

Unemployment Bulletin

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Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 09 September 2021. 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 3.3% in September 2021. The South West rate decreased to 3.6% and the UK rate decreased to 5.0%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 3.6%, and 1.7% lower than the UK average of 5.0%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in September 2021 decreased by 605 people. The amount of people claiming in September 2021 was 4.5% lower than the number in August 2021. This compares to a 3.6% decrease in the South West and a 3.0% decrease 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 September 2021

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in September 2021

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	2,680
Claimant count change on previous month:	-5.0%
Claimant rate:	3.7%
Highest claiming ward(s)	St Paul's (6.4%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	3,690
Claimant count change on previous month:	-4.4%
Claimant rate:	4.5%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Barton and Tredworth (9.8%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,325
Claimant count change on previous month:	-6.4%
Claimant rate:	2.6%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watermoor (4.9%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,825
Claimant count change on previous month:	-3.9%
Claimant rate:	2.5%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Slade (5.8%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,625
Claimant count change on previous month:	-4.1%
Claimant rate:	3.2%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Lydney East (5.6%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,580
Claimant count change on previous month:	-3.7%
Claimant rate:	2.8%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (4.4%)

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

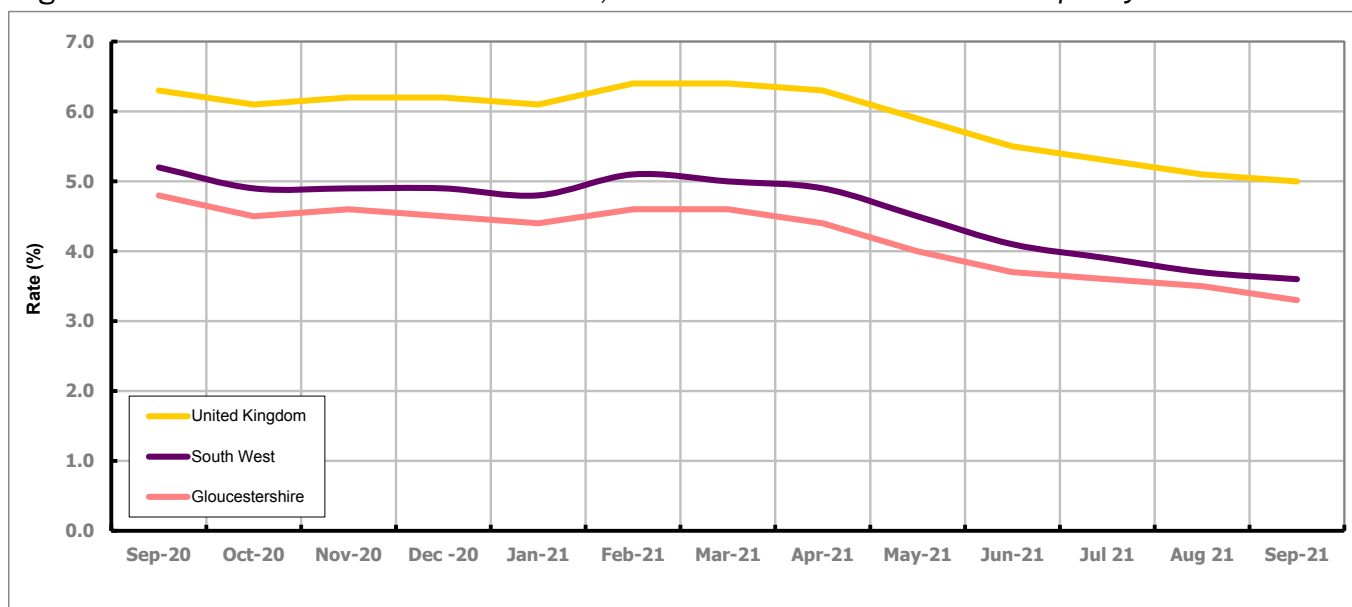


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 3.3% in September 2021. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.7% lower than the UK average 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 September 2021	% change on August 2021	Consecutive months increasing
UK	2,079,275	-3.0%	0
South West	122,625	-3.6%	0
Gloucestershire	12,725	-4.5%	0

Table 1 shows that in September 2021, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 4.5% lower than the number in August 2021.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - September 2021

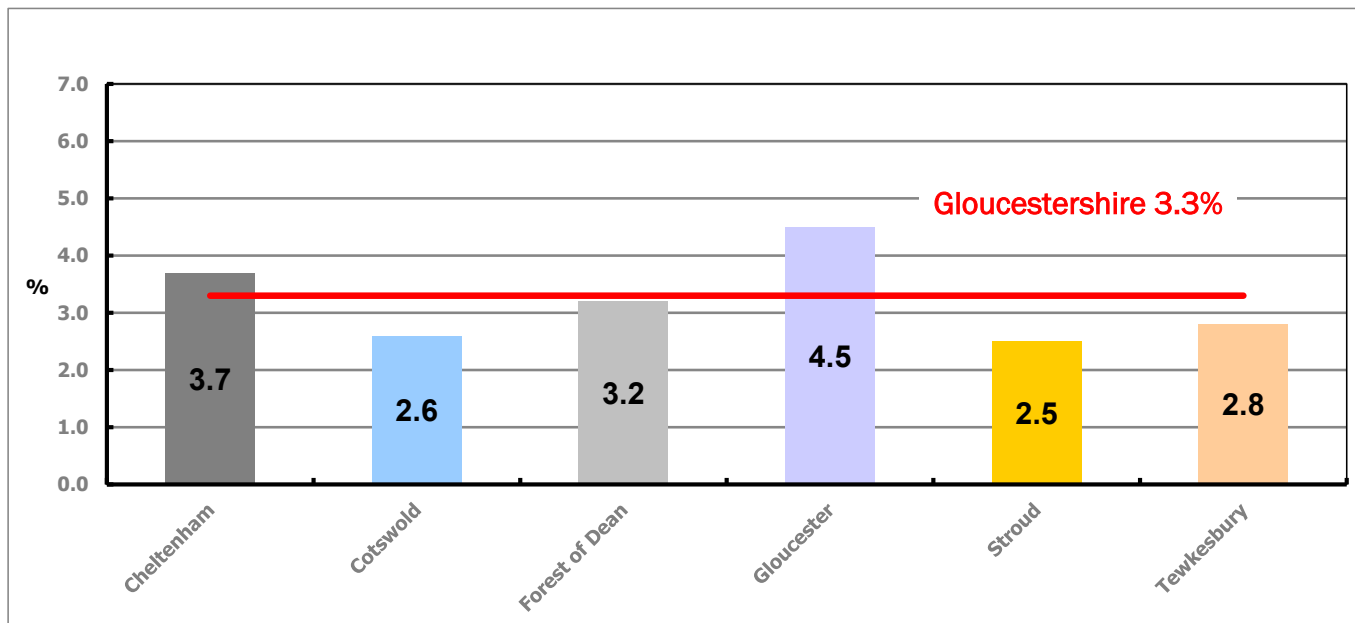


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for September 2021 in Gloucestershire. Between August 2021 and September 2021 the rate decreased in all districts.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Sept 21 Number	Sept 21 Rate	Aug 21 Number	Aug 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	12,725	3.3	13,330	3.5	-605	-4.5%	-0.2
Cheltenham	2,680	3.7	2,820	3.9	-140	-5.0%	-0.2
Cotswold	1,325	2.6	1,415	2.7	-90	-6.4%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,625	3.2	1,695	3.3	-70	-4.1%	-0.1
Gloucester	3,690	4.5	3,860	4.7	-170	-4.4%	-0.2
Stroud	1,825	2.5	1,900	2.6	-75	-3.9%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,580	2.8	1,640	2.9	-60	-3.7%	-0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in September 2021 compared to August 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Sept 21 Number	Sept 21 Rate	Aug 21 Number	Aug 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	7,285	3.8	7,680	4.0	-395	-5.1%	-0.2
Cheltenham	1,600	4.4	1,695	4.7	-95	-5.6%	-0.3
Cotswold	720	2.9	780	3.1	-60	-7.7%	-0.2
Forest of Dean	895	3.5	940	3.7	-45	-4.8%	-0.2
Gloucester	2,210	5.4	2,340	5.7	-130	-5.6%	-0.3
Stroud	985	2.8	1,025	2.9	-40	-3.9%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	875	3.1	905	3.2	-30	-3.3%	-0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in September 2021 compared to August 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Sept 21 Number	Sept 21 Rate	Aug 21 Number	Aug 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,440	2.8	5,650	2.9	-210	-3.7%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,080	3.0	1,125	3.1	-45	-4.0%	-0.1
Cotswold	605	2.3	640	2.4	-35	-5.5%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	730	2.8	750	2.9	-20	-2.7%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,480	3.6	1,520	3.7	-40	-2.6%	-0.1
Stroud	845	2.3	875	2.4	-30	-3.4%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	705	2.4	735	2.5	-30	-4.1%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in September 2021 compared to August 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of female claimants.

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

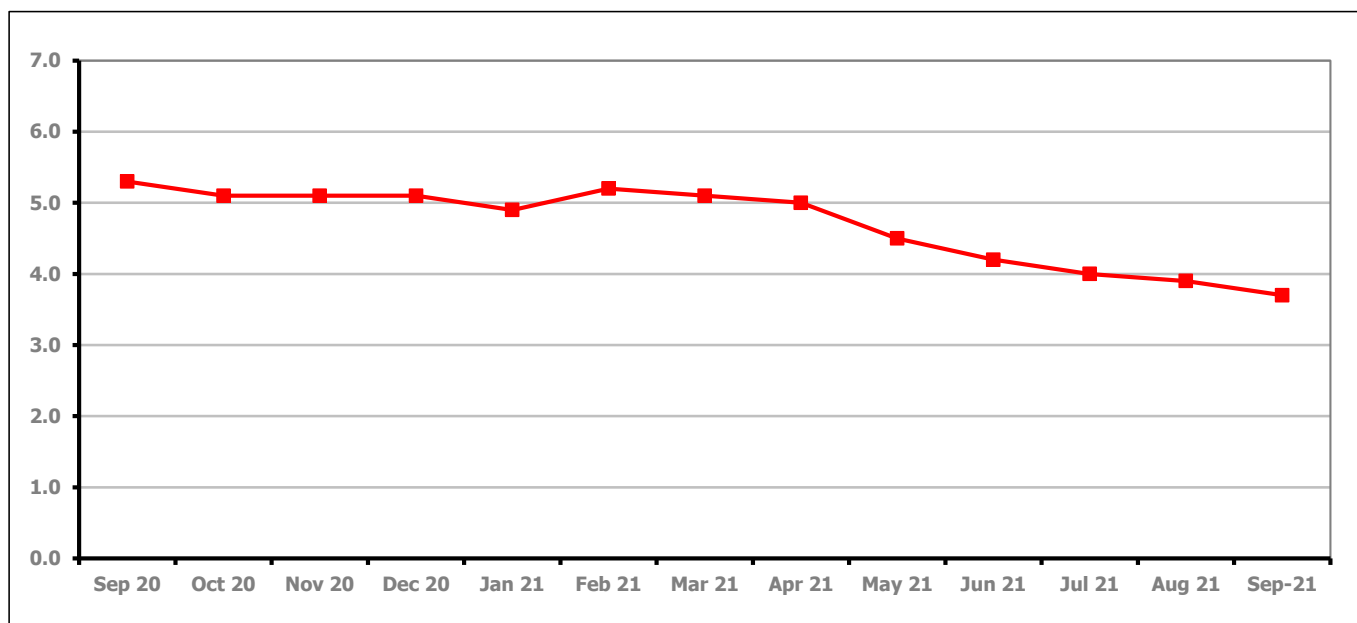


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased to 3.7% in September 2021.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - September 2021

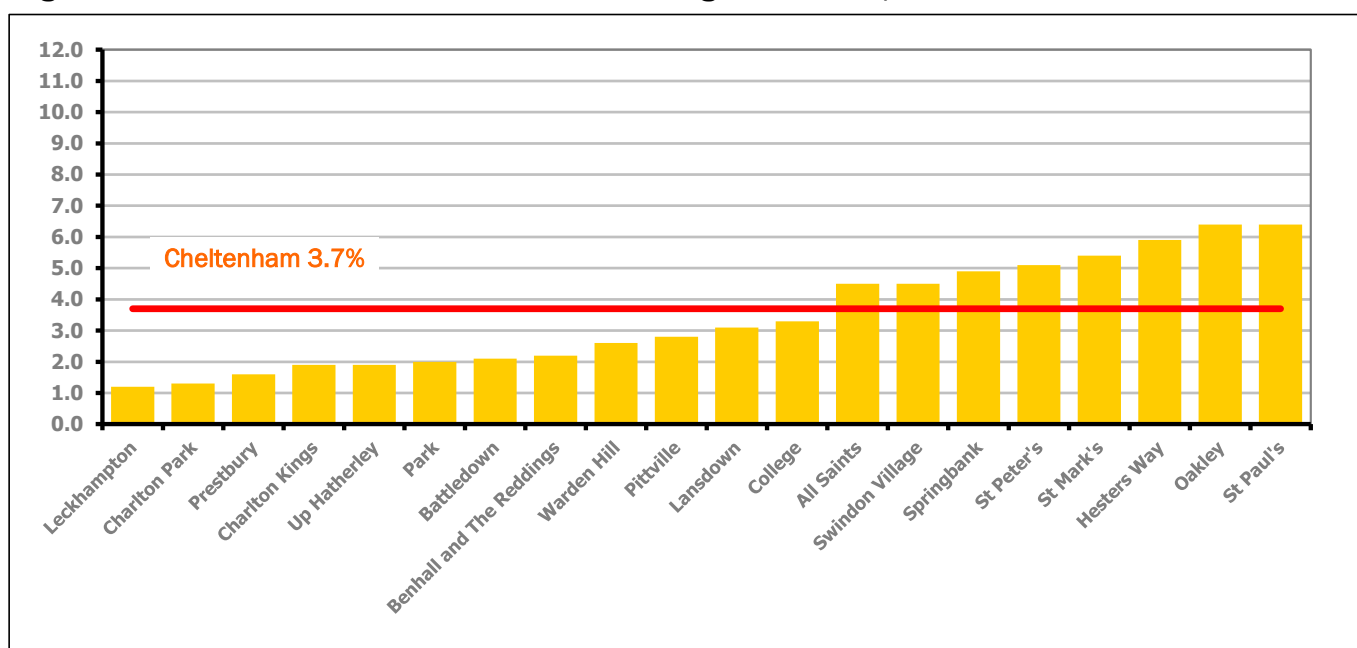


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.7%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - September 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.2	3
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.3	5
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.6	11
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.9	20
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.9	20
Cheltenham	Park	2.0	26
Cheltenham	Battledown	2.1	34
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	2.2	41
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.6	66
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.8	75
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.1	90
Cheltenham	College	3.3	98
Cheltenham	All Saints	4.5	118
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	4.5	118
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.9	122
Cheltenham	St Peter's	5.1	124
Cheltenham	St Mark's	5.4	127
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	5.9	131
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.4	134
Cheltenham	St Paul's	6.4	134

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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.

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

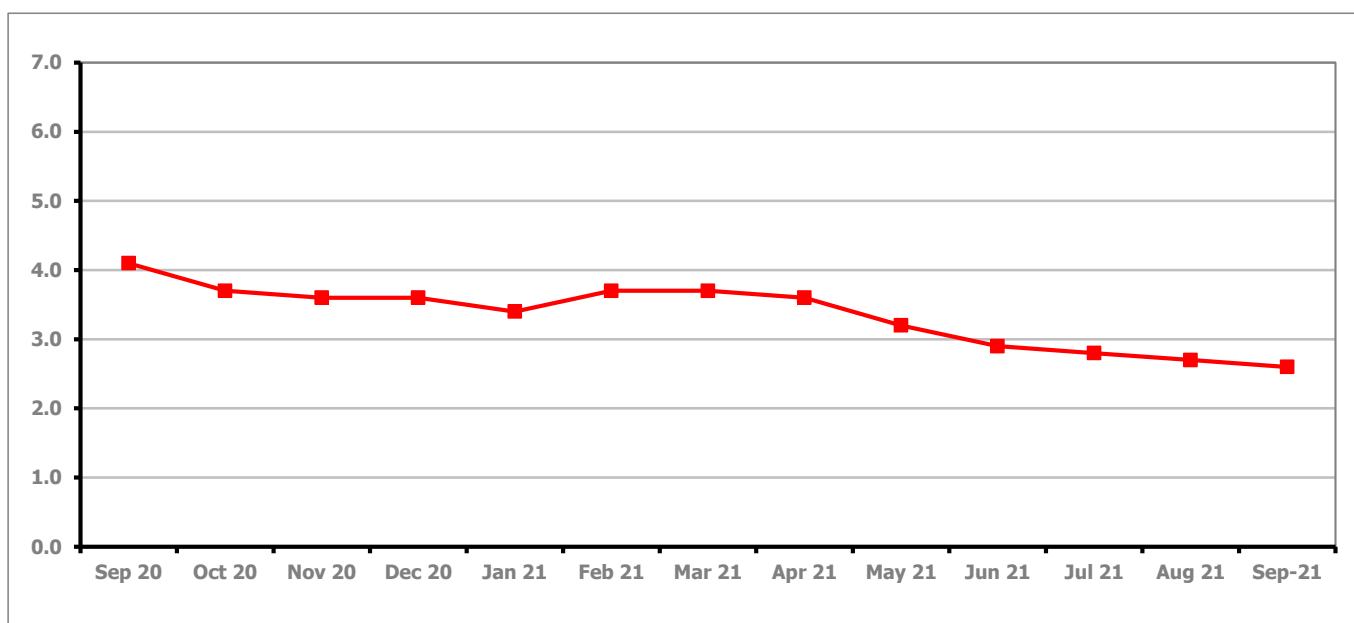


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased to 2.6% in September 2021.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - September 2021

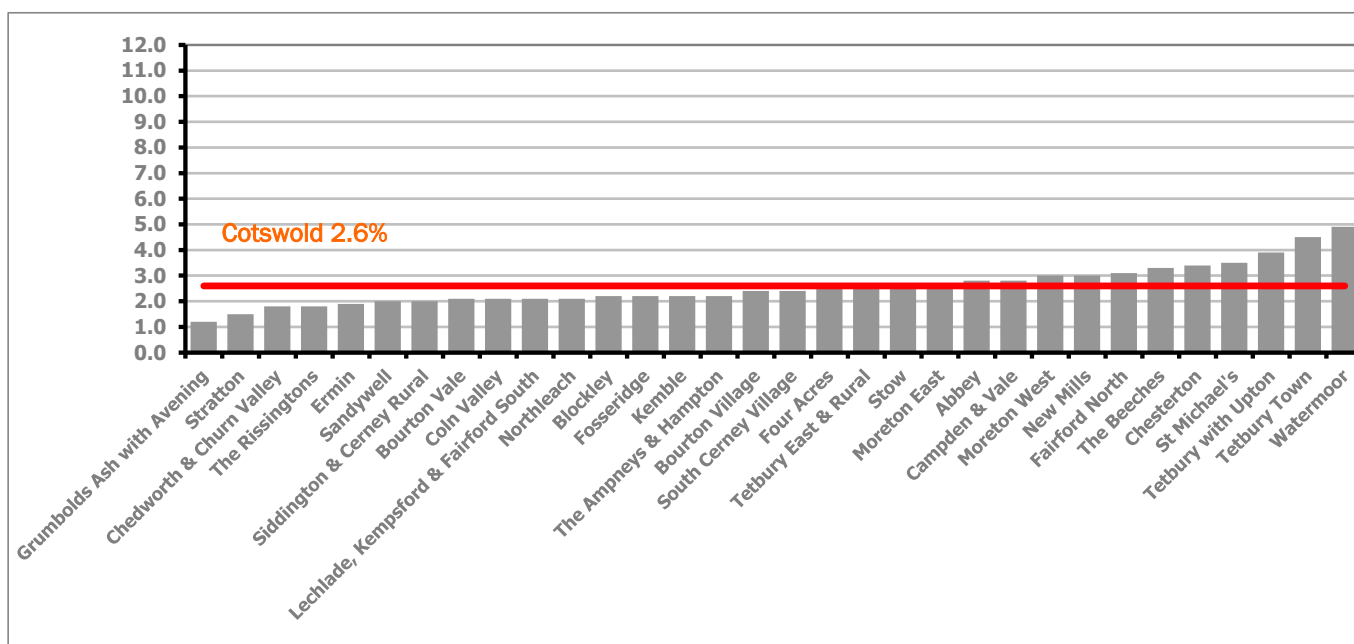


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.6%. Twelve wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - September 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.2	3
Cotswolds	Stratton	1.5	8
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.8	16
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.8	16
Cotswolds	Ermin	1.9	20
Cotswolds	Sandywell	2.0	26
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	2.0	26
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	2.1	34
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	2.1	34
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	2.1	34
Cotswolds	Northleach	2.1	34
Cotswolds	Blockley	2.2	41
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	2.2	41
Cotswolds	Kemble	2.2	41
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	2.2	41
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	2.4	53
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	2.4	53
Cotswolds	Four Acres	2.5	58
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	2.5	58
Cotswolds	Stow	2.6	66
Cotswolds	Moreton East	2.7	70
Cotswolds	Abbey	2.8	75
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	2.8	75
Cotswolds	Moreton West	3.0	85
Cotswolds	New Mills	3.0	85
Cotswolds	Fairford North	3.1	90
Cotswolds	The Beeches	3.3	98
Cotswolds	Chesterton	3.4	102
Cotswolds	St Michael's	3.5	105
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	3.9	110
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	4.5	118
Cotswolds	Watermoor	4.9	122

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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

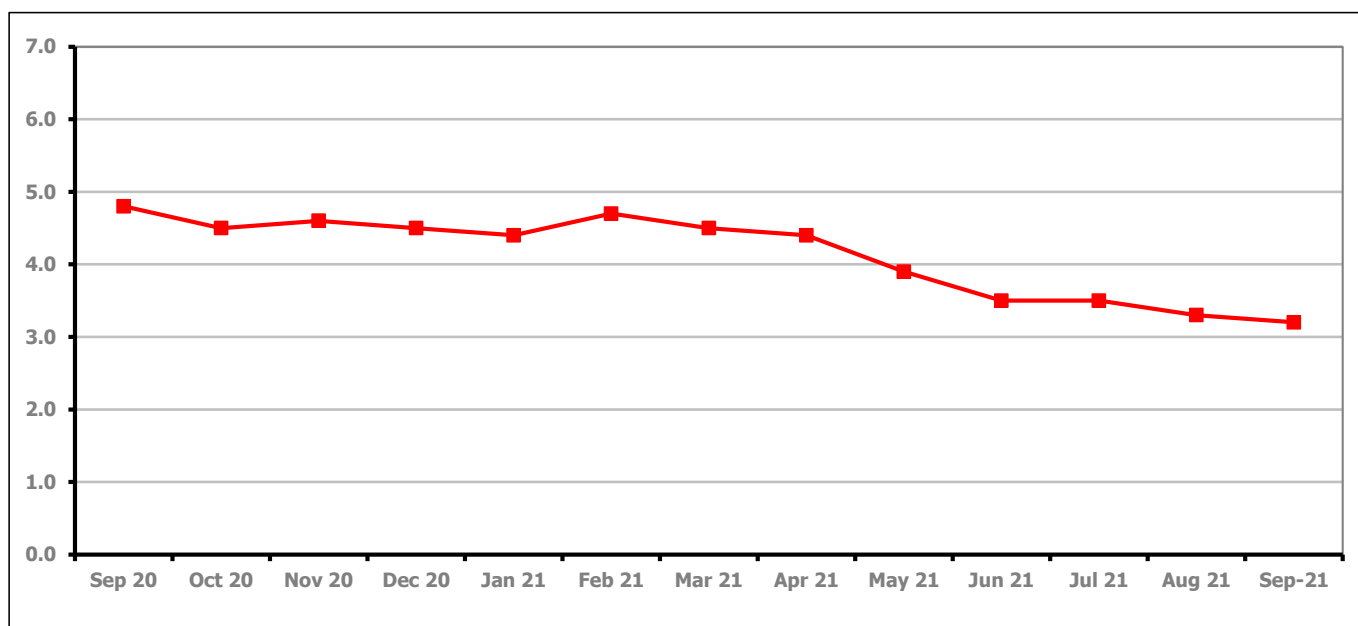


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased to 3.2% in September 2021.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - September 2021

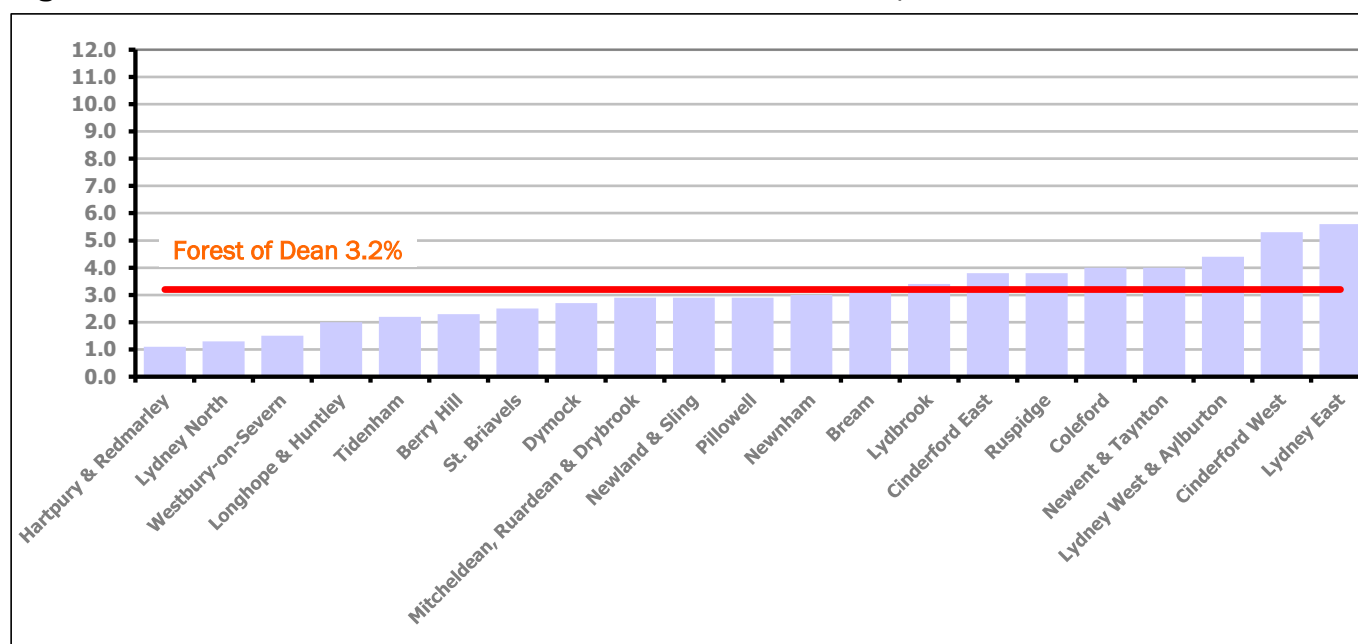


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 3.2%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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 - September 2021*

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury & Redmarley	1.1	1
Forest	Lydney North	1.3	5
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	1.5	8
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	2.0	26
Forest	Tidenham	2.2	41
Forest	Berry Hill	2.3	48
Forest	St. Briavels	2.5	58
Forest	Dymock	2.7	70
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.9	80
Forest	Newland & Sling	2.9	80
Forest	Pillowell	2.9	80
Forest	Newnham	3.0	85
Forest	Bream	3.1	90
Forest	Lydbrook	3.4	102
Forest	Cinderford East	3.8	106
Forest	Ruspidge	3.8	106
Forest	Coleford	4.0	111
Forest	Newent & Taynton	4.0	111
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	4.4	114
Forest	Cinderford West	5.3	125
Forest	Lydney East	5.6	129

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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.

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4.4 Gloucester City

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

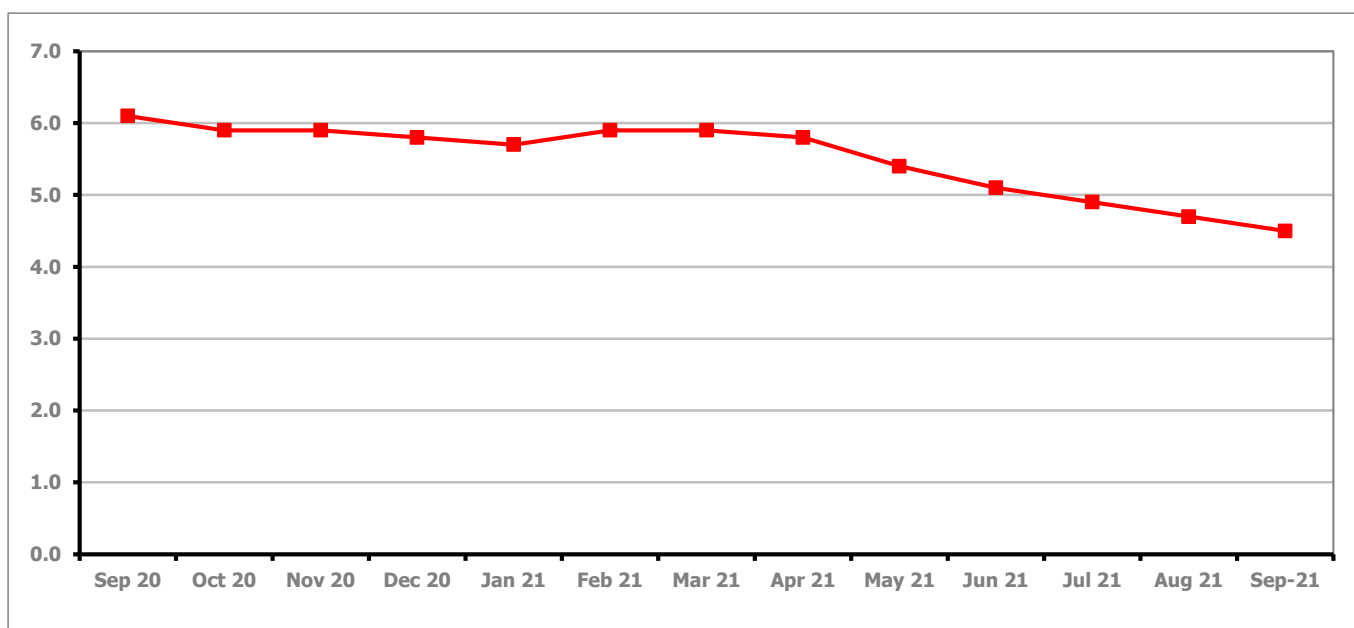


Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased to 4.5% in September 2021.

Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - September 2021

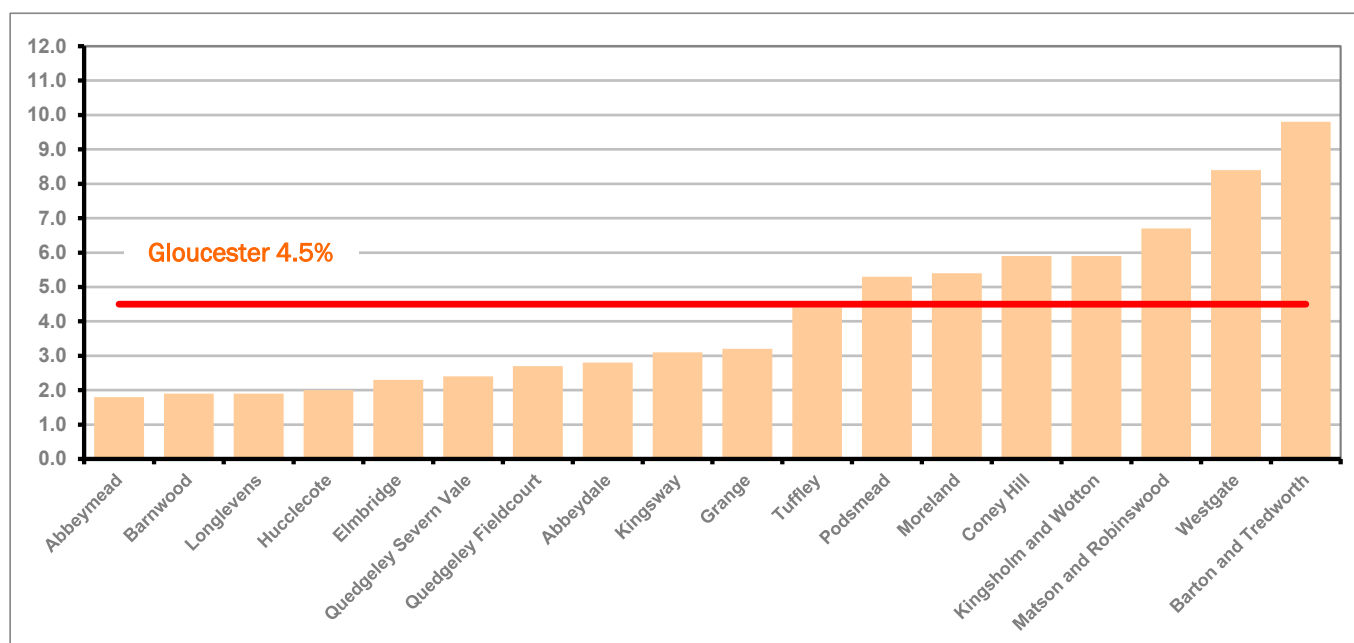








Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.5%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - September 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbeymead	1.8	16
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.9	20
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.9	20
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.0	26
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.3	48
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.4	53
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.7	70
Gloucester	Abbeydale	2.8	75
Gloucester	Kingsway	3.1	90
Gloucester	Grange	3.2	97
Gloucester	Tuffley	4.4	114
Gloucester	Podsmead	5.3	125
Gloucester	Moreland	5.4	127
Gloucester	Coney Hill	5.9	131
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.9	131
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.7	136
Gloucester	Westgate	8.4	137
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	9.8	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

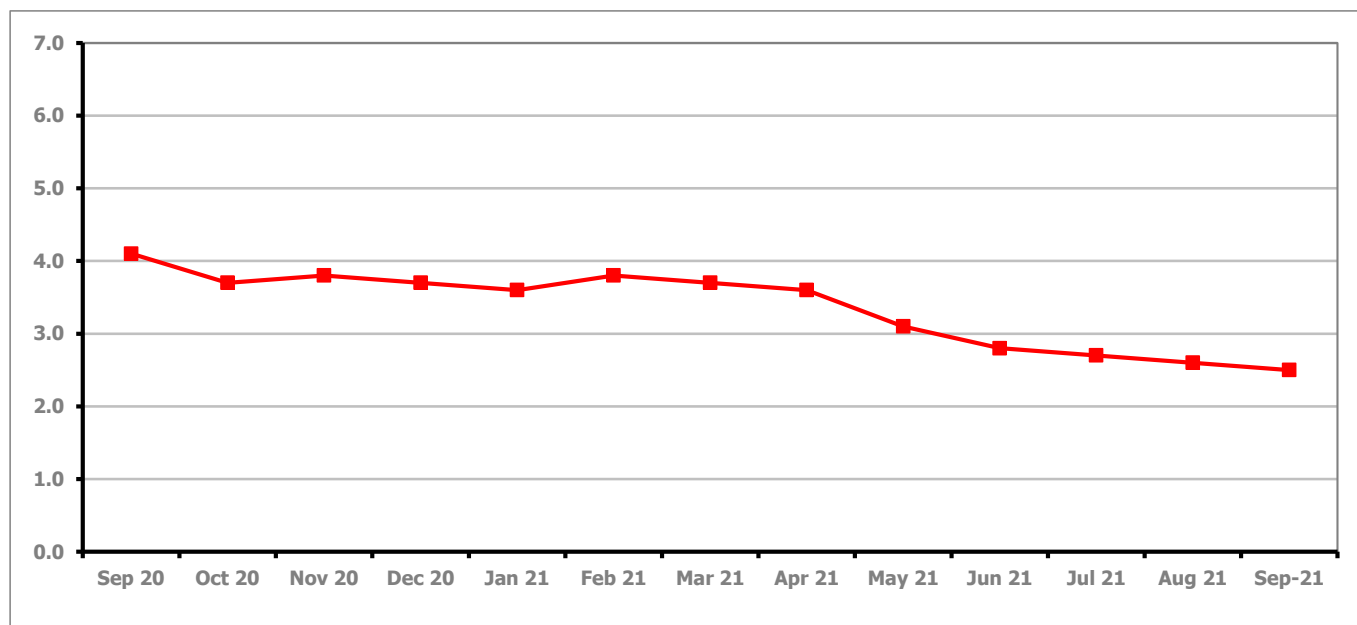


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud decreased to 2.5% in September 2021.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - September 2021

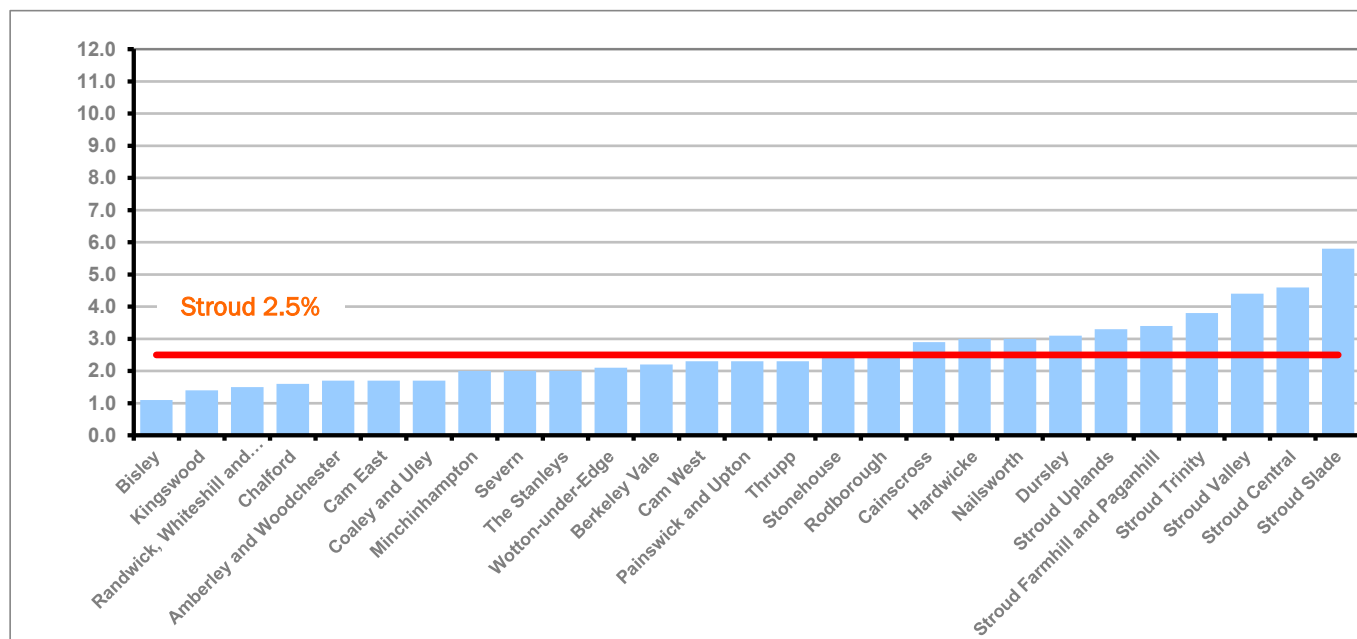


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.5%. Eleven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - September 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	1.1	1
Stroud	Kingswood	1.4	7
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.5	8
Stroud	Chalford	1.6	11
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.7	13
Stroud	Cam East	1.7	13
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.7	13
Stroud	Minchinhampton	2.0	26
Stroud	Severn	2.0	26
Stroud	The Stanleys	2.0	26
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	2.1	34
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	2.2	41
Stroud	Cam West	2.3	48
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	2.3	48
Stroud	Thrupp	2.3	48
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.5	58
Stroud	Rodborough	2.6	66
Stroud	Cainscross	2.9	80
Stroud	Hardwicke	3.0	85
Stroud	Nailsworth	3.0	85
Stroud	Dursley	3.1	90
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	3.3	98
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	3.4	102
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	3.8	106
Stroud	Stroud Valley	4.4	114
Stroud	Stroud Central	4.6	121
Stroud	Stroud Slade	5.8	130

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	highest 10% of county

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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

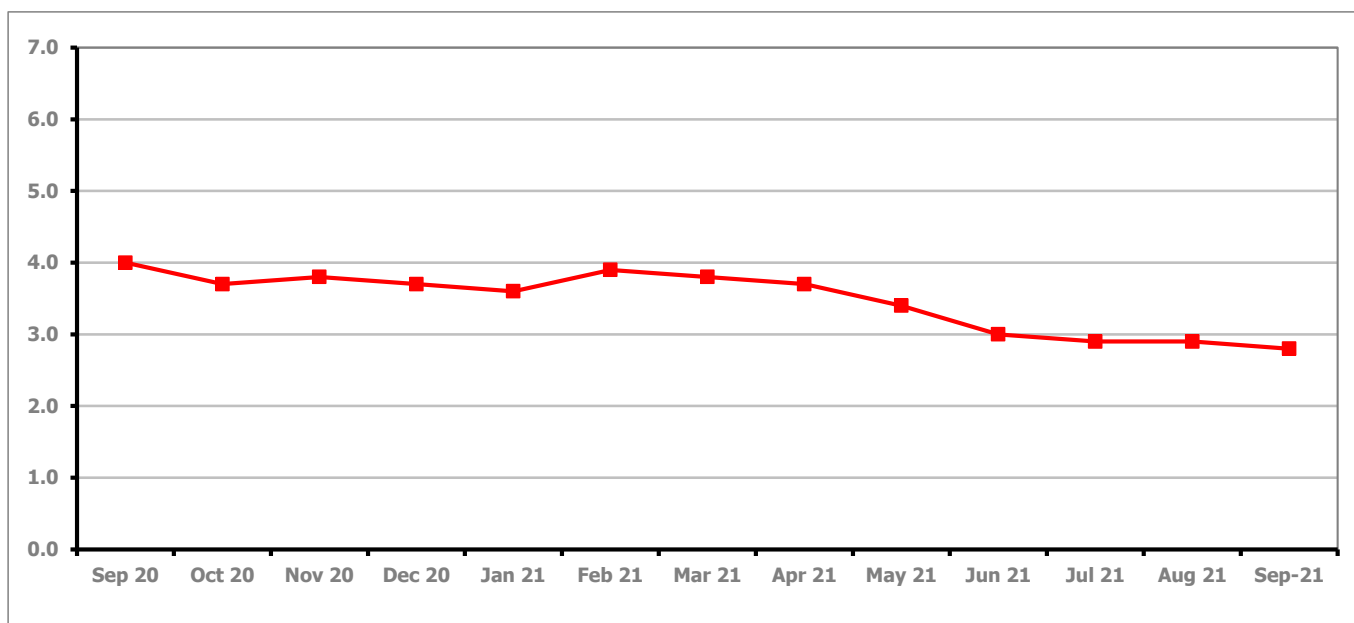


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough decreased to 2.8% in September 2021.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - September 2021

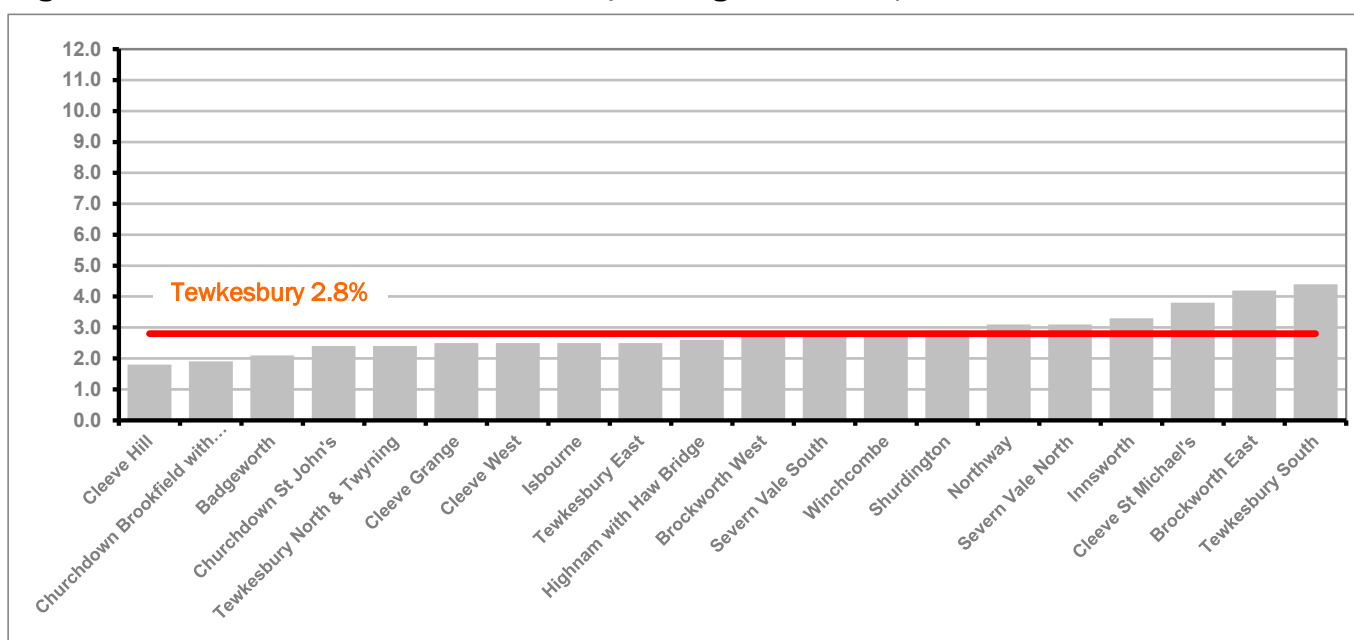


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.8%. Seven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - September 2021

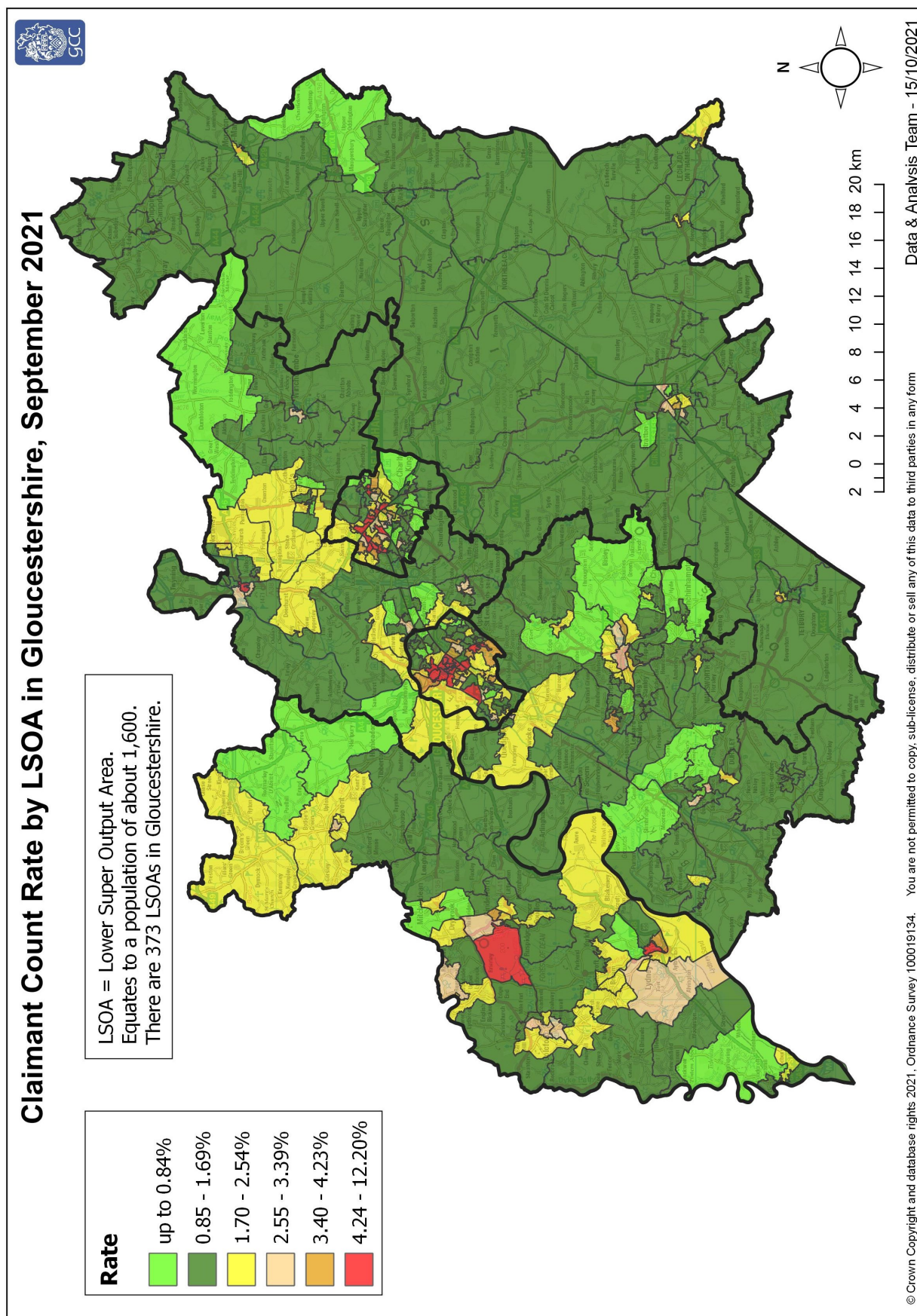
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	1.8	16
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	1.9	20
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	2.1	34
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	2.4	53
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twynning	2.4	53
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.5	58
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	2.5	58
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.5	58
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	2.5	58
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	2.6	66
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	2.7	70
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	2.7	70
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.8	75
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.9	80
Tewkesbury	Northway	3.1	90
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	3.1	90
Tewkesbury	Innsworth	3.3	98
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	3.8	106
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	4.2	113
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	4.4	114

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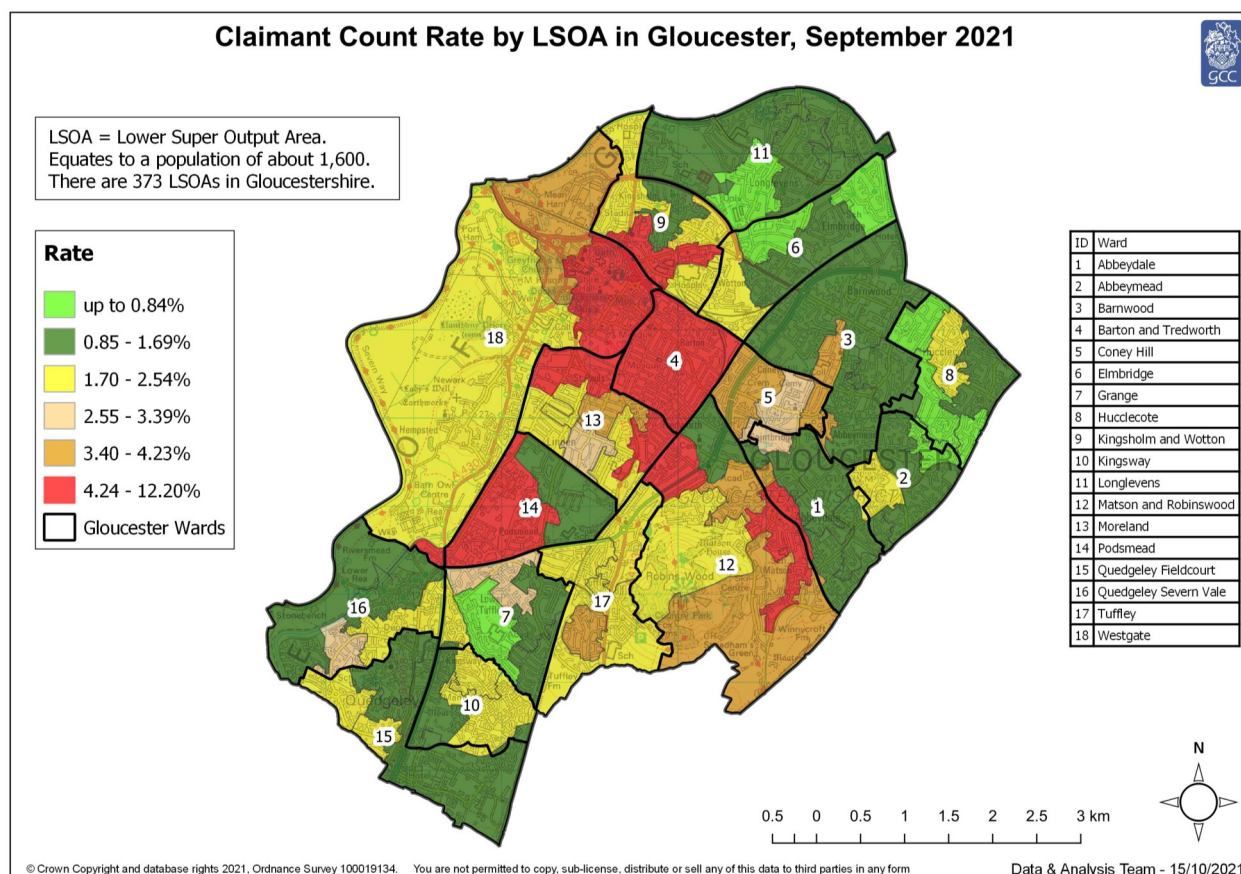
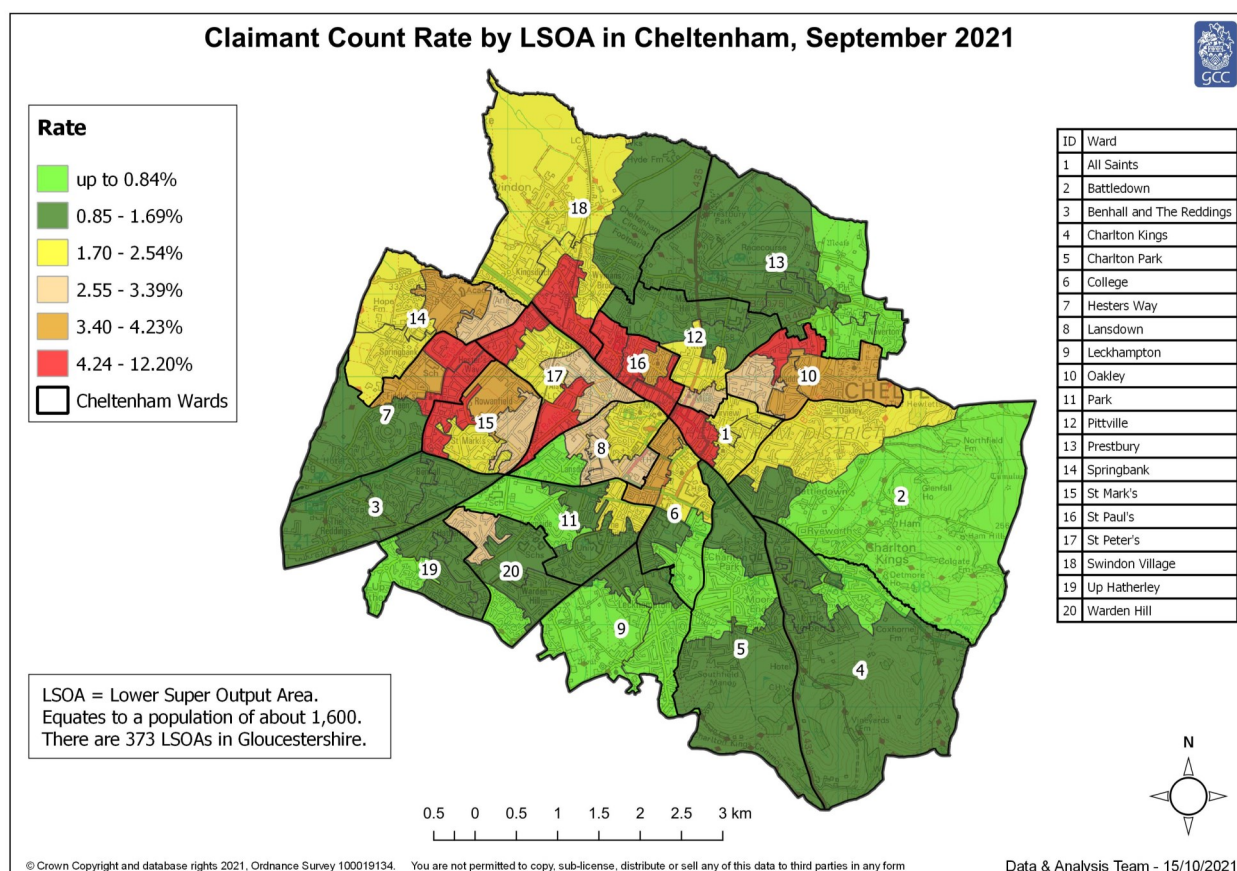
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Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury Borough wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

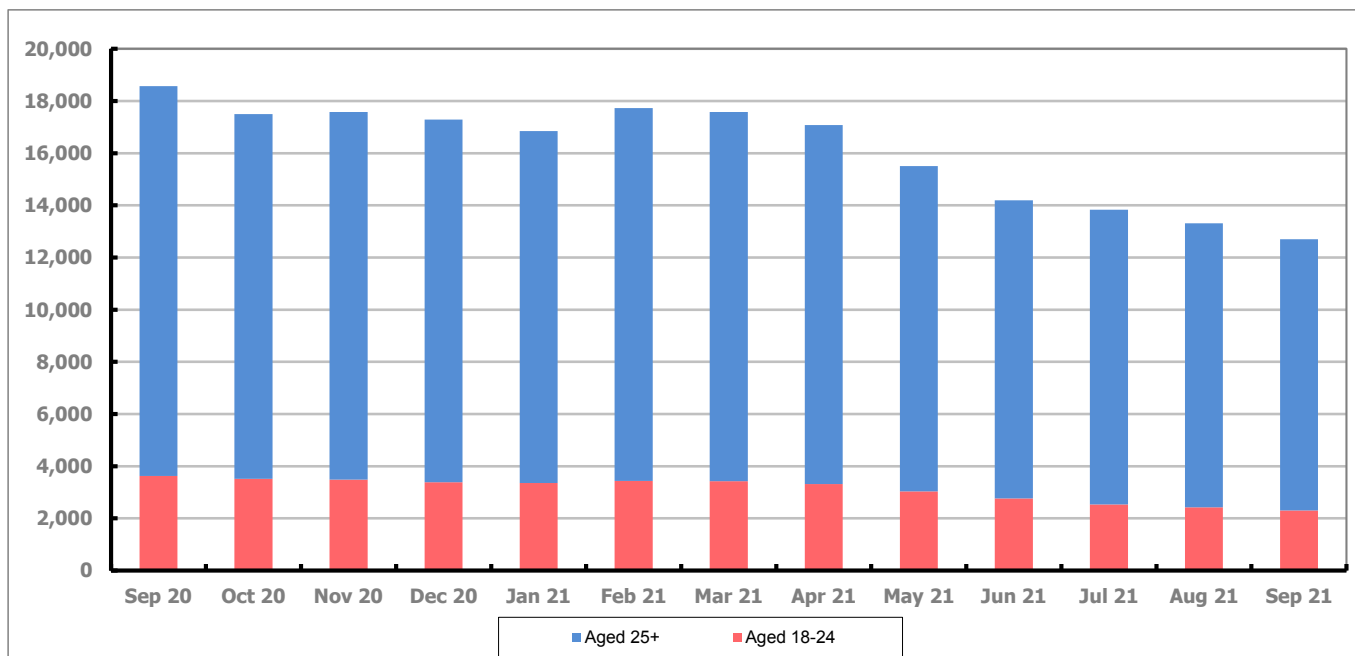


Figure 15 shows that in September 2021, 2,300 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 18.1% of total working age claimants.

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.

September 2021

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	31	2073	1.50%
Cotswold	9	1694	0.53%
Forest	18	1716	1.05%
Gloucester	62	2974	2.08%
Stroud	21	2586	0.81%
Tewkesbury	24	1964	1.22%
Total	165	13007	1.27%

16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	57	3122	1.83%
Cotswold	22	2513	0.88%
Forest	39	2482	1.57%
Gloucester	125	4296	2.91%
Stroud	42	3815	1.10%
Tewkesbury	40	2858	1.40%
Total	325	19086	1.70%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	2.26%
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Monthly Change	-127	-166	-0.95%
Previous month	292	13173	2.22%

Monthly Change	33	5913	-0.51%
Previous month	292	13173	2.22%

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.