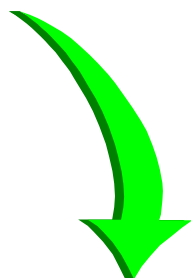


CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

December 2014

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 64 persons to 4,614 a rate of 1.2%.

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

Area	Dec'14 Number	Dec'14 Rate	Nov'14 Number	Nov'14 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	823,880	2.0	848,085	2.1	-24,205	-2.9	-0.1
GB	774,816	1.9	798,066	2.0	-23,250	-2.9	-0.1
England & Wales	695,053	1.9	717,518	2.0	-22,465	-3.1	-0.1
England	647,918	1.9	669,648	1.9	-21,730	-3.2	0.0
South West	40,855	1.2	42,058	1.3	-1,203	-2.9	-0.1
Gloucestershire	4,614	1.2	4,678	1.2	-64	-1.4	0.0
Cheltenham	926	1.2	912	1.2	14	1.5	0.0
Cotswold	315	0.6	328	0.7	-13	-4.0	-0.1
Forest of Dean	598	1.2	634	1.3	-36	-5.7	-0.1
Gloucester	1,639	2.0	1,685	2.1	-46	-2.7	-0.1
Stroud	589	0.8	593	0.9	-4	-0.7	-0.1
Tewkesbury	547	1.1	526	1.0	21	4.0	0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 23,250 persons to **774,816** a rate of **1.9%**.

The County rate of unemployment remained the **same** as last month at **1.2%**.

Cheltenham and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of unemployed claimants, while the remaining districts saw a decrease.

The number of males unemployed in the County increased to **3,033 (1.6%)**. The number of females unemployed stands at **1,581 (0.8%)** representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **1.91 million** unemployed at a rate of **5.8%**. 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 **0.87 million** at a rate of **2.1%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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