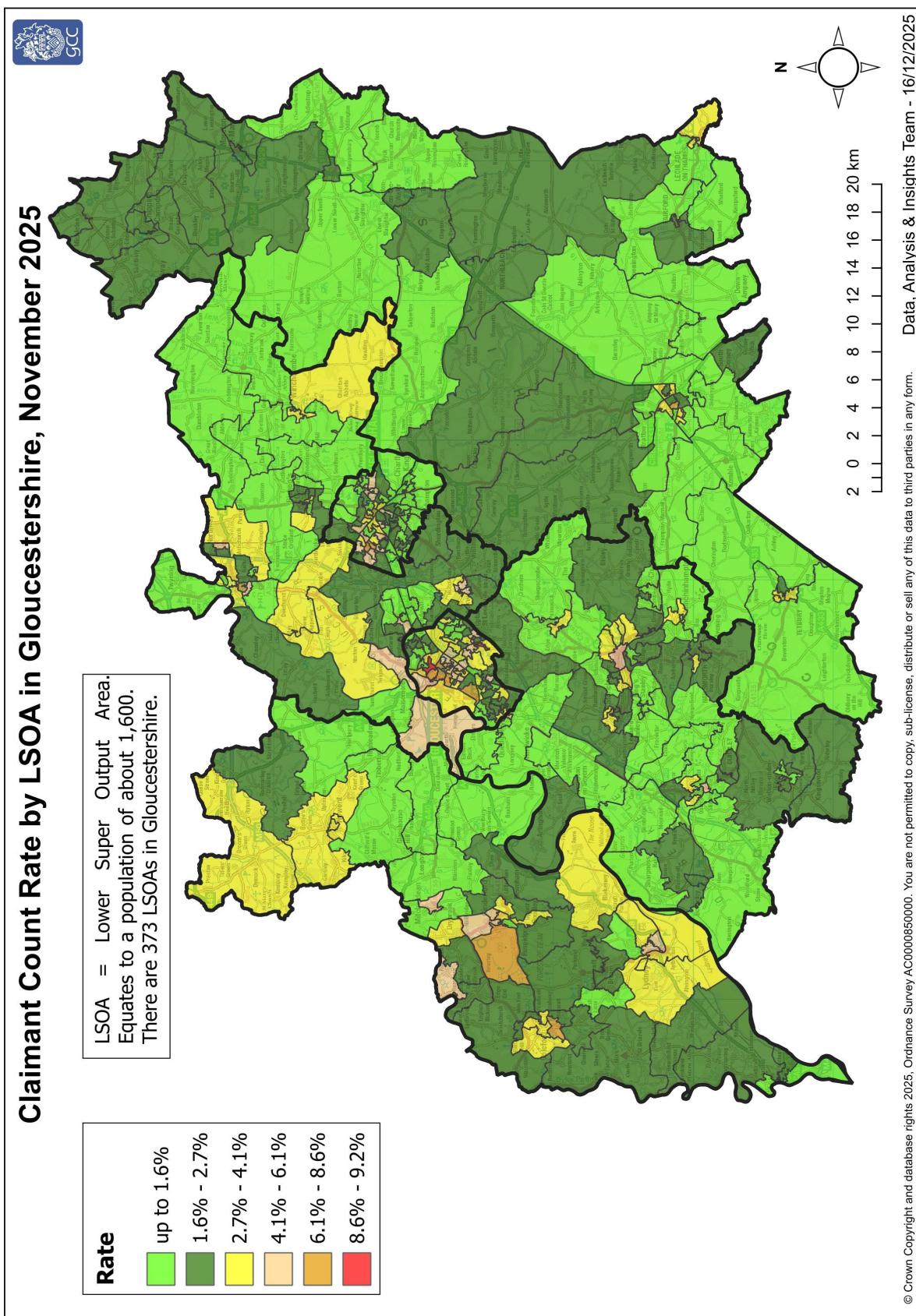
| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|------------|---------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve Hill | 1.0 | 3 |
| Tewkesbury | Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote | 1.4 | 21 |
| Tewkesbury | Tewkesbury North & Twynning | 1.6 | 29 |
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve Grange | 1.8 | 37 |
| Tewkesbury | Tewkesbury East | 1.8 | 37 |
| Tewkesbury | Badgeworth | 1.9 | 42 |
| Tewkesbury | Severn Vale South | 1.9 | 42 |
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve West | 2.0 | 52 |
| Tewkesbury | Winchcombe | 2.1 | 58 |
| Tewkesbury | Churchdown St John's | 2.3 | 70 |
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve St Michael's | 2.3 | 70 |
| Tewkesbury | Highnam with Haw Bridge | 2.7 | 93 |
| Tewkesbury | Isbourne | 2.7 | 93 |
| Tewkesbury | Severn Vale North | 2.7 | 93 |
| Tewkesbury | Shurdington | 2.7 | 93 |
| Tewkesbury | Northway | 2.9 | 100 |
| Tewkesbury | Brockworth West | 3.0 | 104 |
| Tewkesbury | Innsworth | 3.6 | 116 |
| Tewkesbury | Tewkesbury South | 3.9 | 119 |
| Tewkesbury | Brockworth East | 4.1 | 122 |



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

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

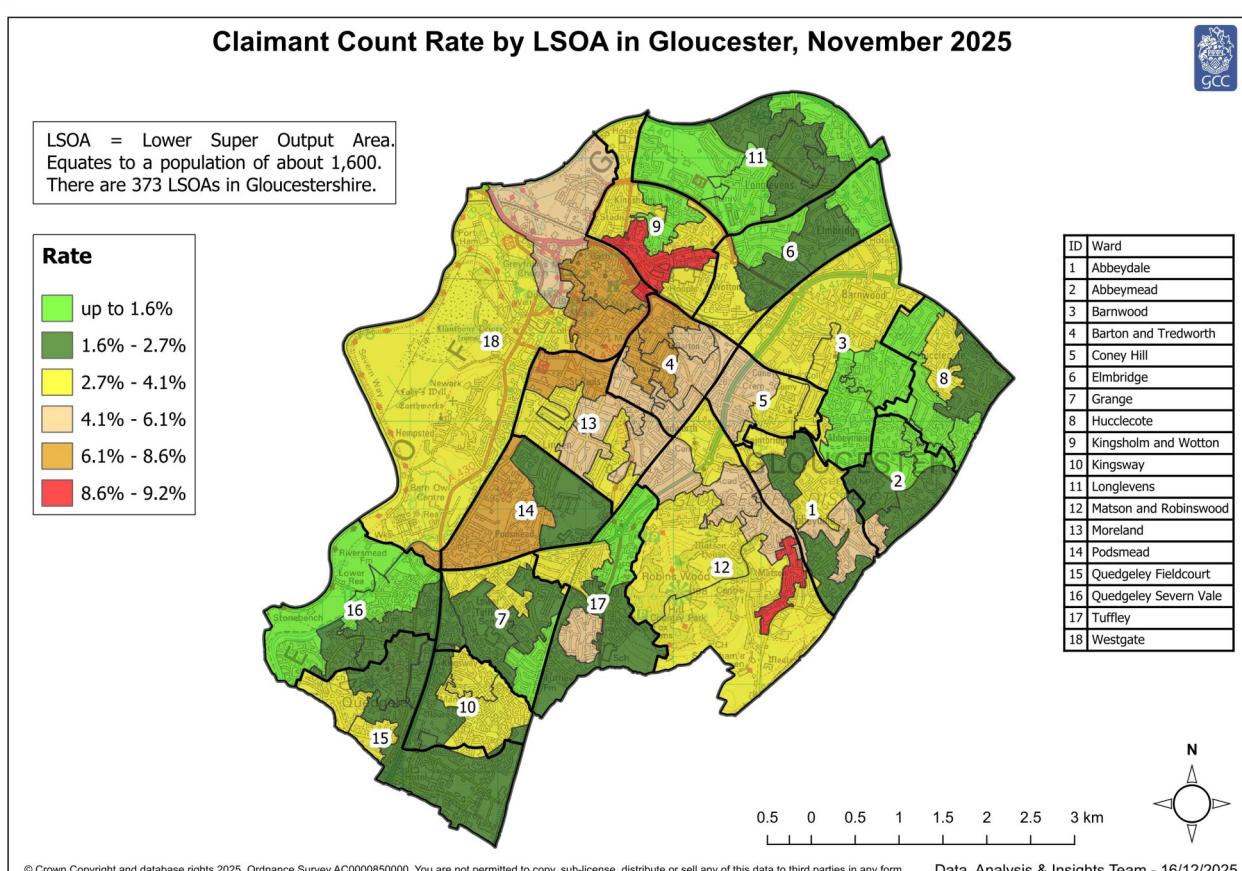
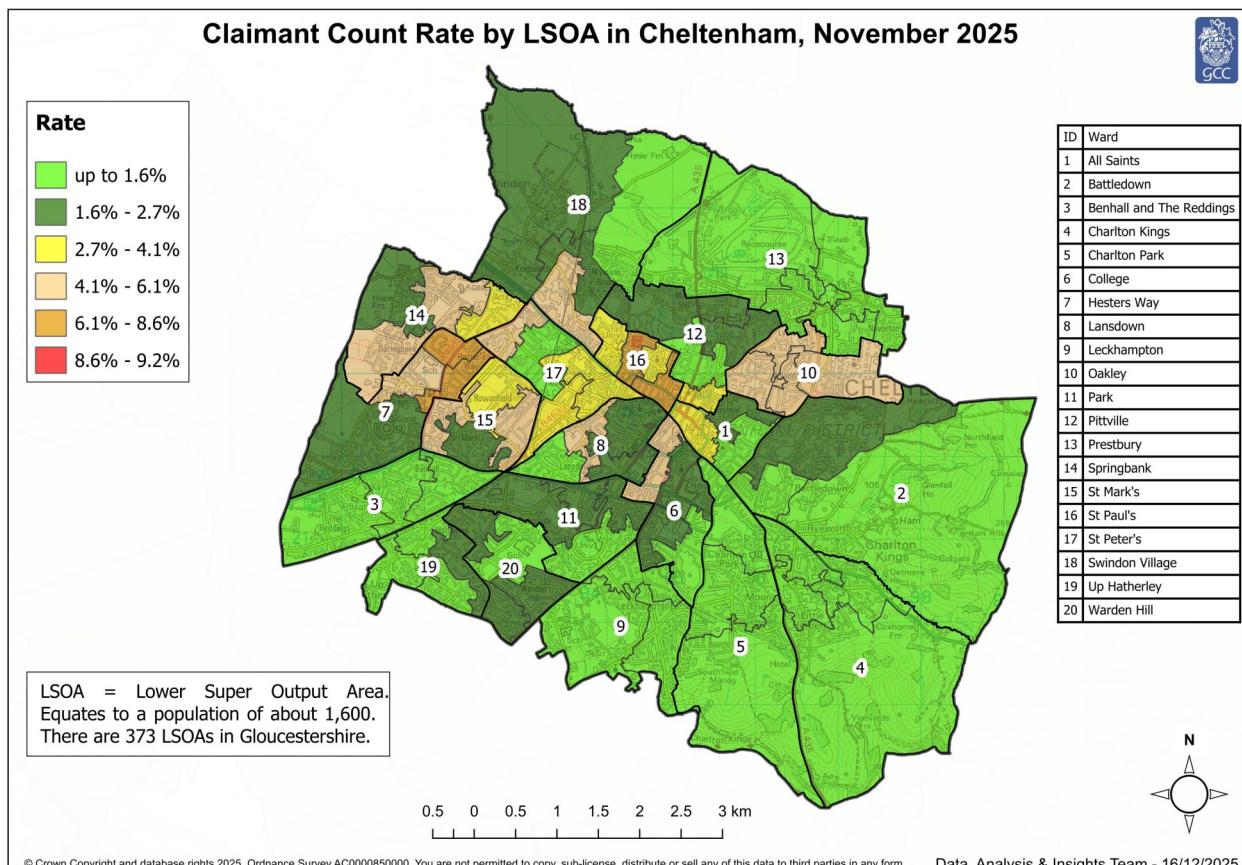


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PART 6: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT(18-24 year olds)

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

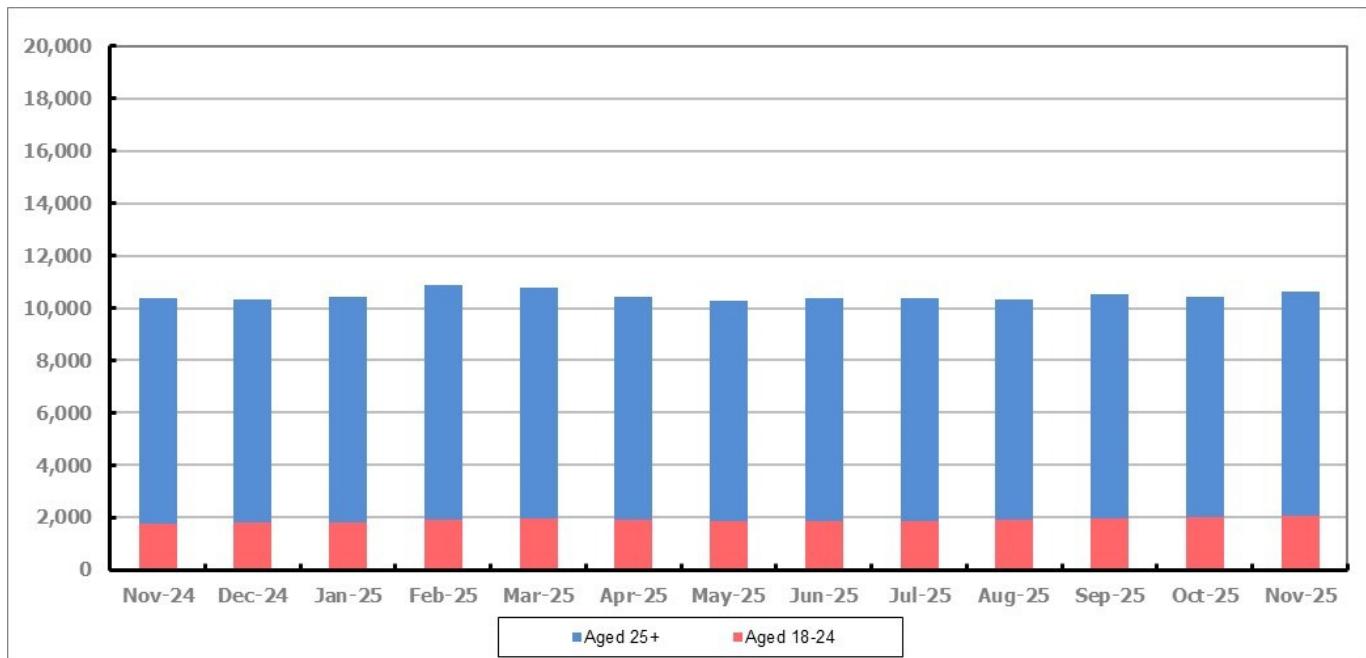


Figure 15 shows that in November 2025, 2,065 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.4% of total working age claimants.

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.

(End of) November 2025

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

| | NEET | Cohort | % |
|------------|------|--------|-------|
| Cheltenham | 81 | 2523 | 3.21% |
| Cotswold | 49 | 1793 | 2.73% |
| Forest | 55 | 1789 | 3.07% |
| Gloucester | 188 | 3673 | 5.12% |
| Stroud | 73 | 2895 | 2.52% |
| Tewkesbury | 67 | 2274 | 2.95% |
| Total | 513 | 14947 | 3.43% |

16-18 Age Summary

| | NEET | Cohort | % |
|------------|------|--------|-------|
| Cheltenham | 126 | 3428 | 3.68% |
| Cotswold | 75 | 2488 | 3.01% |
| Forest | 78 | 2448 | 3.19% |
| Gloucester | 291 | 5018 | 5.80% |
| Stroud | 101 | 3916 | 2.58% |
| Tewkesbury | 87 | 3040 | 2.86% |
| Total | 758 | 20338 | 3.73% |

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|--------------------|-------|
| 16-18 Adjust NEET* | 3.95% |
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|-------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Monthly Change ** | 67 | -10 | 0.45% |
| Previous Month | 446 | 14957 | 2.98% |

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|-------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Monthly Change ** | 42 | -525 | 0.30% |
| Previous Month | 716 | 20863 | 3.43% |

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@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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

(**) Change in monthly rate.