

Unemployment Bulletin

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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 Strategic Needs Analysis Team in the County Council's Strategy and Challenge function. The data is sourced from the Office for National Statistics via Nomis (www.nomis.co.uk).

The claimant count measures the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefit (currently Job Seeker's allowance). The claimant rate is the number of claimants as a proportion of the working age population.

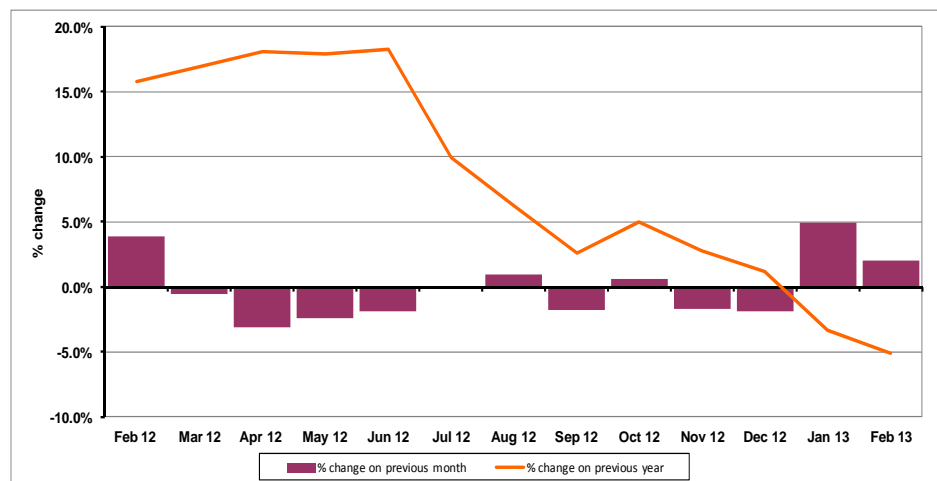
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.8% in February 2013. This was an increase of 0.1% on the January 2013 figure. The South West rate and UK rate remained the same as last month at 2.7% and 3.9% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate is 0.1% above the South West average of 2.7%, and 1.1% lower than the UK average of 3.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in February 2013 increased by 205 people. The amount of people claiming in February 2013 was 2.0% higher than the number in January 2013. This compares to a 2.1% increase in the South West and a 2.0% increase for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was -5.1% lower in February 2013 than at the same point in the previous year as shown in the graph below.

Gloucestershire claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change: February 2012 to February 2013



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DISTRICTS AT A GLANCE

At a glance unemployment information grouped by district. Includes:

Claim count: Total number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance in February 2013

Compared to last month: How much larger/smaller February's claimant count is compared to January, expressed as a %

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in February 2013

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,453
Compared to last month:	+1.0%
Claimant rate:	3.2%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (6.9%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	3,305
Compared to last month:	+3.2%
Claimant rate:	4.2%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (9.0%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	816
Compared to last month:	+7.5%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (4.1%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,438
Compared to last month:	-2.6%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Slade (5.9%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,363
Compared to last month:	+2.4%
Claimant rate:	2.7%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (5.1%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,142
Compared to last month:	+2.5%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.6%)

YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET)

At the end of February 2013 there were 670 young people aged 16-18 not in education, employment or training in Gloucestershire and this figure translates into an adjusted (*) 16-18 NEET population of 4.6%.

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

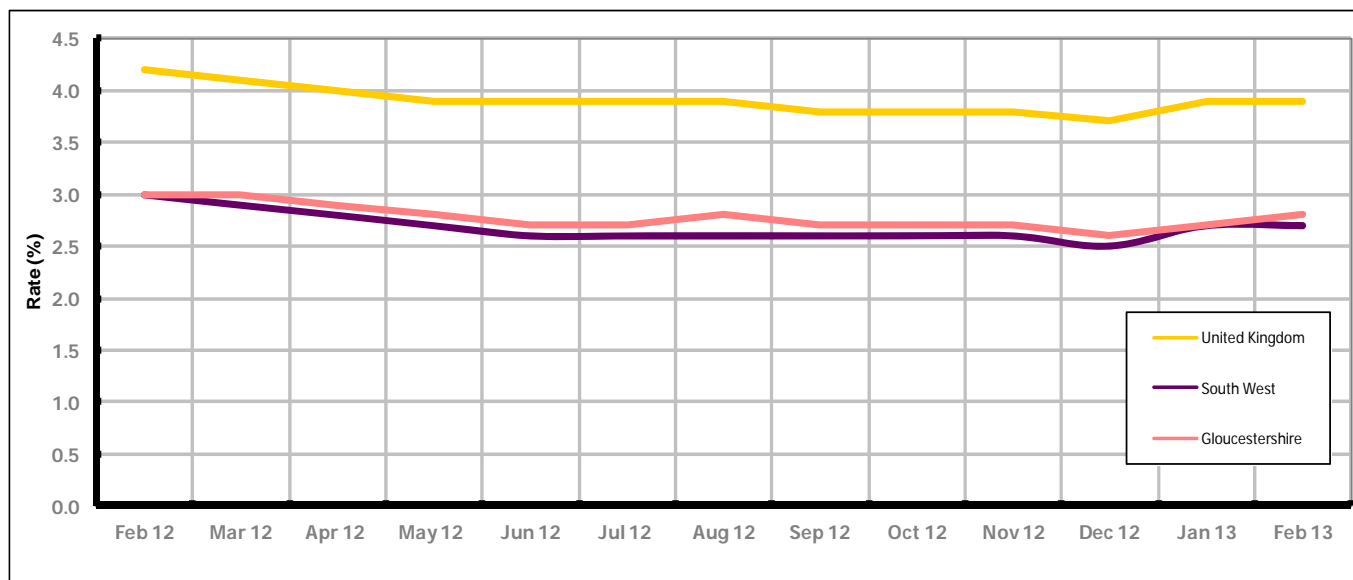


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.8% in February 2013. With the exception of January 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average since March 2012. It has been persistently lower by approximately 1.1% against the UK average during the same period. The February 2013 rate represents a 0.1% increase on January 2013.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in February 2013	% change on January 2013	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,613,789	+2.0%	+0.6%	1
South West	90,670	+2.1%	+1.2%	1
Gloucestershire	10,517	+2.0%	+0.6%	1

Table 1 shows that in February 2013, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was +2.0% higher than the number in January 2013.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to February 2013 was +0.6%. This is the same as the UK average and less than the South West average.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - February 2013

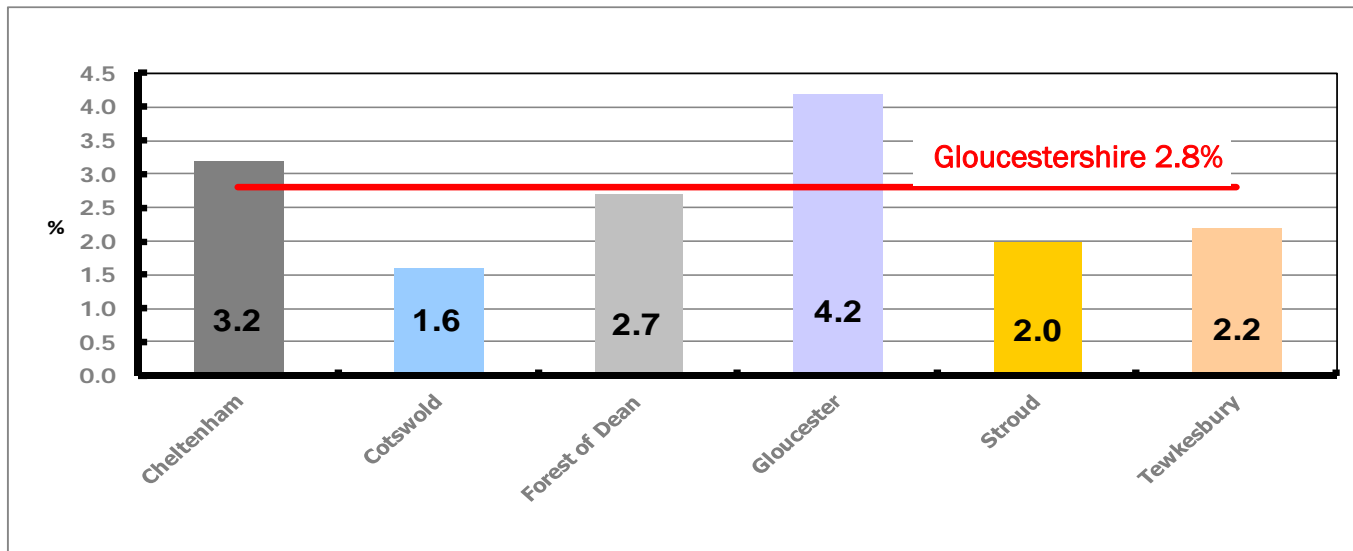


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for February 2013 in Gloucestershire. Between January 2013 and February 2013 the rate in Cotswold, Forest of Dean and Gloucester increased, the rate in Stroud decreased, while the other districts remained the same.

Figure 3: Total claimants over the past year across Gloucestershire Districts

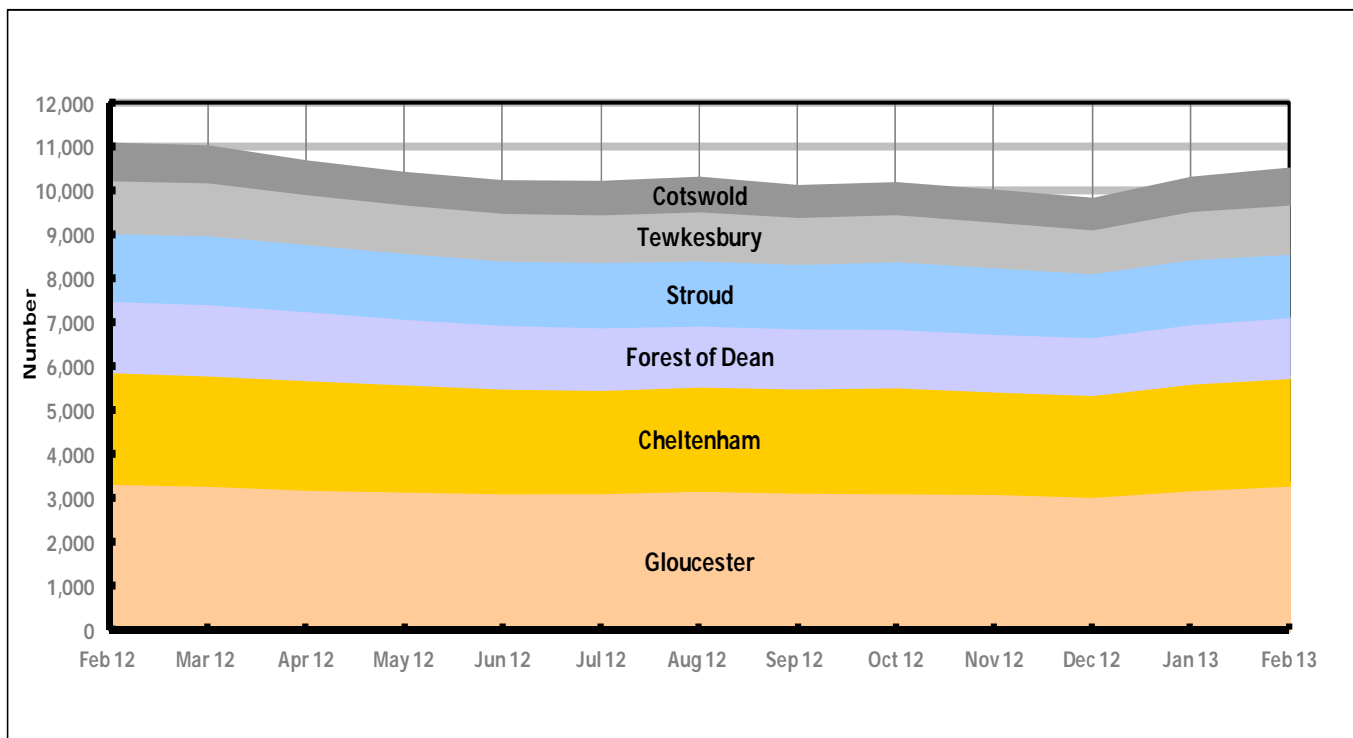


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. Since March the number of claimants decreased, with the exception of August, October, February and March 2013 when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Feb 13 Number	Feb 13 Rate	Jan 13 Number	Jan 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	10,517	2.8	10,312	2.7	205	2.0%	0.1
Cheltenham	2,453	3.2	2,429	3.2	24	1.0%	0.0
Cotswold	816	1.6	759	1.5	57	7.5%	0.1
Forest of Dean	1,363	2.7	1,331	2.6	32	2.4%	0.1
Gloucester	3,305	4.2	3,202	4.0	103	3.2%	0.2
Stroud	1,438	2.0	1,477	2.1	-39	-2.6%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,142	2.2	1,114	2.2	28	2.5%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in February 2013 compared to January 2013. Stroud saw a decrease in the number of claimants, while the other districts saw an increase.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Feb 13 Number	Feb 13 Rate	Jan 13 Number	Jan 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,966	3.7	6,893	3.7	73	1.1%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,643	4.3	1,651	4.3	-8	-0.5%	0.0
Cotswold	544	2.2	516	2.1	28	5.4%	0.1
Forest of Dean	881	3.5	879	3.4	2	0.2%	0.1
Gloucester	2,192	5.5	2,136	5.4	56	2.6%	0.1
Stroud	952	2.7	994	2.8	-42	-4.2%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	754	3.0	717	2.8	37	5.2%	0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in February 2013 compared to January 2013. Cheltenham and Stroud saw a decrease in the number of male claimants, while Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Gloucester and Tewkesbury saw an increase.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Feb 13 Number	Feb 13 Rate	Jan 13 Number	Jan 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,551	1.9	3,419	1.8	132	3.9%	0.1
Cheltenham	810	2.1	778	2.0	32	4.1%	0.1
Cotswold	272	1.1	243	0.9	29	11.9%	0.2
Forest of Dean	482	1.9	452	1.8	30	6.6%	0.1
Gloucester	1,113	2.8	1,066	2.7	47	4.4%	0.1
Stroud	486	1.4	483	1.4	3	0.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	388	1.5	397	1.5	-9	-2.3%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in February 2013 compared to January 2013. Tewkesbury saw a decrease in the number of female claimants, while the other districts experienced an increase.

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 4: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

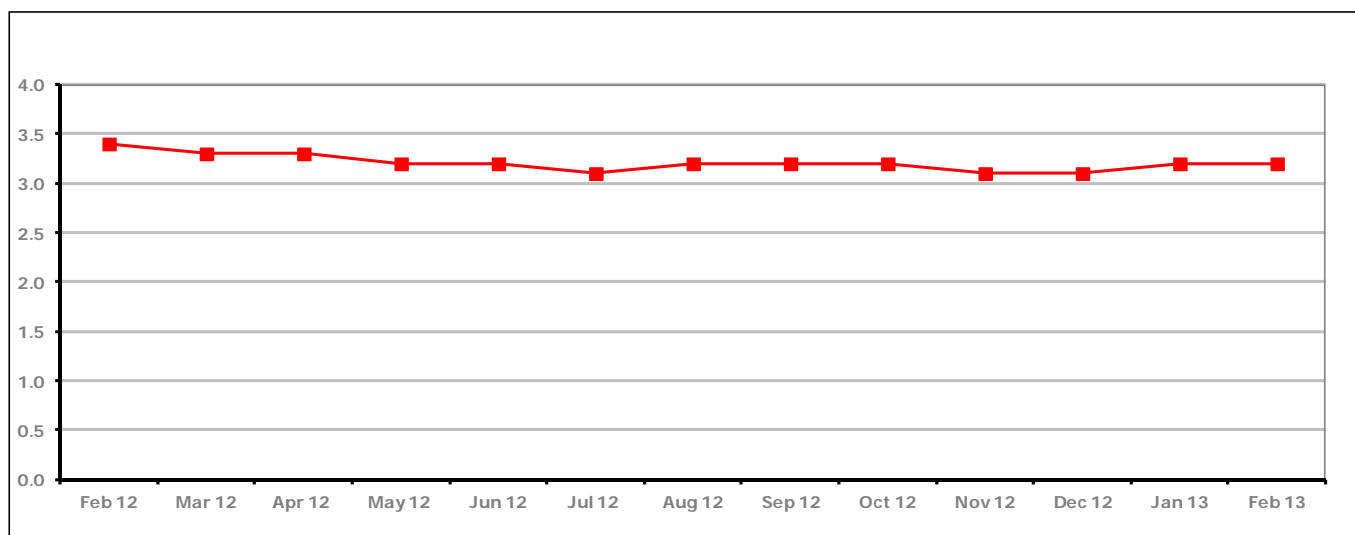


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained the same as last month at 3.2%.

Figure 5: Cheltenham Borough claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

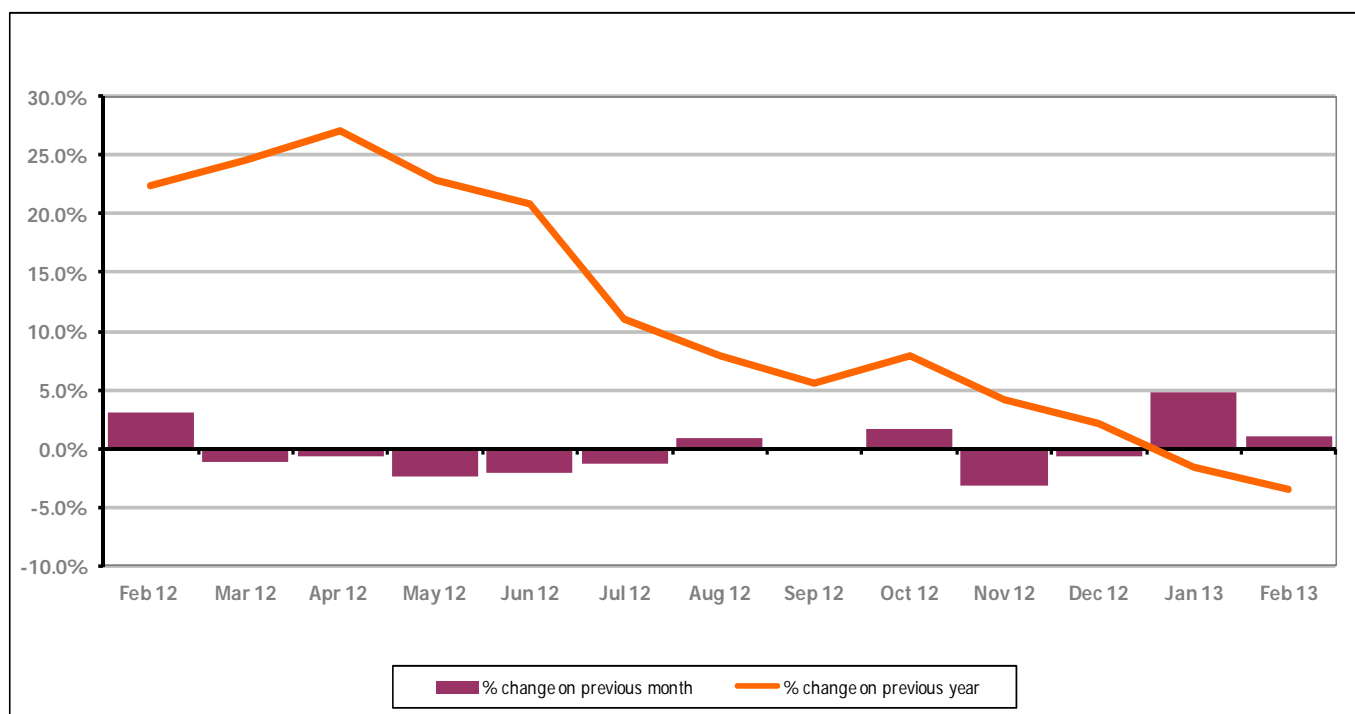


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by +1.0% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in February 2013 compared to January 2013 to -3.5%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - February 2013

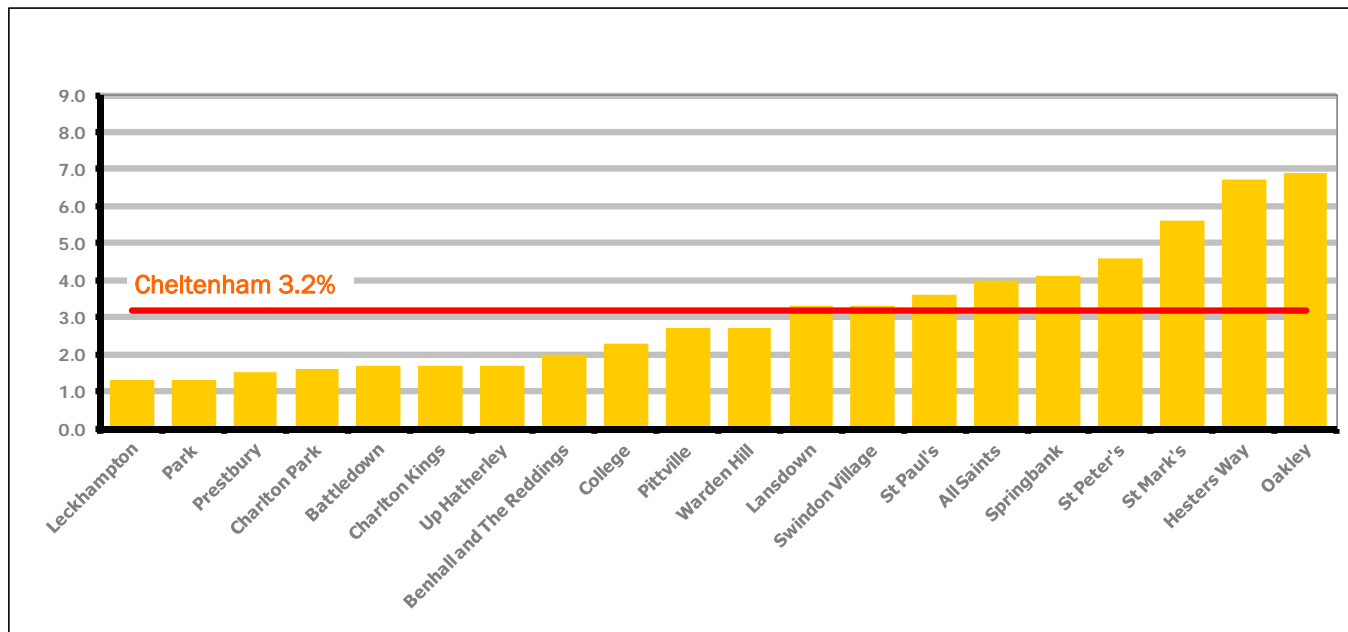
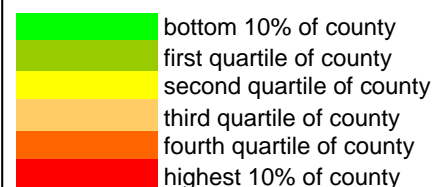


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.2%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - February 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.3	29
Cheltenham	Park	1.3	29
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.5	41
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.6	51
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.7	58
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.7	58
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.7	58
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	2	76
Cheltenham	College	2.3	88
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.7	105
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.7	105
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.3	114
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.3	114
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.6	119
Cheltenham	All Saints	4.0	122
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.1	123
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.6	125
Cheltenham	St Mark's	5.6	134
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	6.7	138
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.9	139



* 1 = "best" and 142 = "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 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

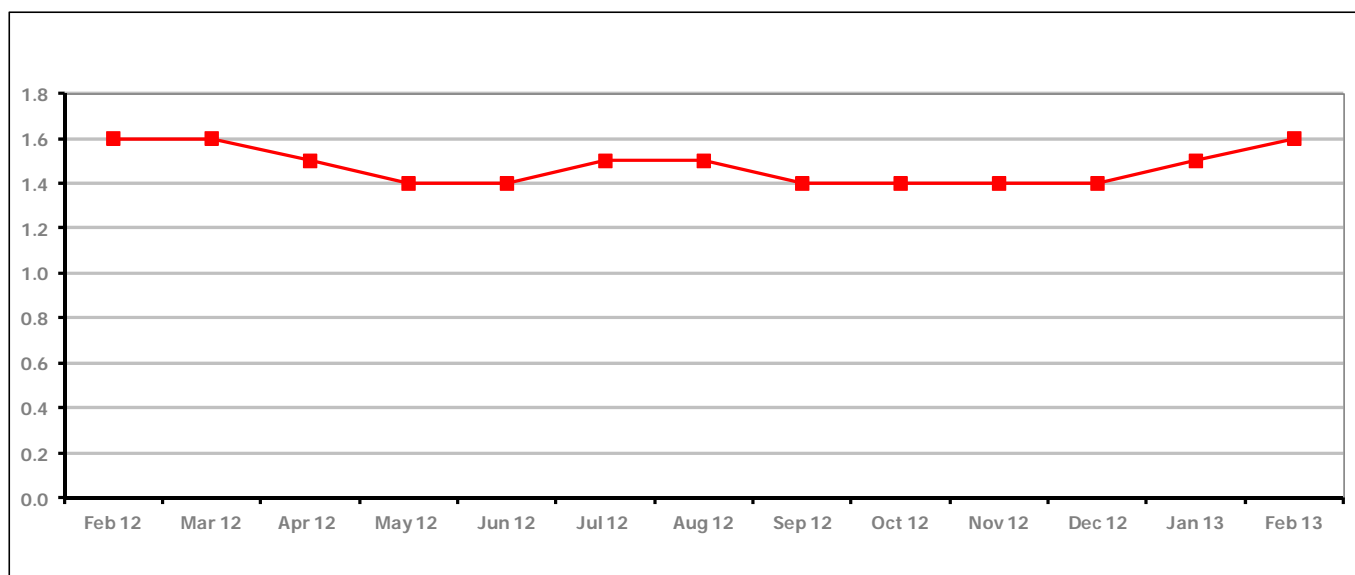


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased in February 2013 to 1.6%.

Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

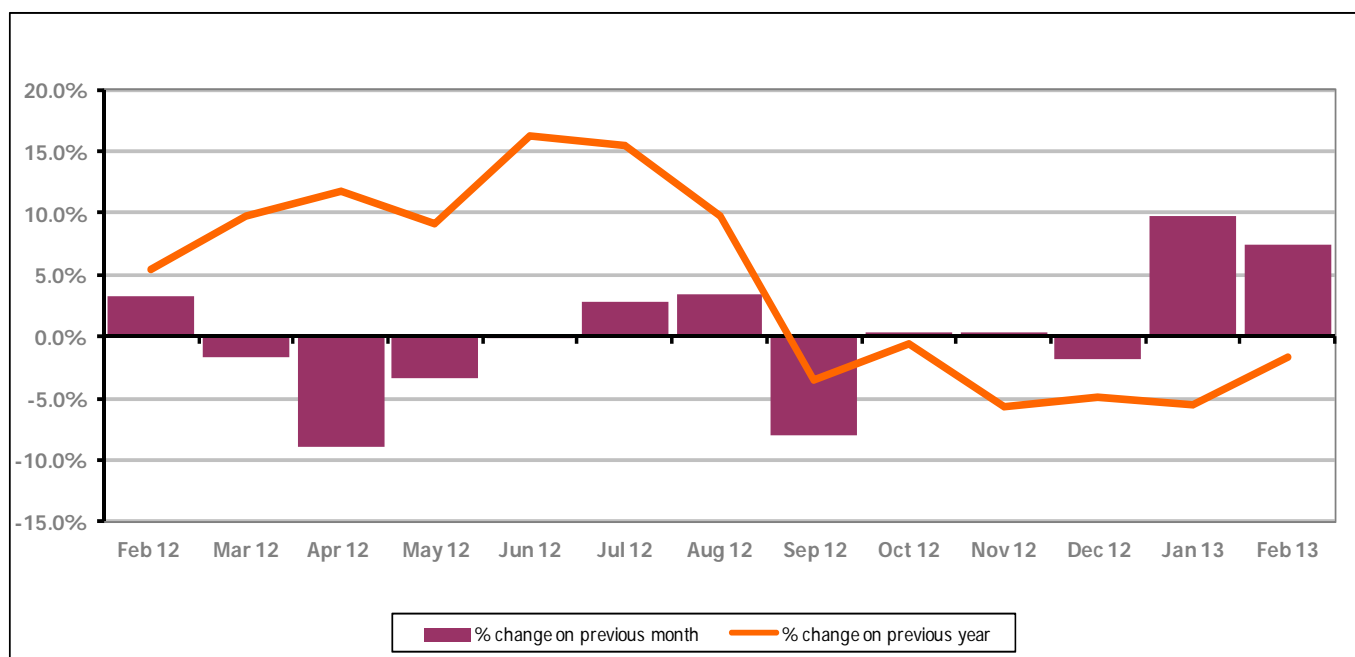


Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by +7.5% since January 2013. The change on the previous year has increased from January 2013 compared to February 2013 to -1.7%.

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4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - February 2013

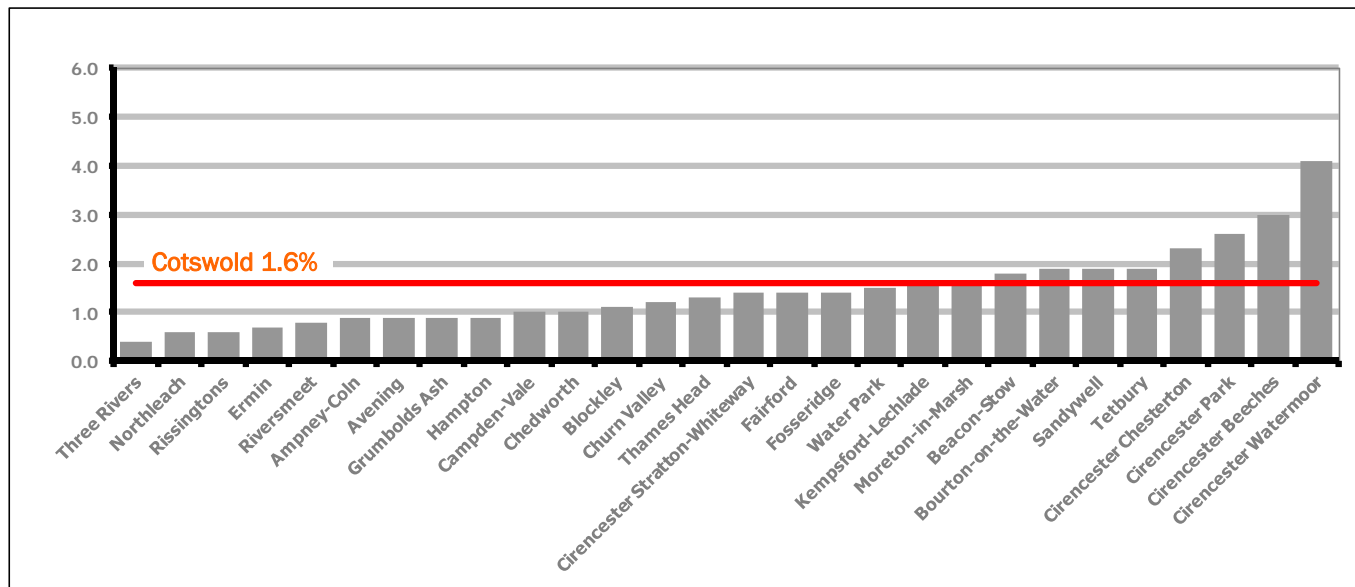
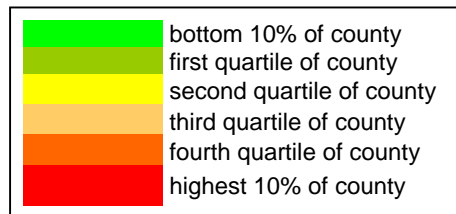


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.6%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - February 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.4	1
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.6	3
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.6	3
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.7	5
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.8	7
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coln	0.9	9
Cotswolds	Avening	0.9	9
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.9	9
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.9	9
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	1.0	15
Cotswolds	Chedworth	1.0	15
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.1	19
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	1.2	20
Cotswolds	Thames Head	1.3	29
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.4	34
Cotswolds	Fairford	1.4	34
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.4	34
Cotswolds	Water Park	1.5	41
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.6	51
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.6	51
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	1.8	63
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.9	70
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.9	70
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.9	70
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.3	88
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.6	98
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	3.0	111
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	4.1	123



* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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

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4.3 Forest of Dean District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

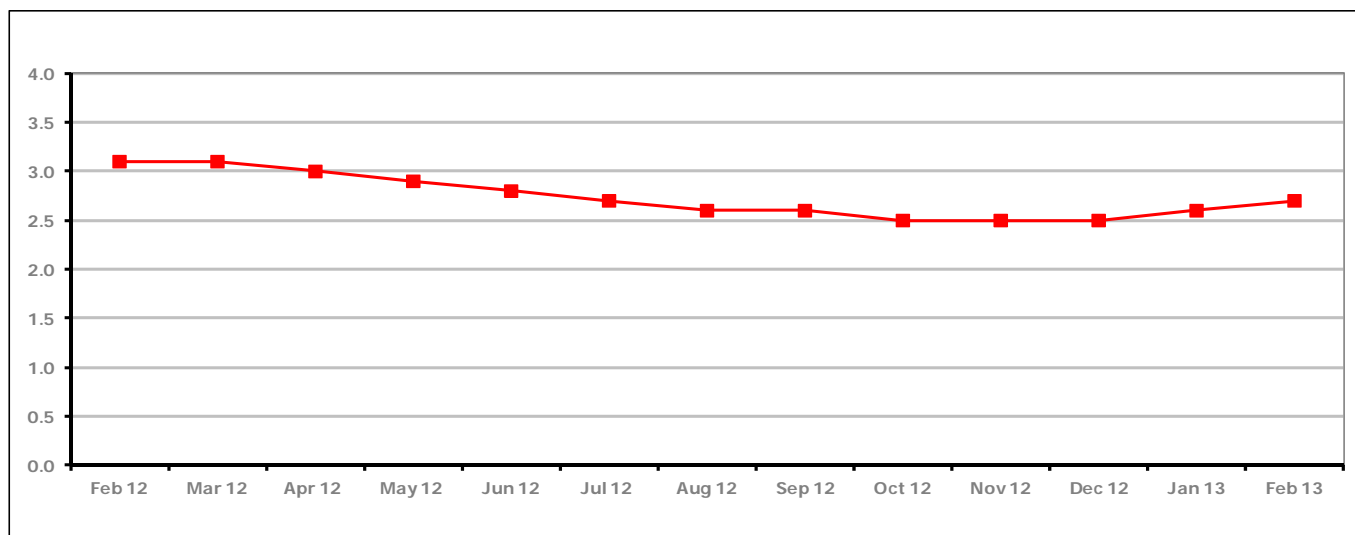


Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased in February 2013 to 2.7%.

Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

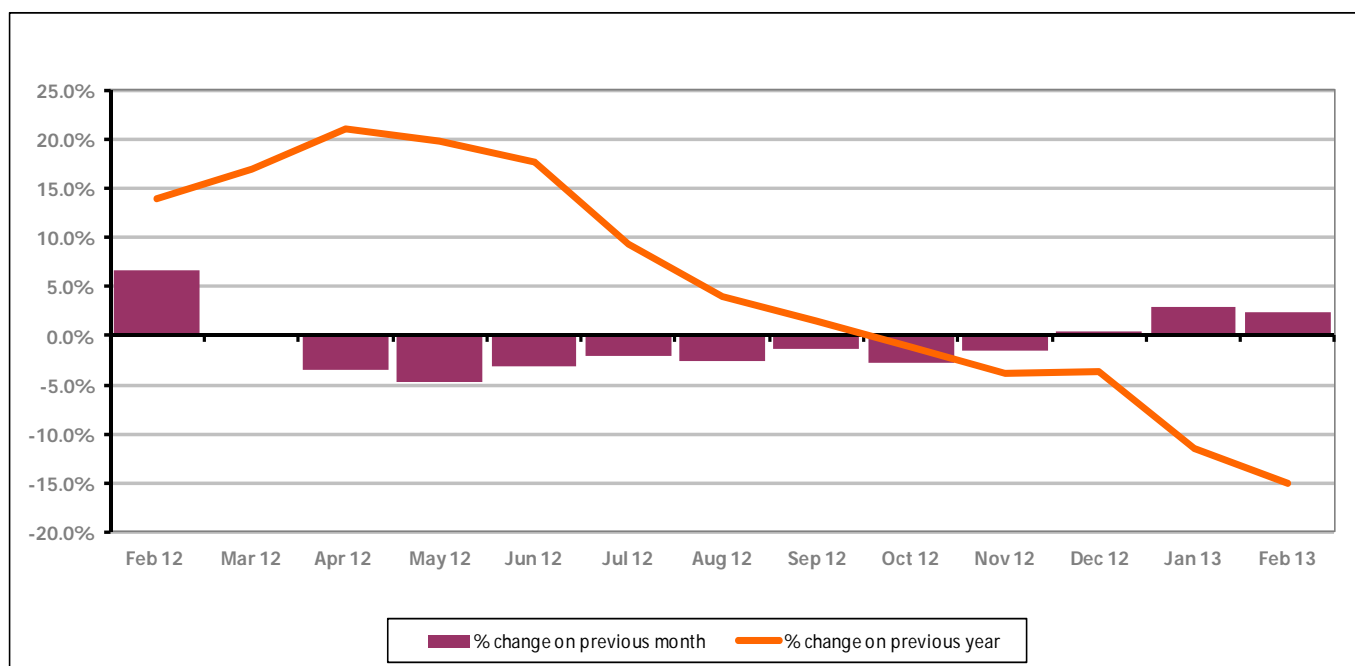


Figure 11 shows the claimant count increased by +2.4% since January 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from January 2013 compared to February 2013 to -15.0%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.3 Forest of Dean District continued...

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - February 2013

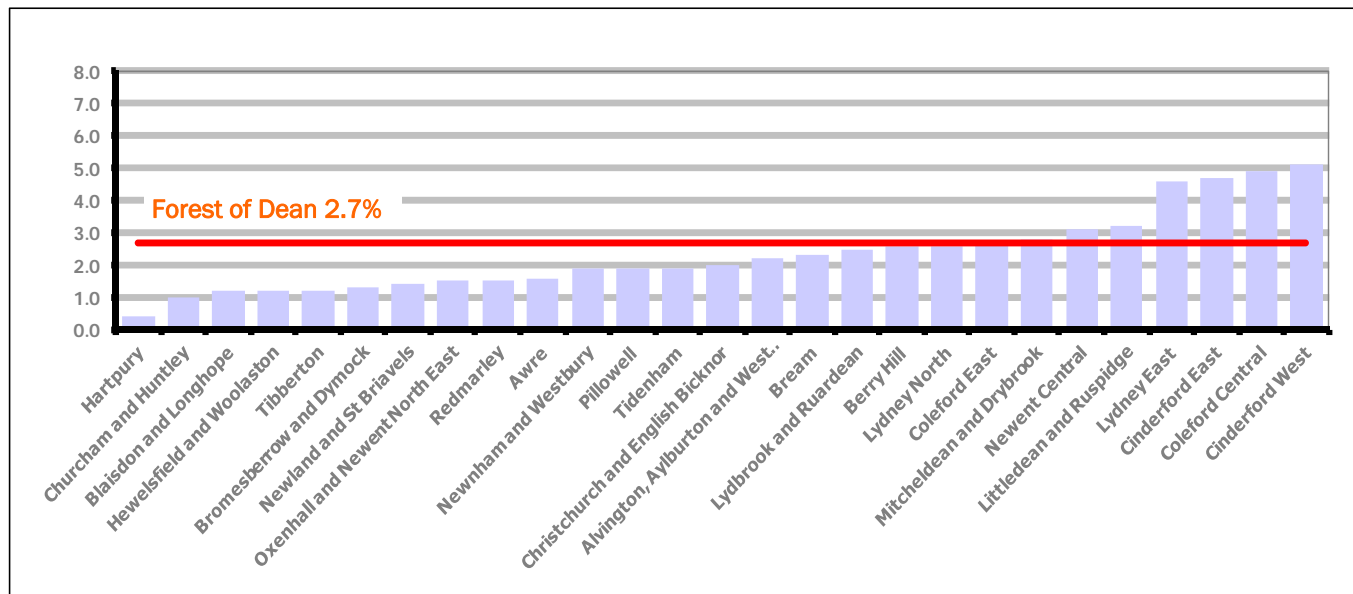
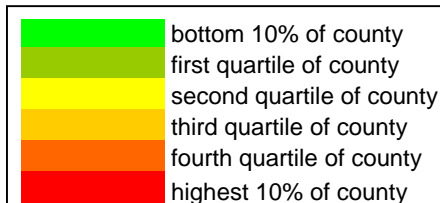


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.7 %. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - February 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.4	1
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	1.0	15
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	1.2	20
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.2	20
Forest	Tibberton	1.2	20
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.3	29
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.4	34
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.5	41
Forest	Redmarley	1.5	41
Forest	Awre	1.6	51
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.9	70
Forest	Pillowell	1.9	70
Forest	Tidenham	1.9	70
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	2.0	76
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.2	83
Forest	Bream	2.3	88
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.5	96
Forest	Berry Hill	2.6	98
Forest	Lydney North	2.6	98
Forest	Coleford East	2.7	105
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.8	109
Forest	Newent Central	3.1	112
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	3.2	113
Forest	Lydney East	4.6	125
Forest	Cinderford East	4.7	127
Forest	Coleford Central	4.9	129
Forest	Cinderford West	5.1	131



* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

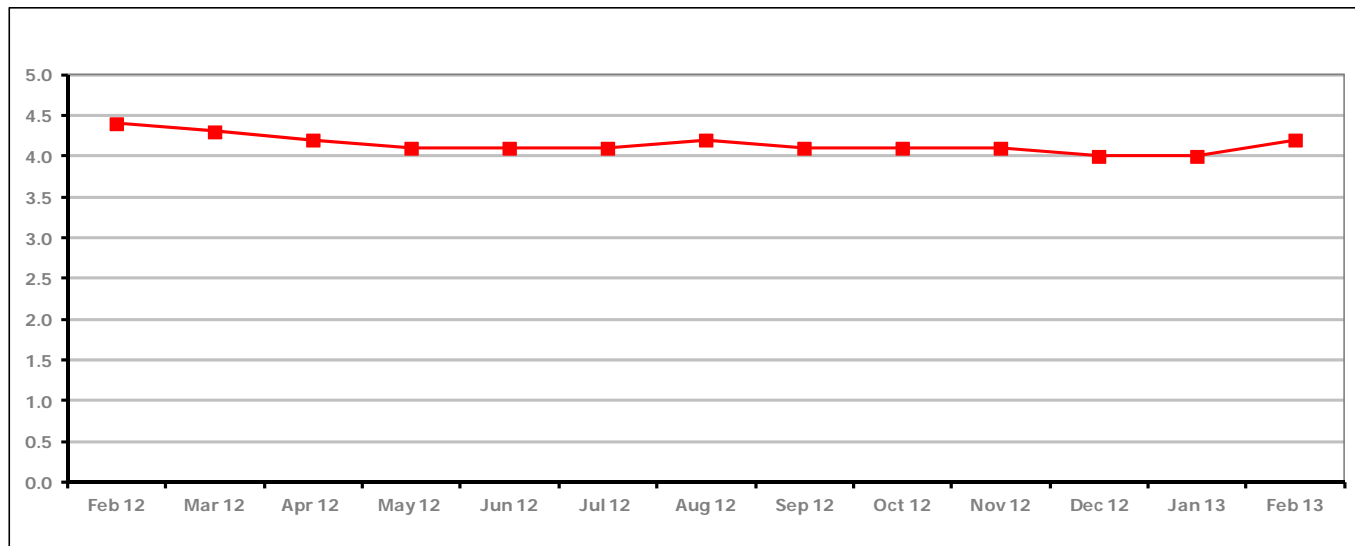


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased in February 2013 to 4.2% .

Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

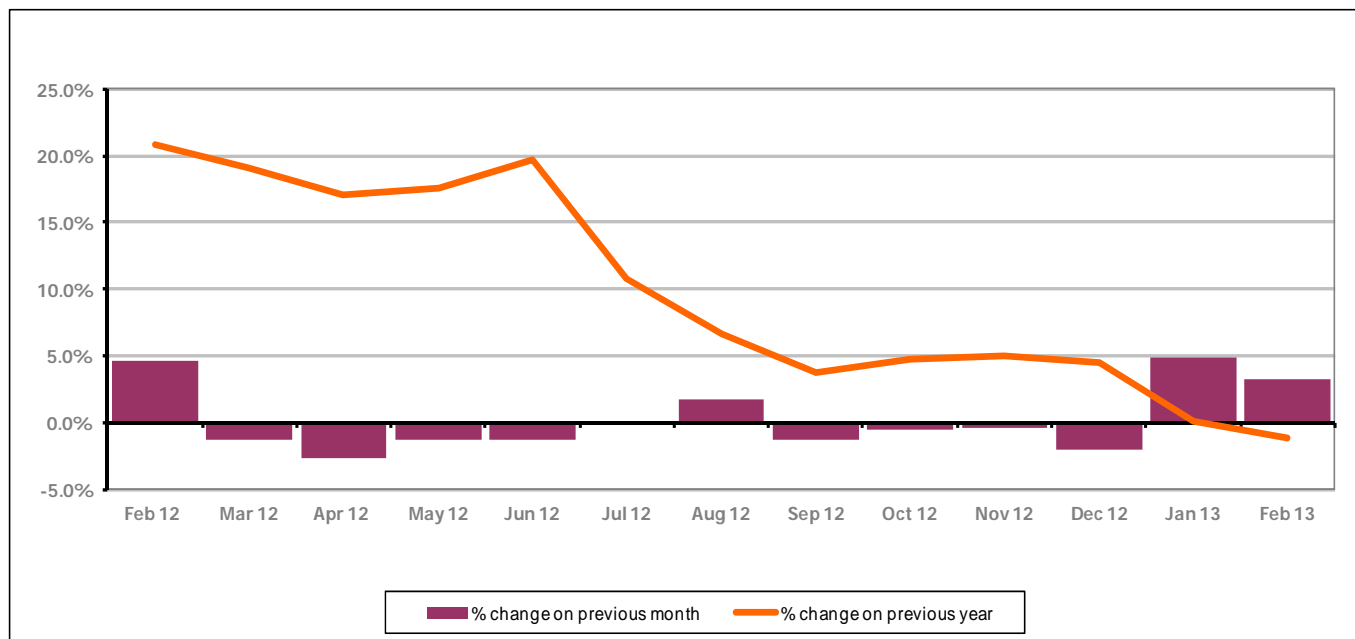


Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count increased by +3.2% since January 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from January 2013 compared to February 2013 to -1.2%.

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4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - February 2013

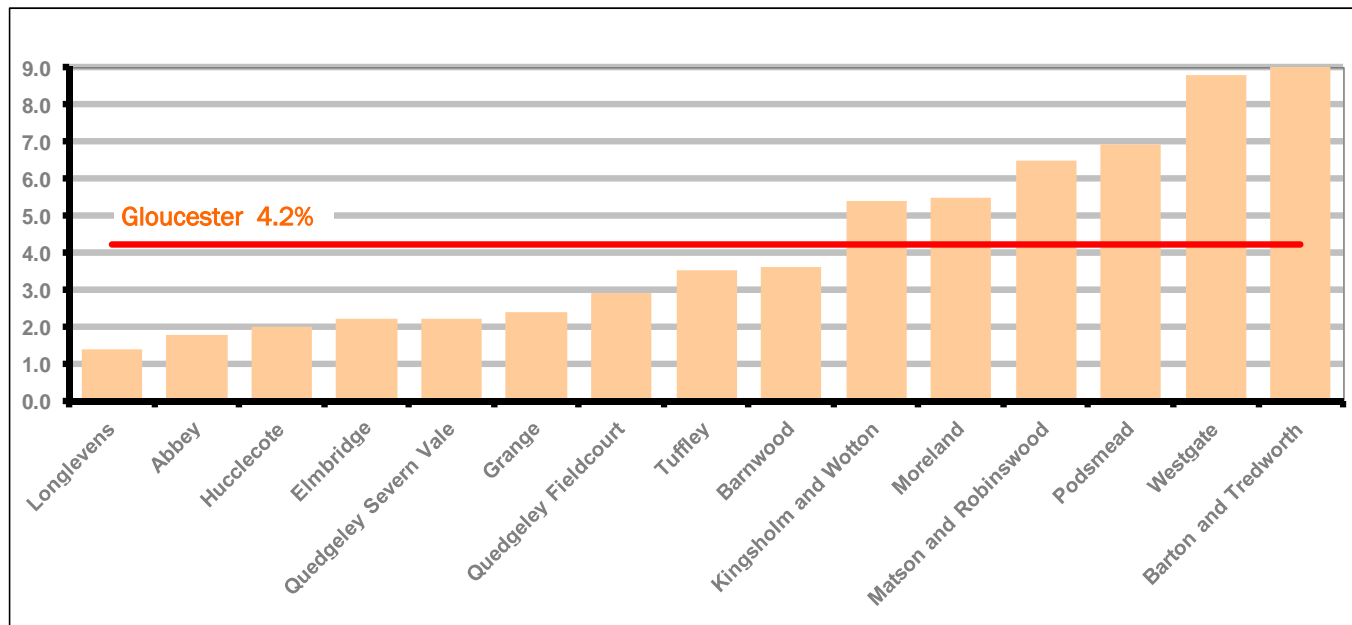
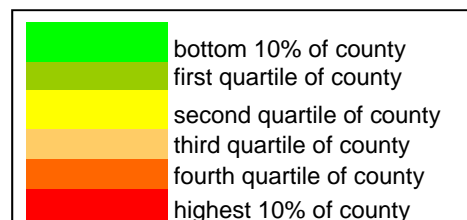


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.2%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - February 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.4	34
Gloucester	Abbey	1.8	63
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.0	76
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.2	83
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.2	83
Gloucester	Grange	2.4	95
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.9	110
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.5	116
Gloucester	Barnwood	3.6	119
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.4	132
Gloucester	Moreland	5.5	133
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.5	137
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.9	139
Gloucester	Westgate	8.8	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	9.0	142



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

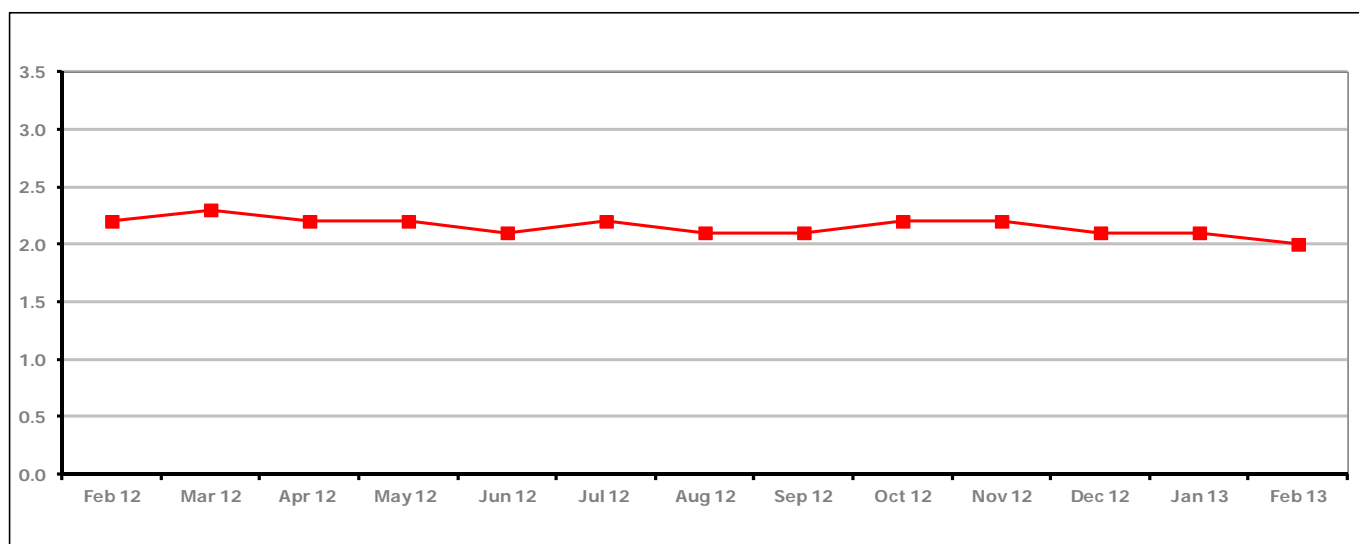
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud declined in February 2013 to 2.0%.

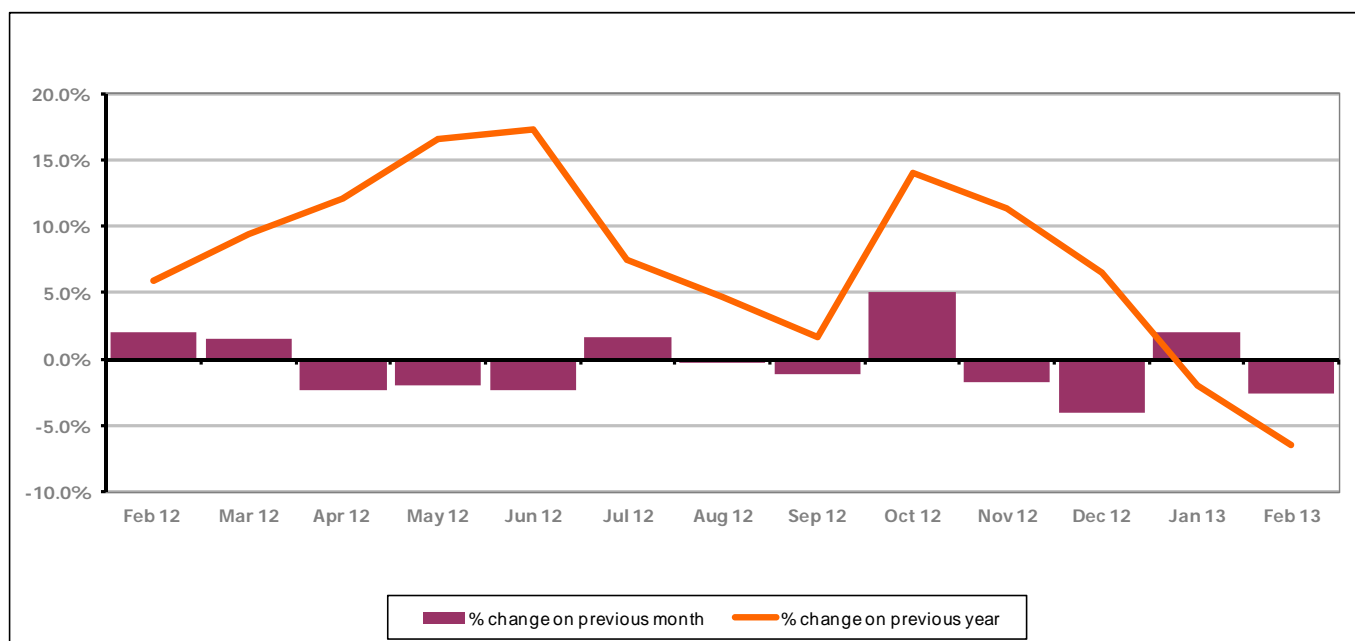
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -2.6% since January 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased between January 2013 and February 2013 to -6.5%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - February 2013

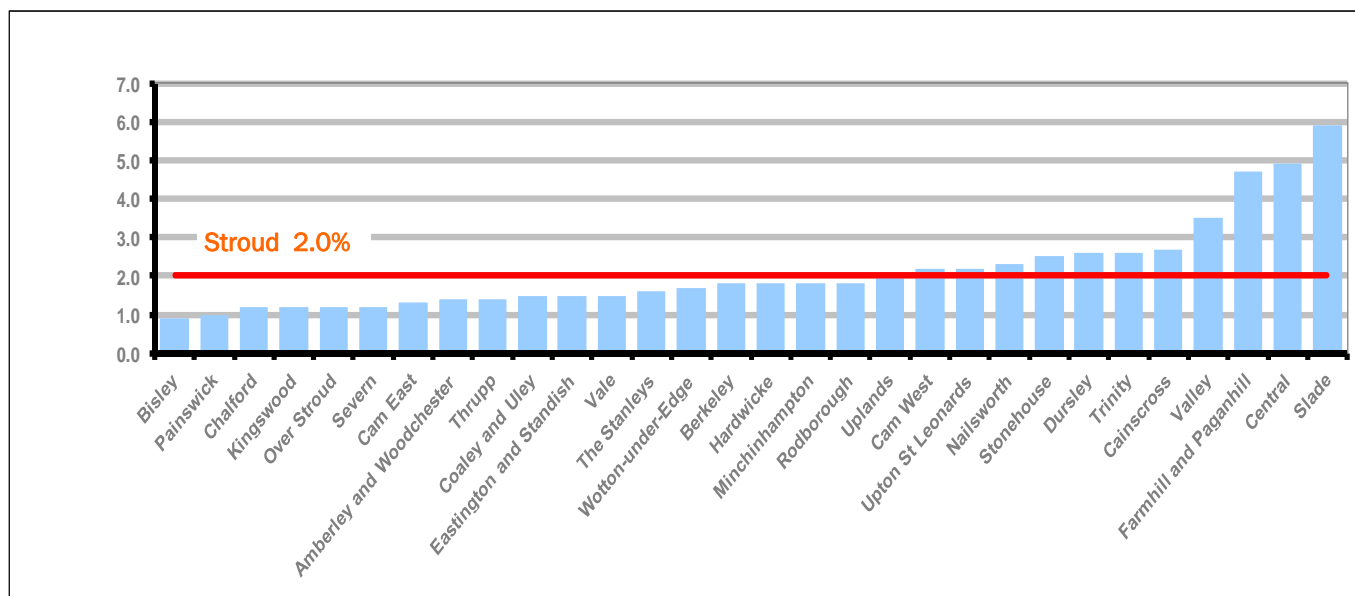
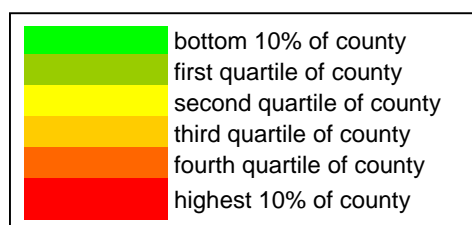


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0%. Eleven wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - February 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	0.9	9
Stroud	Painswick	1.0	15
Stroud	Chalford	1.2	20
Stroud	Kingswood	1.2	20
Stroud	Over Stroud	1.2	20
Stroud	Severn	1.2	20
Stroud	Cam East	1.3	29
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.4	34
Stroud	Thrupp	1.4	34
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.5	41
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.5	41
Stroud	Vale	1.5	41
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.6	51
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.7	58
Stroud	Berkeley	1.8	63
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.8	63
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.8	63
Stroud	Rodborough	1.8	63
Stroud	Uplands	2.0	76
Stroud	Cam West	2.2	83
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	2.2	83
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.3	88
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.5	96
Stroud	Dursley	2.6	98
Stroud	Trinity	2.6	98
Stroud	Cainscross	2.7	105
Stroud	Valley	3.5	116
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	4.7	127
Stroud	Central	4.9	129
Stroud	Slade	5.9	136



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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 District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

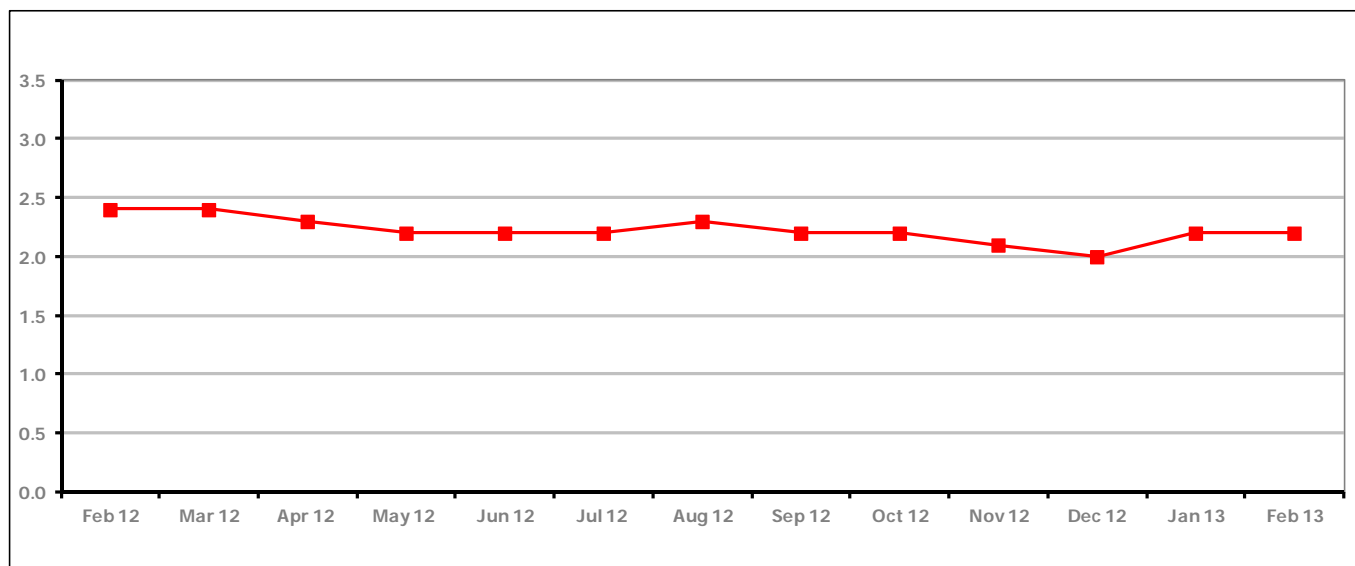


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District remained the same as last month at 2.2%.

Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

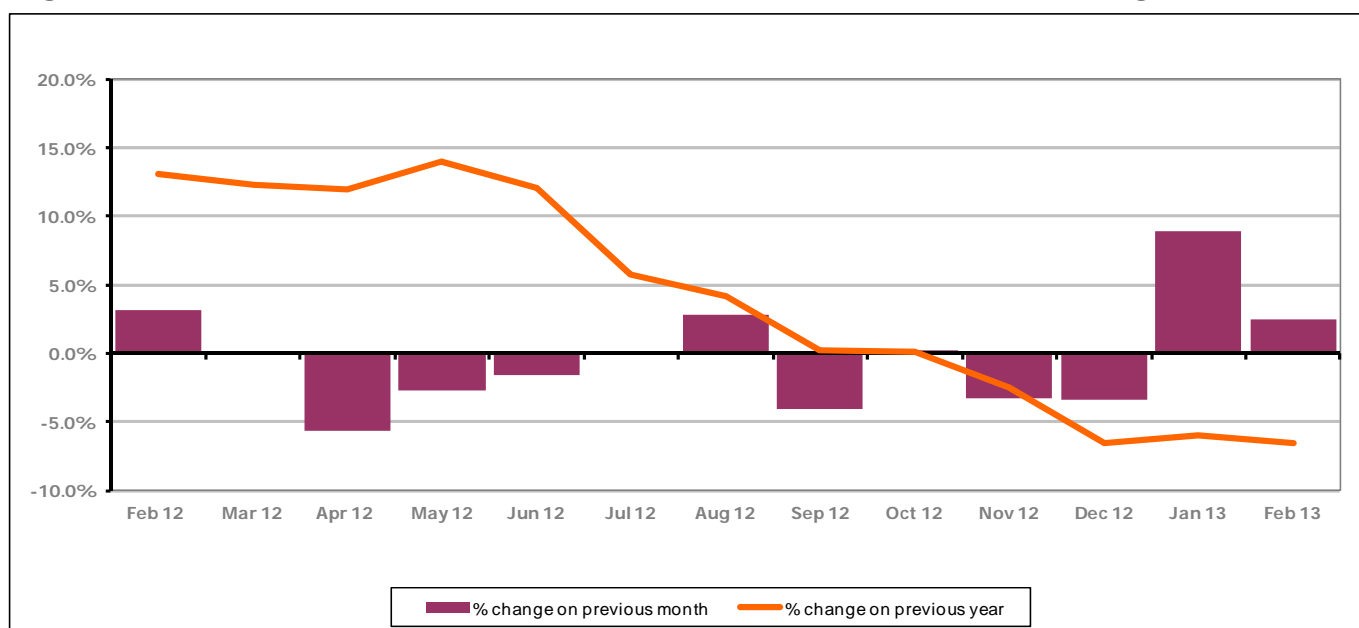


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count increased in February 2013 by +2.5%. The change on the previous year decreased between January 2013 and February 2013 to -6.5%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - February 2013

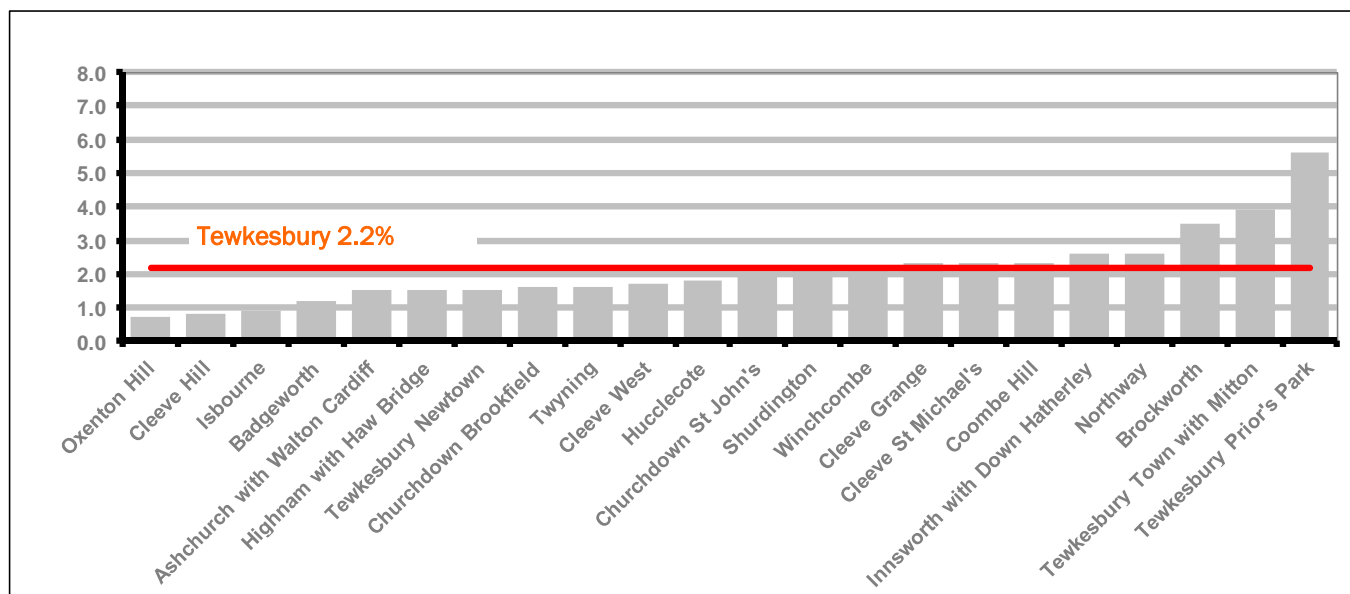
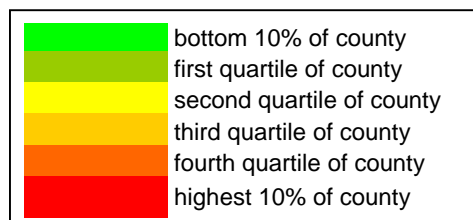


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.2% and eight wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - February 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	5
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.8	7
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.9	9
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.2	20
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.5	41
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.5	41
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.5	41
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	1.6	51
Tewkesbury	Twynning	1.6	51
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.7	58
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.8	63
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	2.0	76
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.1	81
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.1	81
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.3	88
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.3	88
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	2.3	88
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.6	98
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.6	98
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	3.5	116
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.9	121
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.6	134

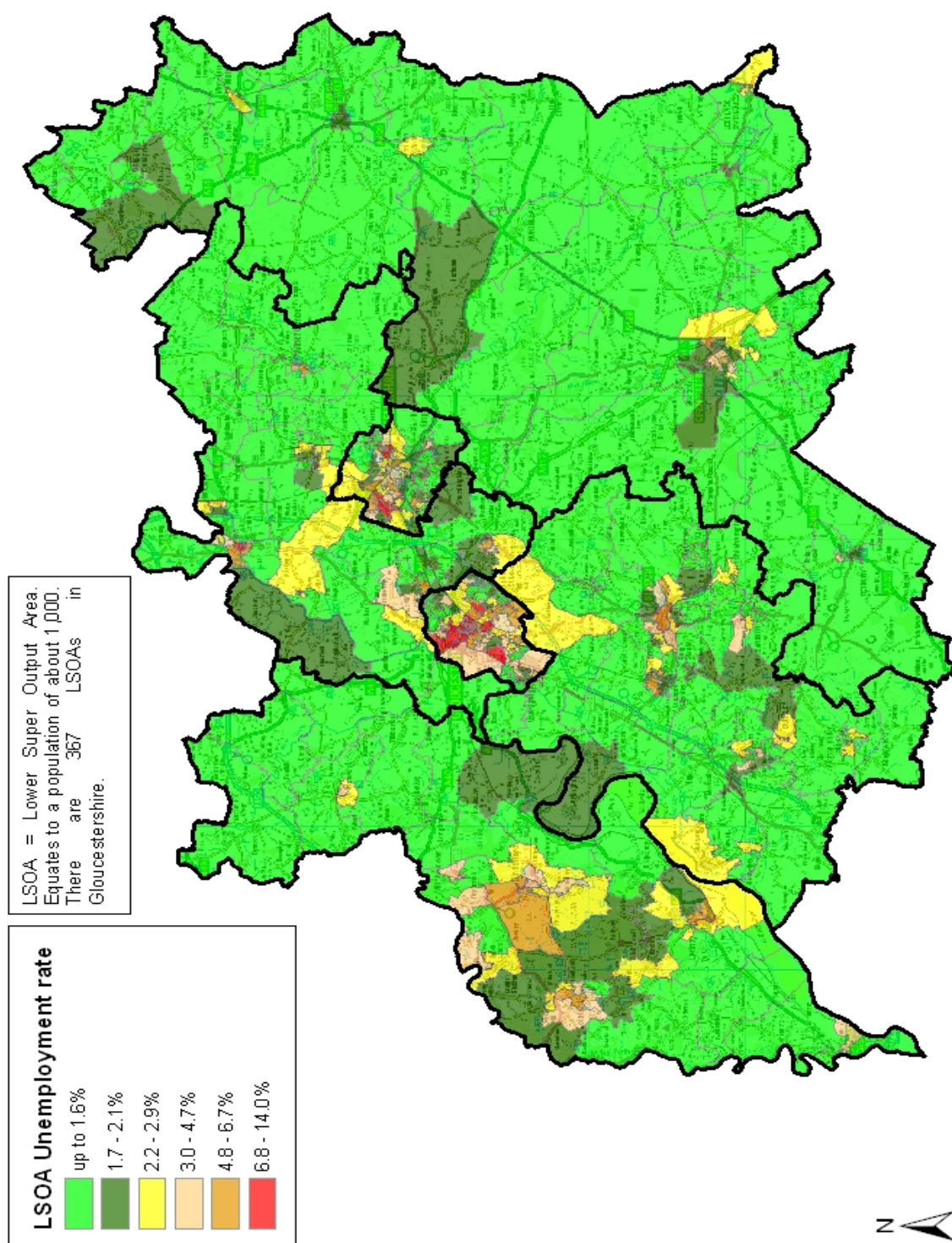


* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

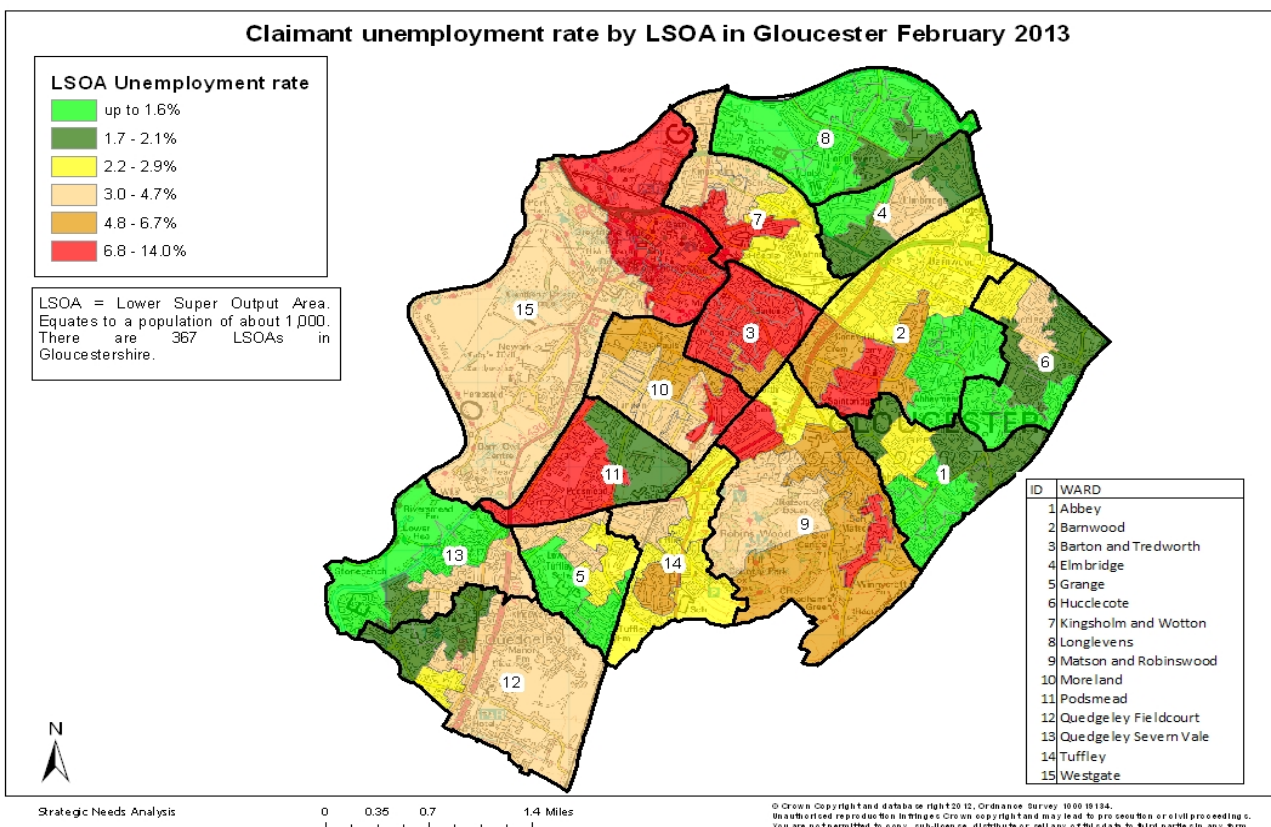
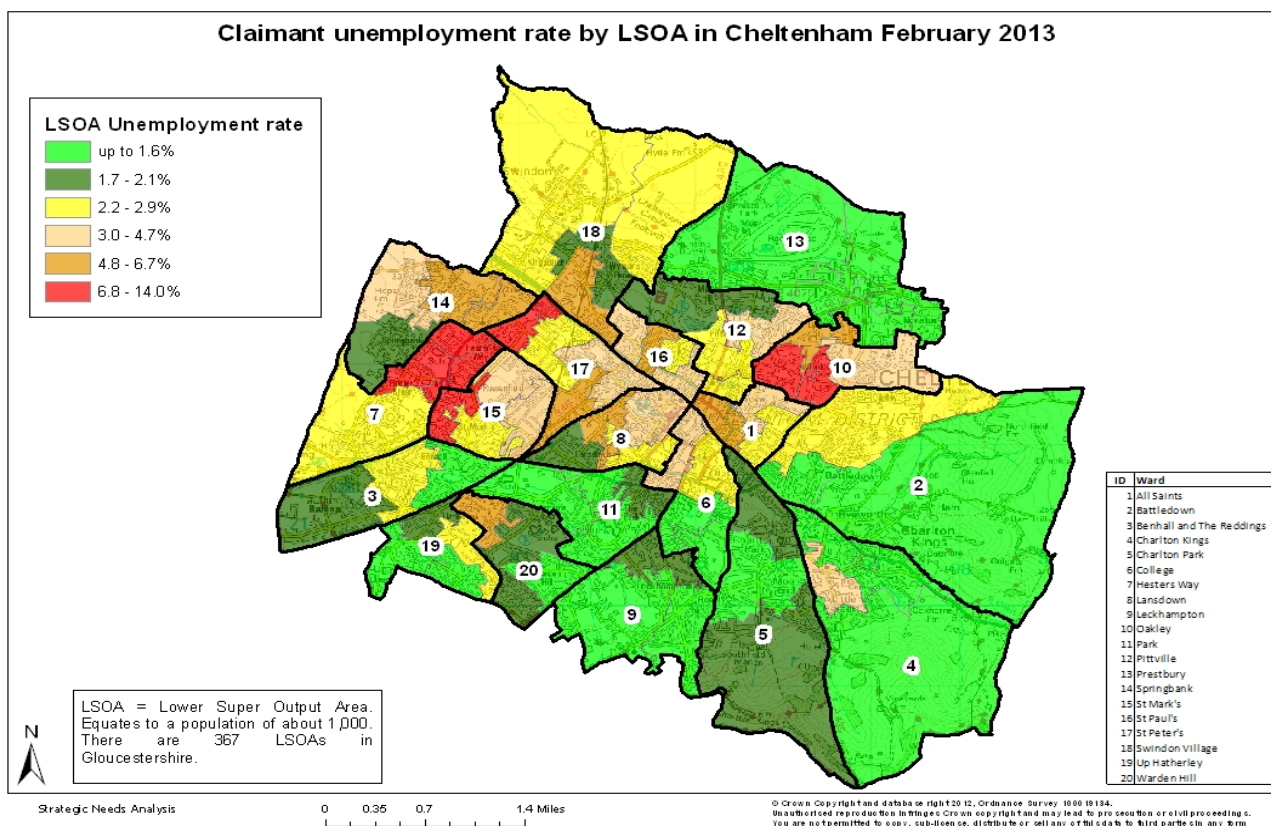
Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant unemployment rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire February 2013



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PART 6: YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET) IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Data provided by Prospects, the Connexions service in Gloucestershire on the situation of young people (16-18) in Gloucestershire who are not in education, employment or formal training.

Connexions Gloucestershire is required to report performance with the 16-18 age range against nationally defined criteria for counting the NEET group. 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.

Summary

At the end of February 2013 there were 670 young people aged 16-18 not in education, employment or training in Gloucestershire and this figure translates into an adjusted (*) 16-18 NEET population of 4.6%. The total number of NEET decreased by 18 young people in February 2013 compared to January 2013. Two districts saw a decrease in their NEET figure; three districts saw an increase and one district stayed the same.

Total NEET Group by District Area

February 2013 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	133	49	93	229	87	79	670
Cohort	2485	2050	2148	4673	2870	1856	16082
% NEET	5.4	2.4	4.3	4.9	3	4.3	4.6

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