

# Unemployment Bulletin

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Please note: the ward and LSOA boundaries used in this report have been updated. This means figures for these areas are not comparable with those reported in previous bulletins.

## 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](http://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.

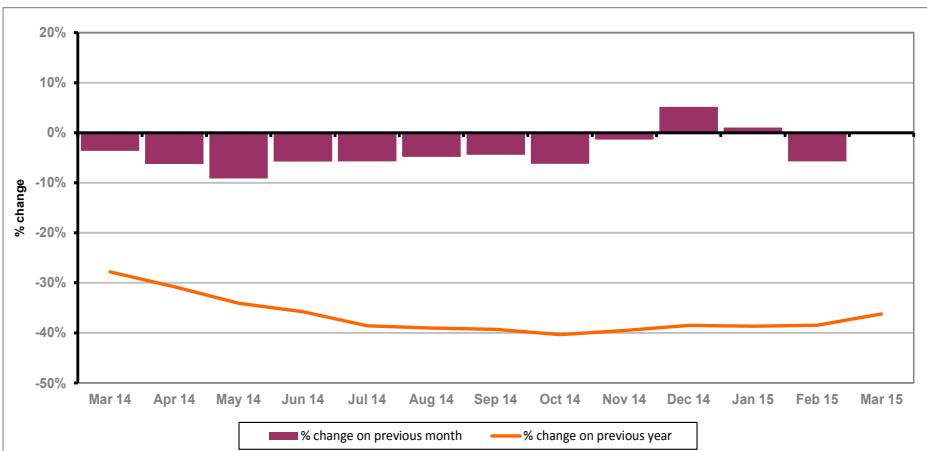
## PART 1: SUMMARY

**The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.2% in April 2015.** This was the same as the March 2015 figure. The UK and South West rate decreased to 1.9% and 1.2% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was the same as the South West average of 1.2%, and 0.7% lower than the UK average of 1.9%.

**The claimant count in Gloucestershire in April 2015 decreased by 4 people.** The amount of people claiming in April 2015 was 0.1% lower than the number in March 2015. This compares to a 6.0% decrease in the South West and a 3.7% decrease for the UK.

**The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has increased since last month.** The count was 36.2% lower in April 2015 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:  
April 2014 to April 2015



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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 April 2015

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

**Claimant rate:** The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in April 2015

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

### CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	945
Compared to last month:	+3.3%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	St Mark's (2.6%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,573
Compared to last month:	-1.0%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Westgate (4.4%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	352
Compared to last month:	-0.6%
Claimant rate:	0.7%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (1.8%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	572
Compared to last month:	-2.2%
Claimant rate:	0.8%
Highest claiming ward	Central (2.5%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	627
Compared to last month:	-2.8%
Claimant rate:	1.2%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (3.0%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	551
Compared to last month:	+2.8%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (3.3%)

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

At the end of April 2015 there were 496 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 3.71%.

## 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

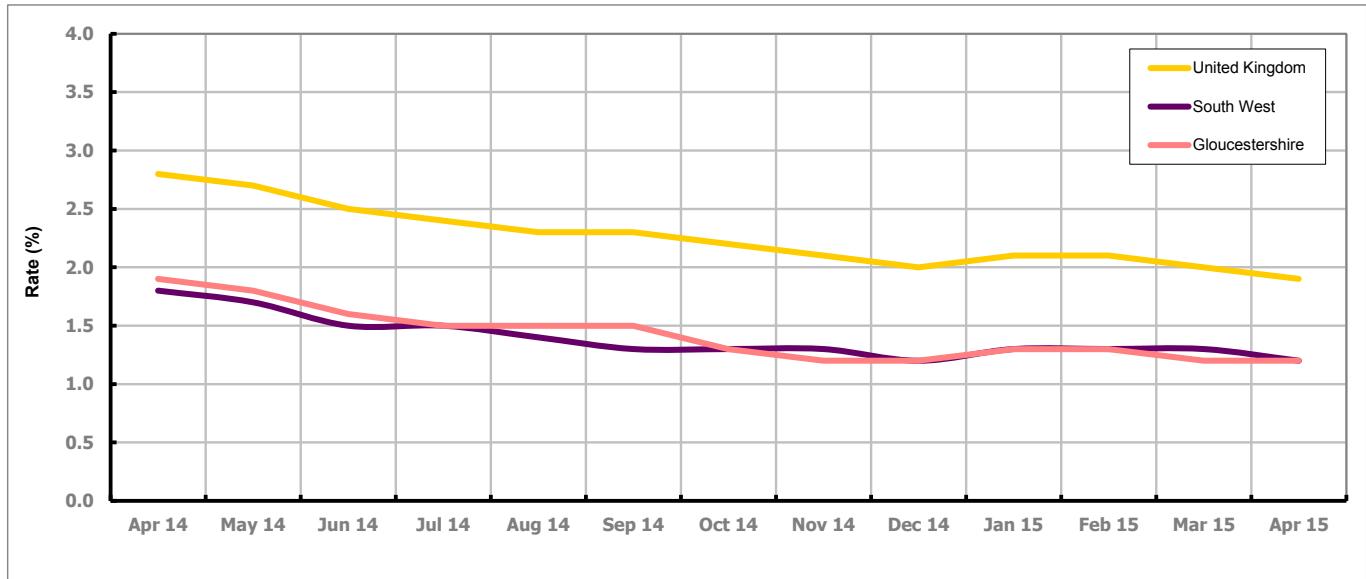


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.2% in April 2015. Between April and September 2014 the Gloucestershire rate was generally higher than the South West, it has been the same as the South West average since October 2014 with the exception of March 2015 when it was lower. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.7% against the UK average. The April 2015 rate was the same as March 2015.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in April 2015	% change on March 2015	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	795,967	-3.7%	-1.1%	1
South West	39,350	-6.0%	-1.1%	1
Gloucestershire	4,620	-0.1%	-0.2%	1

Table 1 shows that in April 2015, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 0.1% lower than the number in March 2015.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to April 2015 was -0.2%.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - April 2015

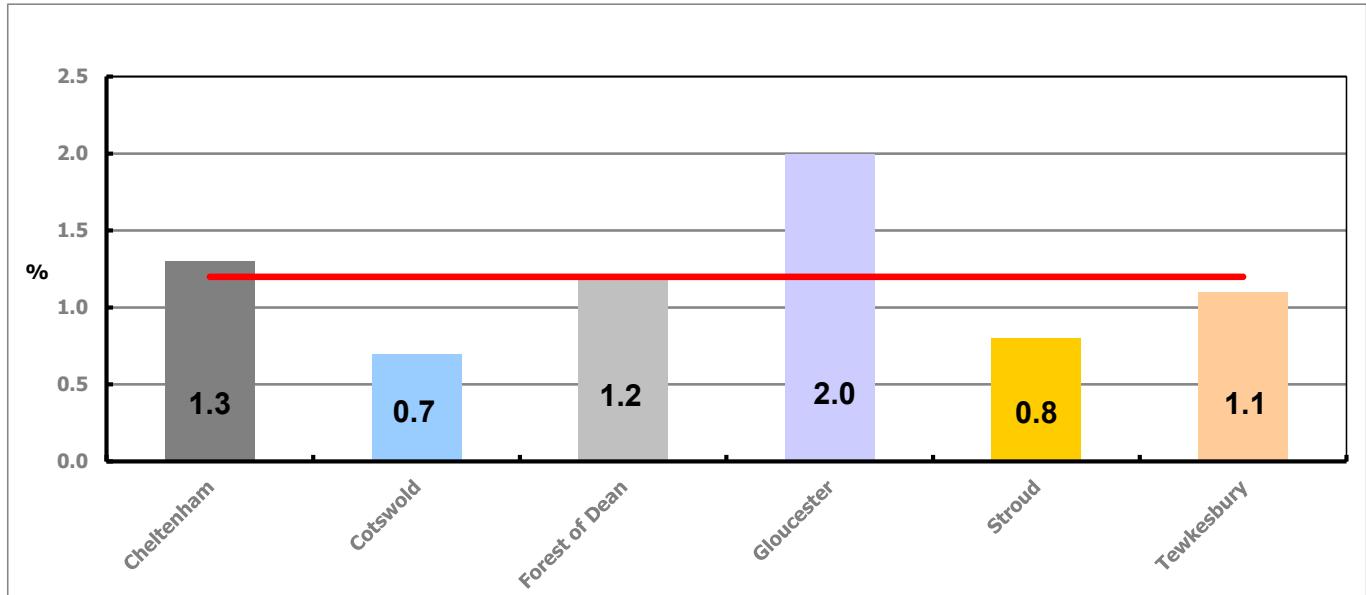


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for April 2015 in Gloucestershire. Between March 2015 and April 2015, the rate in the Forest of Dean declined, the rate in Cheltenham and Tewkesbury increased and the rate in the remaining districts stayed the same.

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

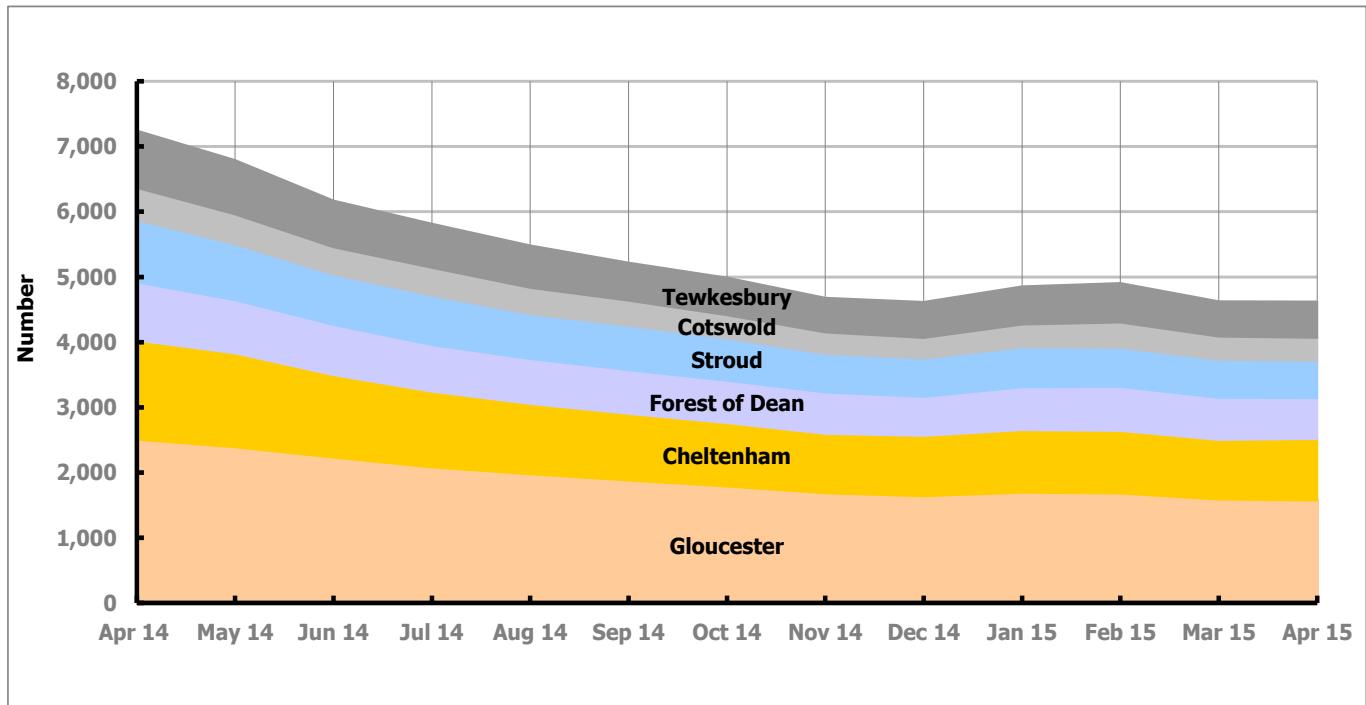


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants has decreased over the last year, with the exception of January and February 2015 when there was an increase.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Apr 15 Number	Apr 15 Rate	Mar 15 Number	Mar 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	4,620	1.2	4,624	1.2	-4	-0.1%	0.0
Cheltenham	945	1.3	915	1.2	30	3.3%	0.1
Cotswold	352	0.7	354	0.7	-2	-0.6%	0.0
Forest of Dean	627	1.2	645	1.3	-18	-2.8%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,573	2.0	1,589	2.0	-16	-1.0%	0.0
Stroud	572	0.8	585	0.8	-13	-2.2%	0.0
Tewkesbury	551	1.1	536	1.0	15	2.8%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in April 2015 compared to March 2015. Cheltenham and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of claimants while the other districts experienced a decline.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Apr 15 Number	Apr 15 Rate	Mar 15 Number	Mar 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	3,036	1.6	3,019	1.6	17	0.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	629	1.7	595	1.6	34	5.7%	0.1
Cotswold	237	1.0	240	1.0	-3	-1.3%	0.0
Forest of Dean	401	1.6	411	1.6	-10	-2.4%	0.0
Gloucester	1,044	2.6	1,060	2.6	-16	-1.5%	0.0
Stroud	367	1.1	365	1.0	2	0.5%	0.1
Tewkesbury	358	1.4	348	1.4	10	2.9%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in April 2015 compared to March 2015. Cheltenham, Stroud and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of male claimants, while the other districts experienced a decline.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Apr 15 Number	Apr 15 Rate	Mar 15 Number	Mar 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	1,584	0.8	1,605	0.8	-21	-1.3%	0.0
Cheltenham	316	0.8	320	0.9	-4	-1.3%	-0.1
Cotswold	115	0.4	114	0.4	1	0.9%	0.0
Forest of Dean	226	0.9	234	0.9	-8	-3.4%	0.0
Gloucester	529	1.3	529	1.3	0	0.0%	0.0
Stroud	205	0.6	220	0.6	-15	-6.8%	0.0
Tewkesbury	193	0.7	188	0.7	5	2.7%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in April 2015 compared to March 2015. Cotswold and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of female claimants, Gloucester experienced no change, while the other districts saw a decline.

## 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

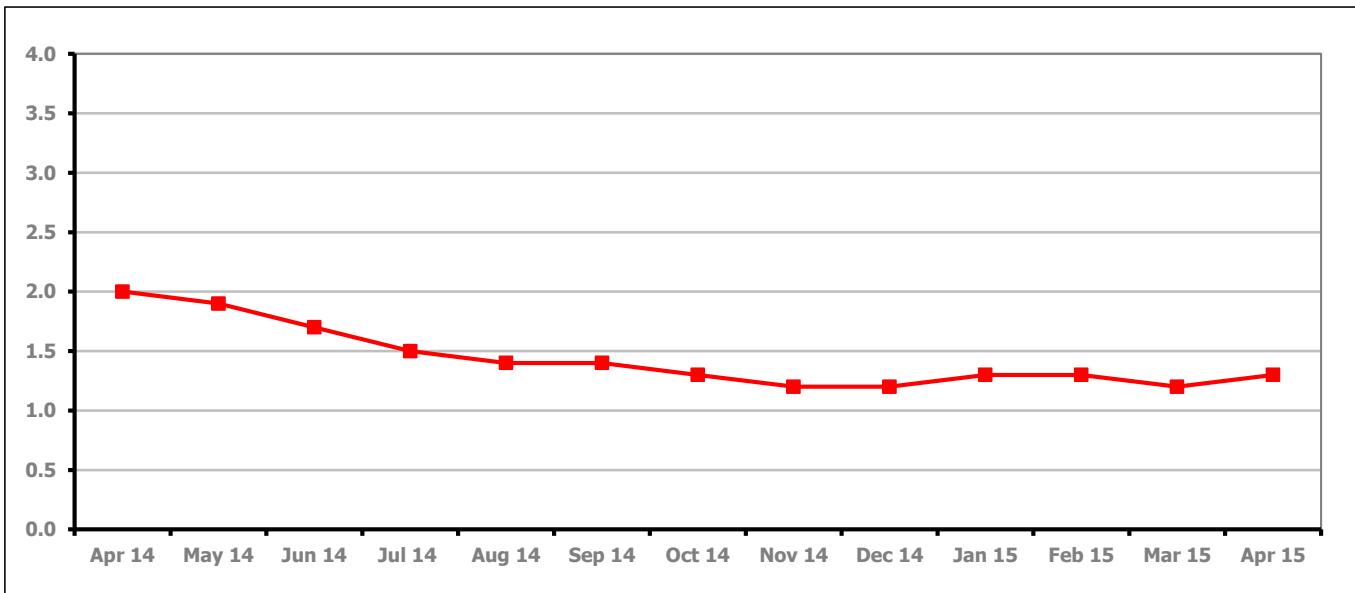


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased in April 2015 to 1.3%.

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

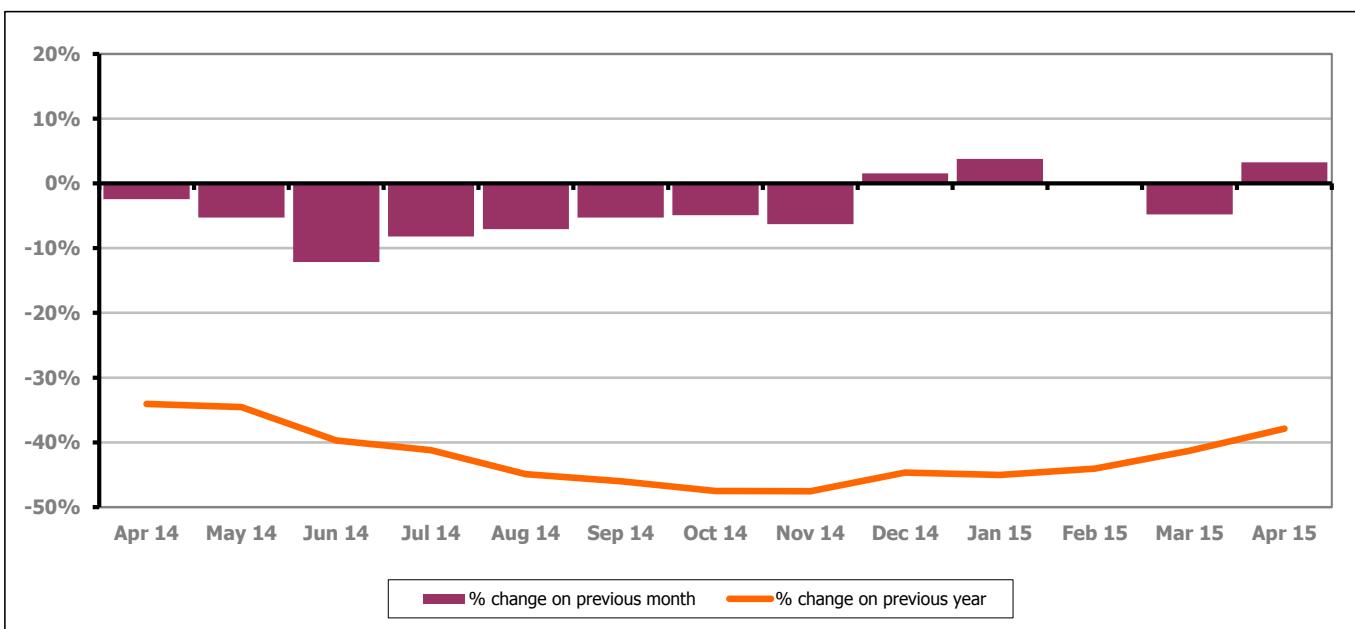


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by 3.3% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between March and April 2015 to -37.9%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - April 2015

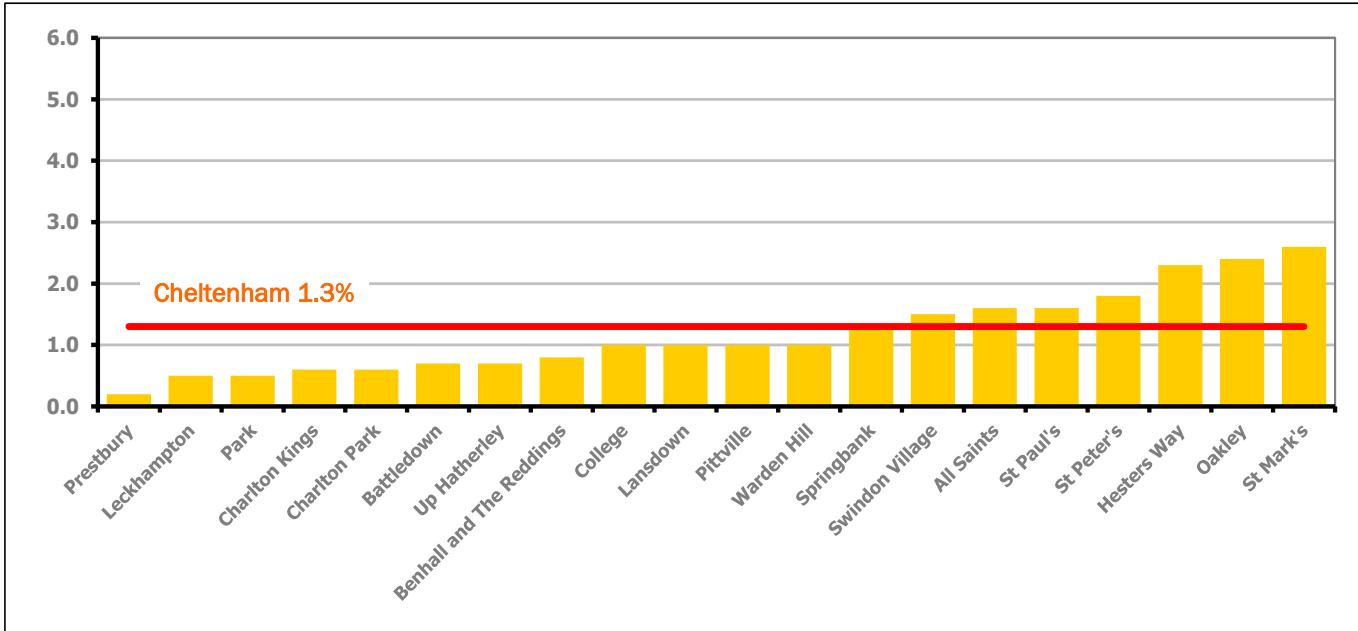
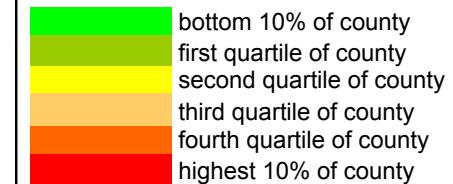


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.3%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - April 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.2	5
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.5	25
Cheltenham	Park	0.5	25
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.6	31
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.6	31
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.7	43
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.7	43
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.8	61
Cheltenham	College	1.0	86
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.0	86
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.0	86
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.0	86
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.3	109
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.5	116
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.6	119
Cheltenham	St Paul's	1.6	119
Cheltenham	St Peter's	1.8	124
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	2.3	132
Cheltenham	Oakley	2.4	133
Cheltenham	St Mark's	2.6	135



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

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

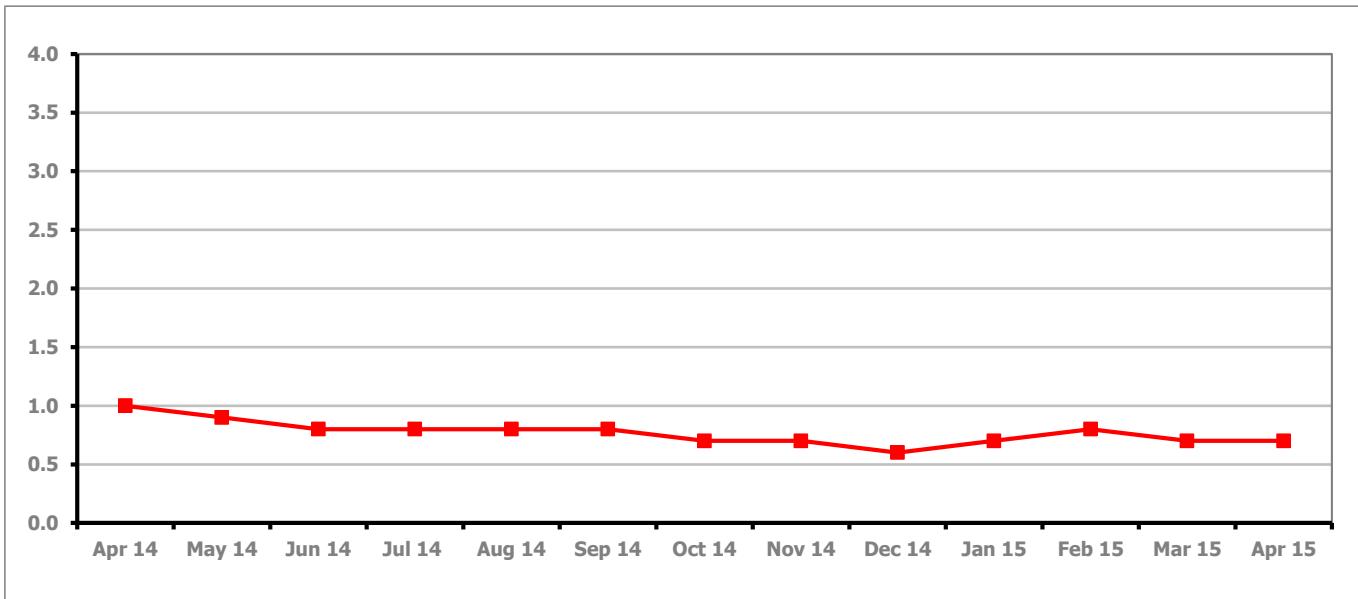
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained the same as last month at 0.7%.

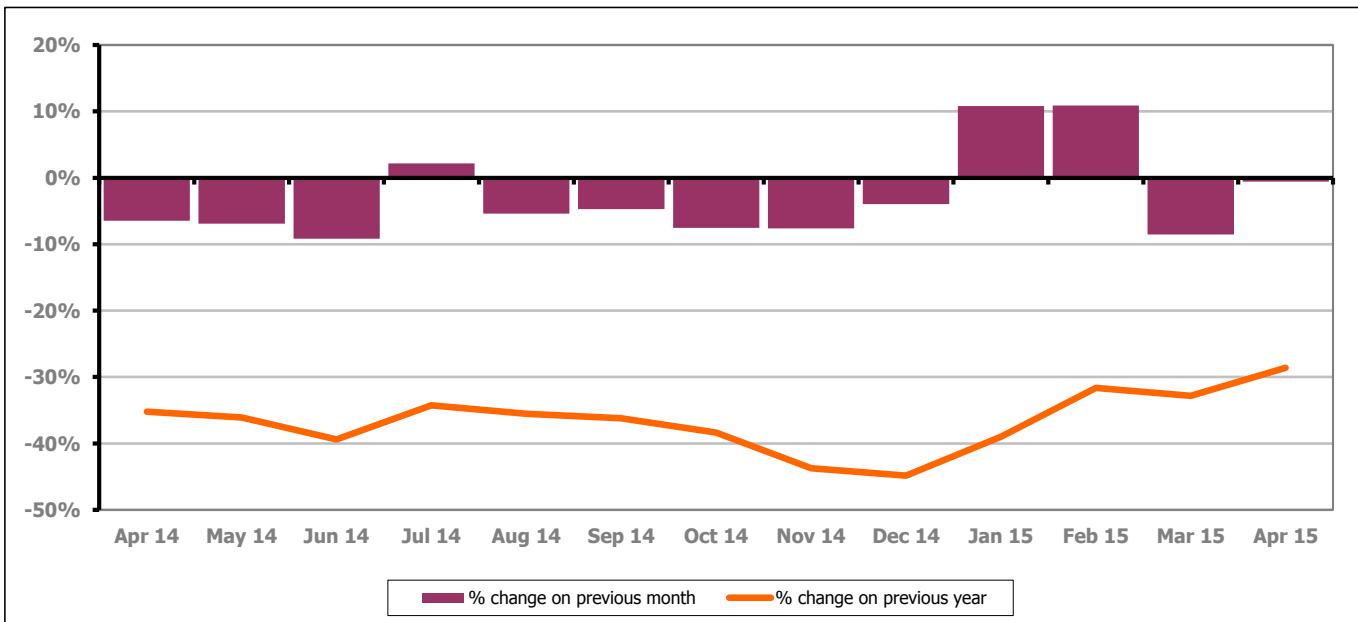
*Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by 0.6% since March 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between March and April 2015 to -28.6%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - April 2015

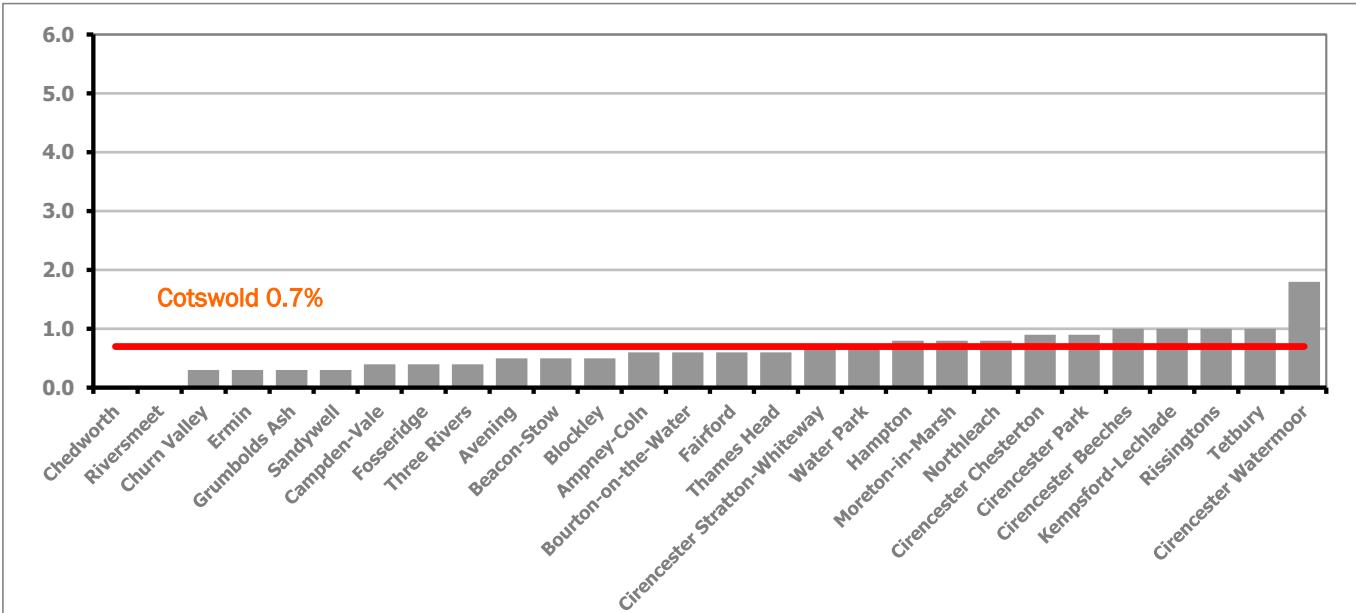
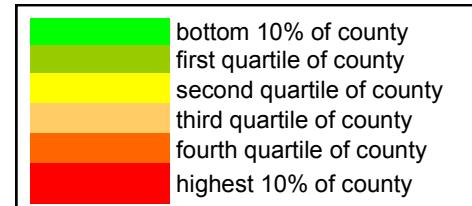


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.7%. Ten wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - April 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Chedworth	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.4	13
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.4	13
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.4	13
Cotswolds	Avening	0.5	23
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.5	23
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.5	23
Cotswolds	Ampney-Colin	0.6	29
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	0.6	29
Cotswolds	Fairford	0.6	29
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.6	29
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	0.7	41
Cotswolds	Water Park	0.7	41
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.8	59
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	0.8	59
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.8	59
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	0.9	72
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	0.9	72
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	1.0	84
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.0	84
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	1.0	84
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.0	84
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	1.8	122



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

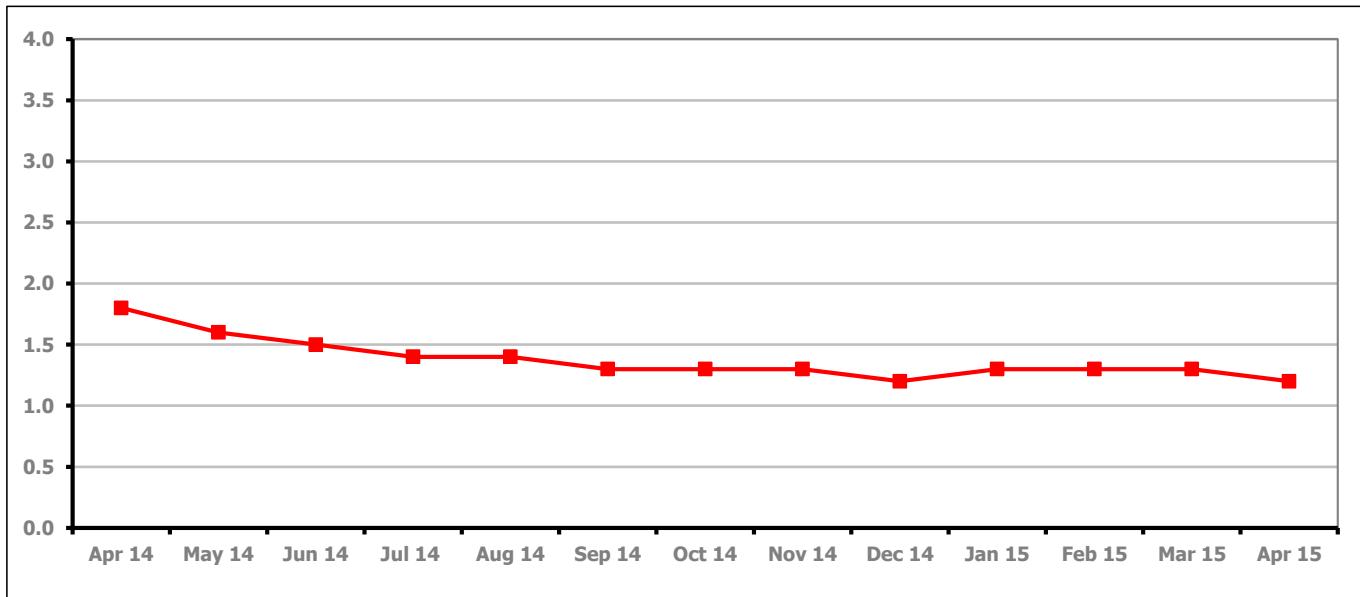
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean declined in April 2015 to 1.2%.

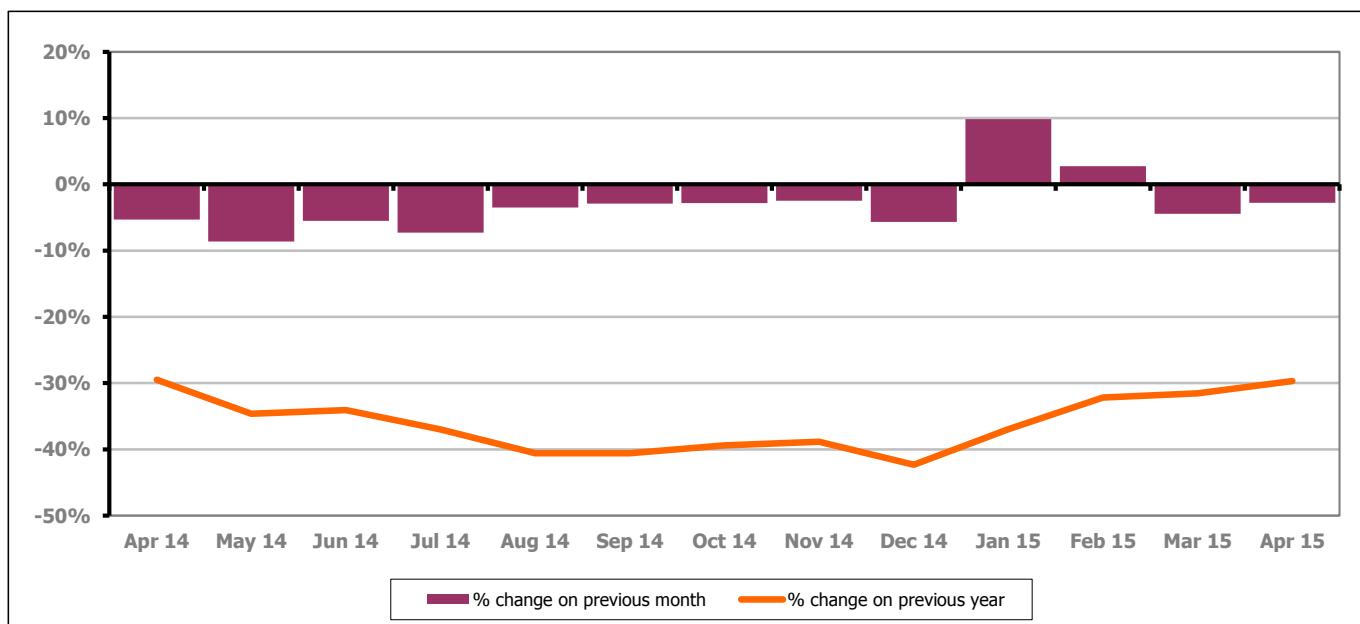
*Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by 2.8% since March 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between March and April 2015 to -29.7%.

## 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 - April 2015

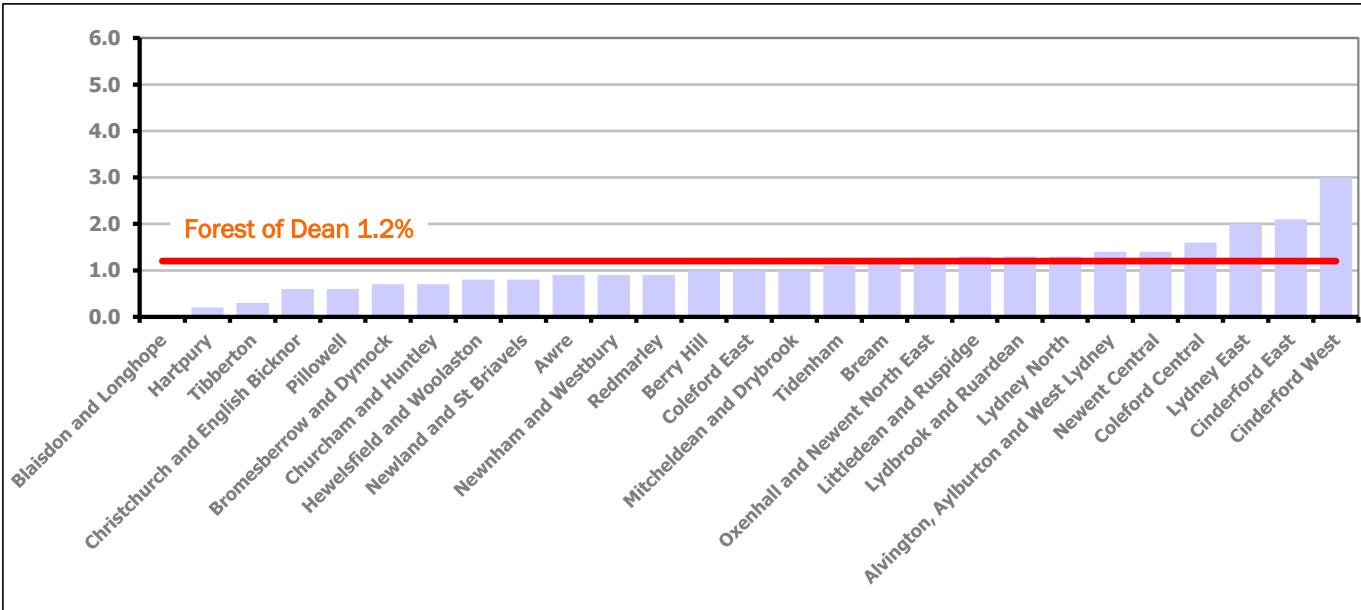
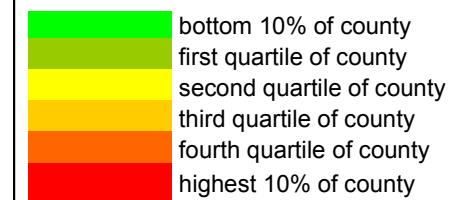


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.2%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - April 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	<0.2	1
Forest	Hartpury	0.2	4
Forest	Tibberton	0.3	7
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	0.6	30
Forest	Pillowell	0.6	30
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.7	42
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.7	42
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.8	60
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	0.8	60
Forest	Awre	0.9	73
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.9	73
Forest	Redmarley	0.9	73
Forest	Berry Hill	1.0	85
Forest	Coleford East	1.0	85
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.0	85
Forest	Tidenham	1.1	99
Forest	Bream	1.2	102
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.2	102
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.3	108
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.3	108
Forest	Lydney North	1.3	108
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.4	112
Forest	Newent Central	1.4	112
Forest	Coleford Central	1.6	118
Forest	Lydney East	2.0	127
Forest	Cinderford East	2.1	129
Forest	Cinderford West	3.0	136



\* 1 = "best" and 136 = "worst"

Table 7 shows overall claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

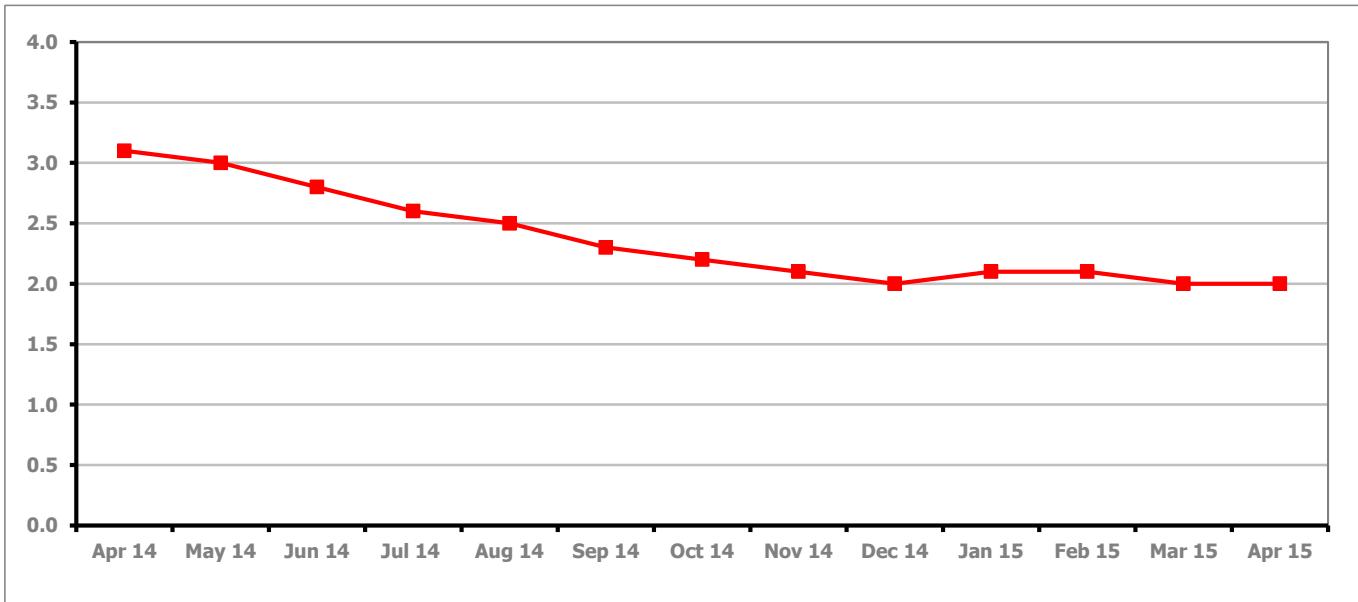
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained the same as last month at 2.0%.

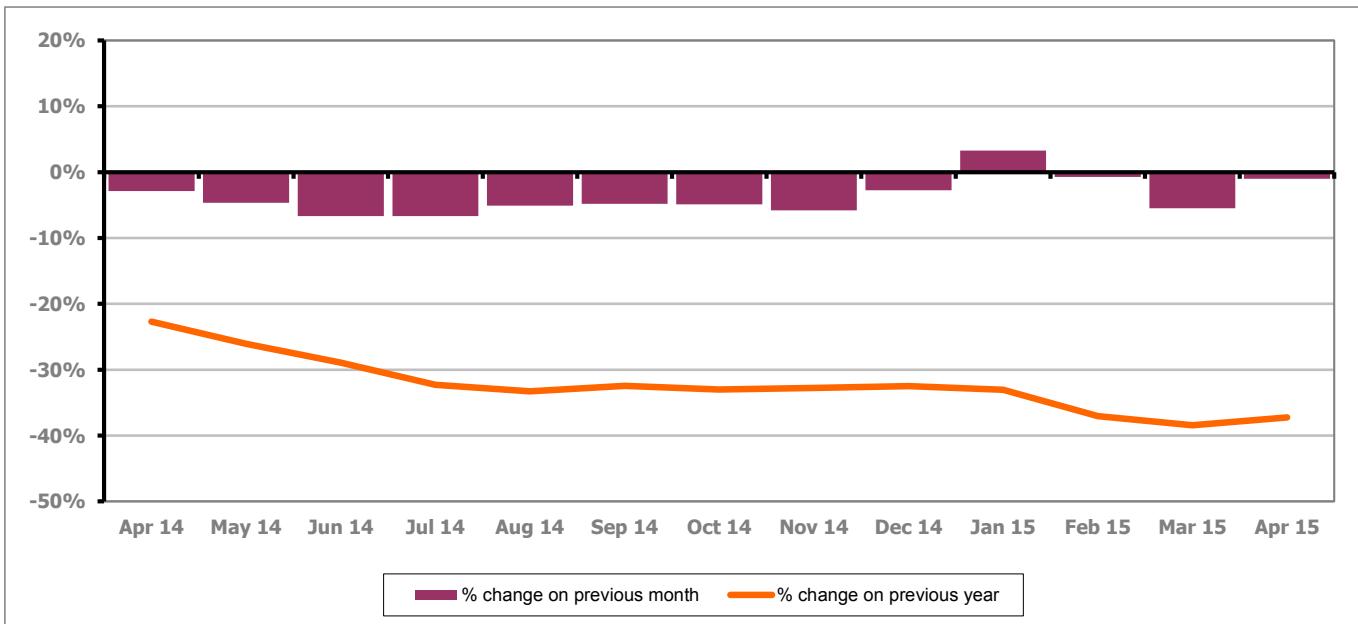
*Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 1.0% since March 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between March and April 2015 to -37.3%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - April 2015

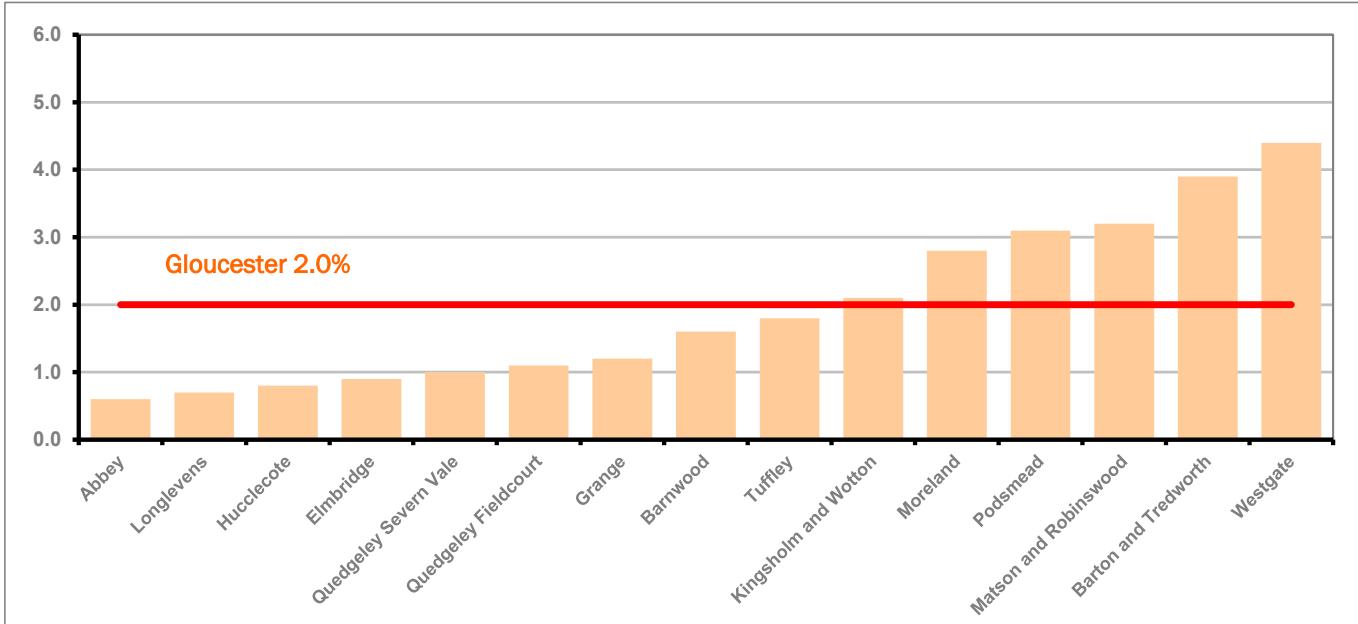
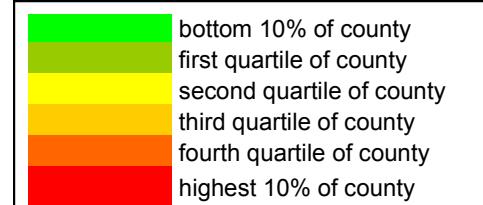


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.0%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - April 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	0.6	31
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.7	43
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.8	61
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.9	74
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.0	86
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.1	100
Gloucester	Grange	1.2	103
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.6	119
Gloucester	Tuffley	1.8	124
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	2.1	130
Gloucester	Moreland	2.8	136
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.1	138
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	3.2	139
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	3.9	141
Gloucester	Westgate	4.4	142



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

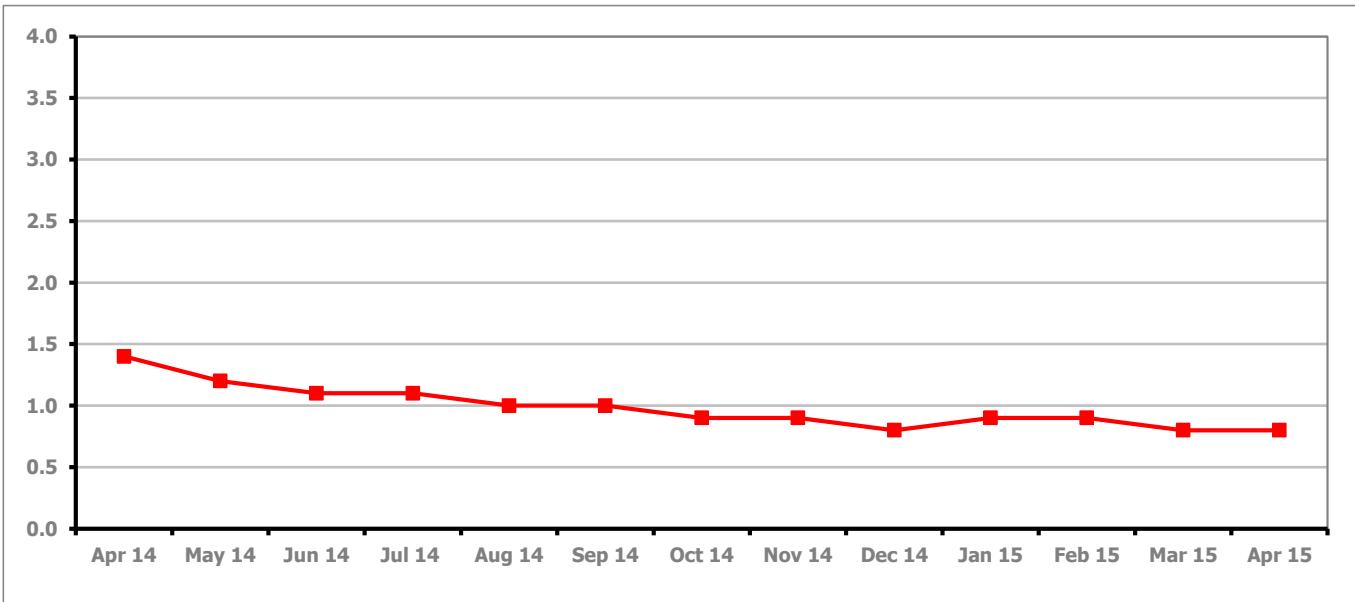
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained the same as last month at 0.8%.

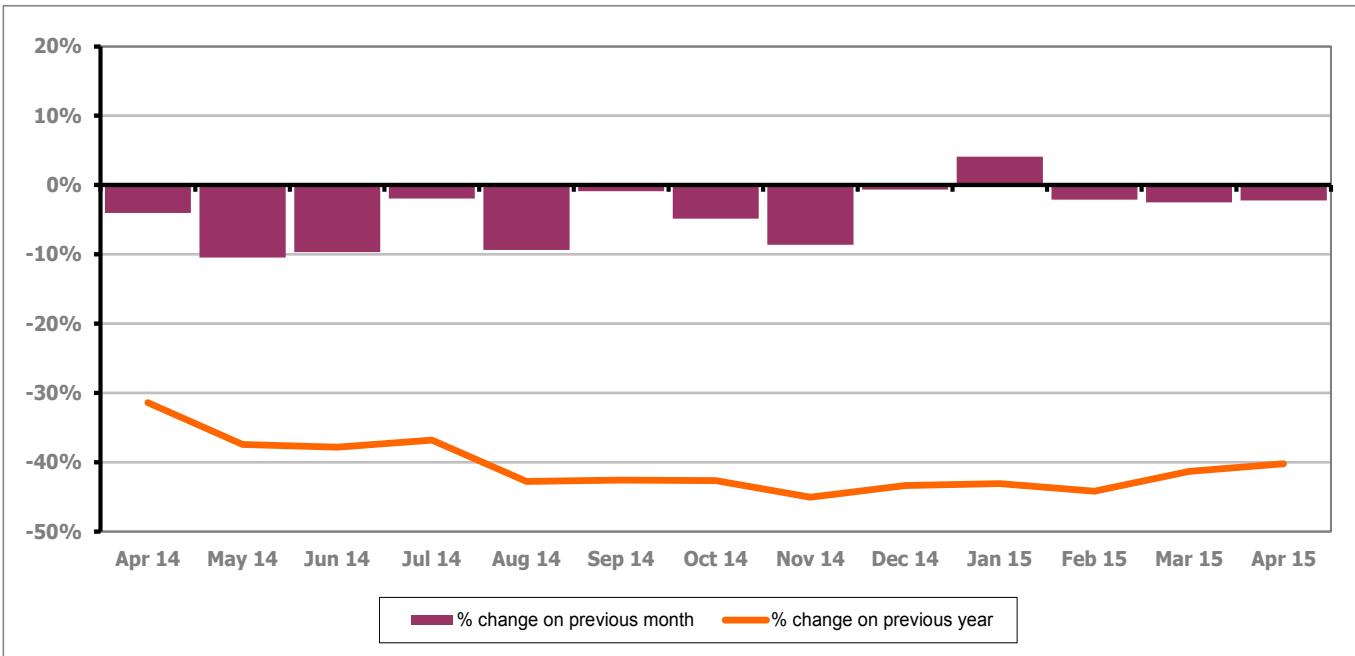
*Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 2.2% since March 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between March and April 2015 to -40.2%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - April 2015

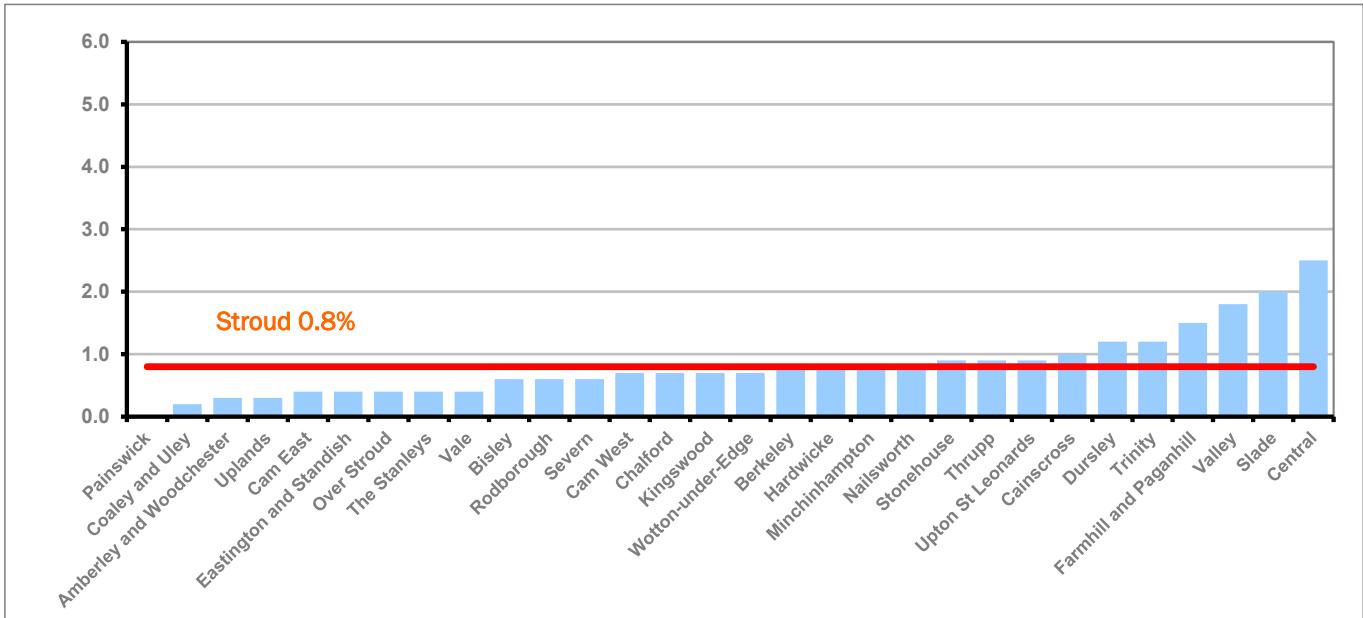
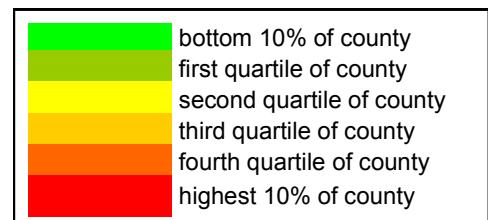


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.8%. Ten wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - April 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Painswick	<0.2	1
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.2	4
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.3	7
Stroud	Uplands	0.3	7
Stroud	Cam East	0.4	14
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.4	14
Stroud	Over Stroud	0.4	14
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.4	14
Stroud	Vale	0.4	14
Stroud	Bisley	0.6	30
Stroud	Rodborough	0.6	30
Stroud	Severn	0.6	30
Stroud	Cam West	0.7	42
Stroud	Chalford	0.7	42
Stroud	Kingswood	0.7	42
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.7	42
Stroud	Berkeley	0.8	60
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.8	60
Stroud	Minchinhampton	0.8	60
Stroud	Nailsworth	0.8	60
Stroud	Stonehouse	0.9	73
Stroud	Thrupp	0.9	73
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.9	73
Stroud	Cainscross	1.0	85
Stroud	Dursley	1.2	102
Stroud	Trinity	1.2	102
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	1.5	115
Stroud	Valley	1.8	123
Stroud	Slade	2.0	127
Stroud	Central	2.5	133



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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 District

#### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

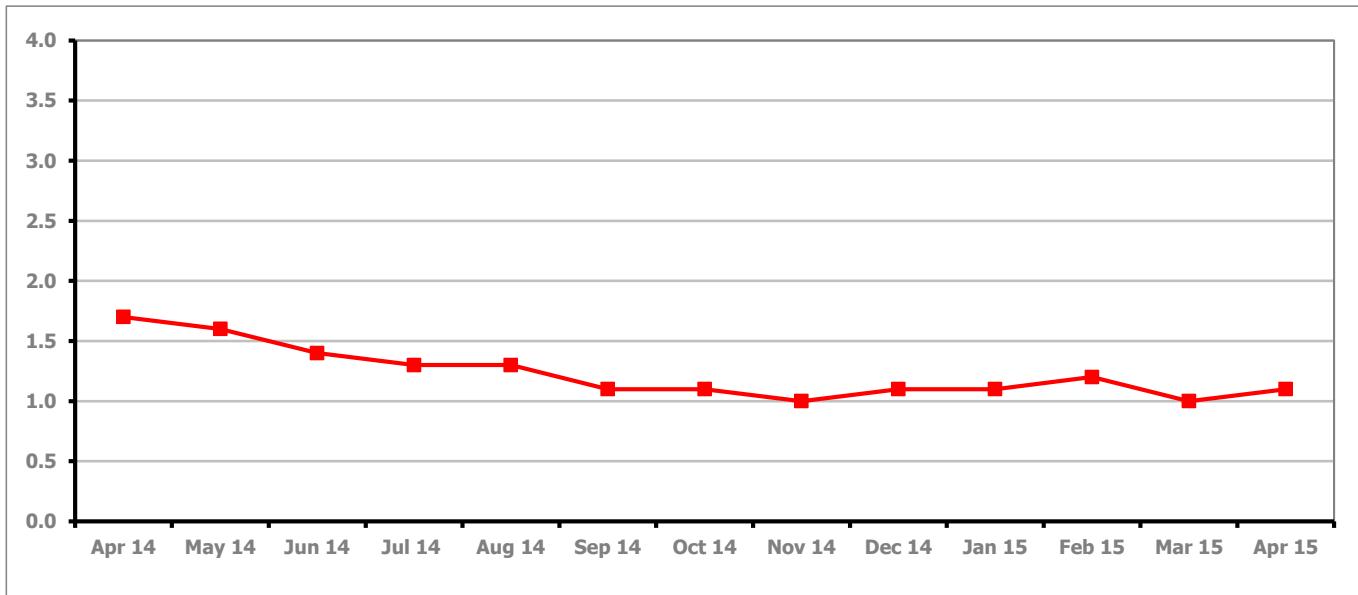


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District increased in April 2015 to 1.1%

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

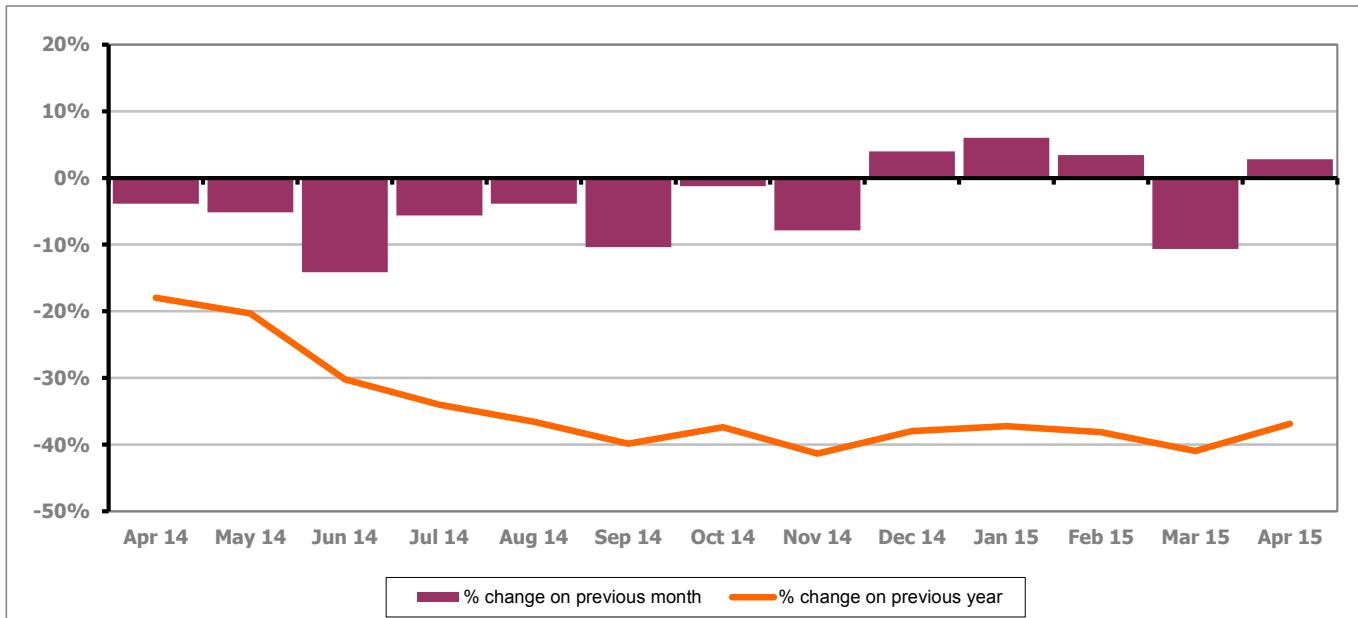


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count increased by 2.8% since March 2015. The change on the previous year increased between March and April 2015 to -36.9%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - April 2015

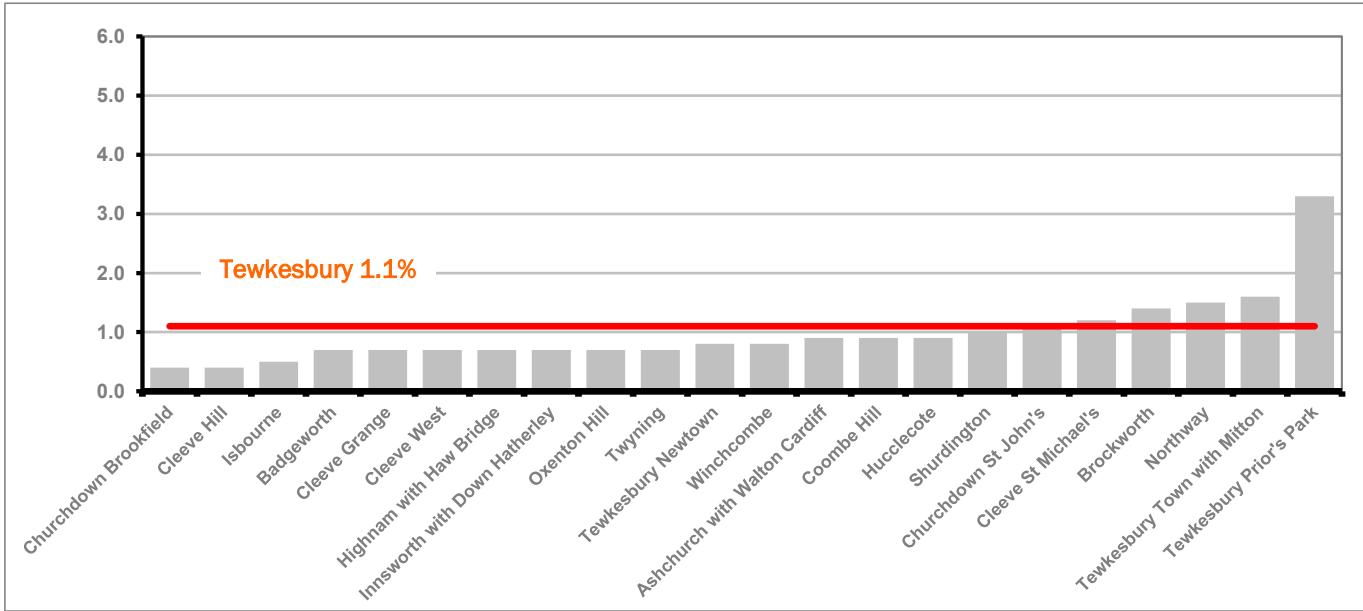
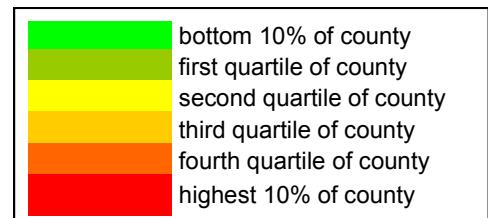


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1% and five wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - April 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.4	15
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.4	15
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.5	25
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.7	43
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	0.7	43
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.7	43
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.7	43
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	0.7	43
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	43
Tewkesbury	Twynning	0.7	43
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	0.8	61
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	0.8	61
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	0.9	74
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	0.9	74
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	0.9	74
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.0	86
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.1	100
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.2	103
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.4	113
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.5	116
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.6	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	3.3	140

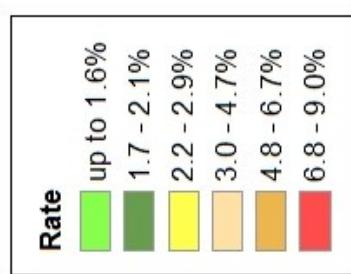


\* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

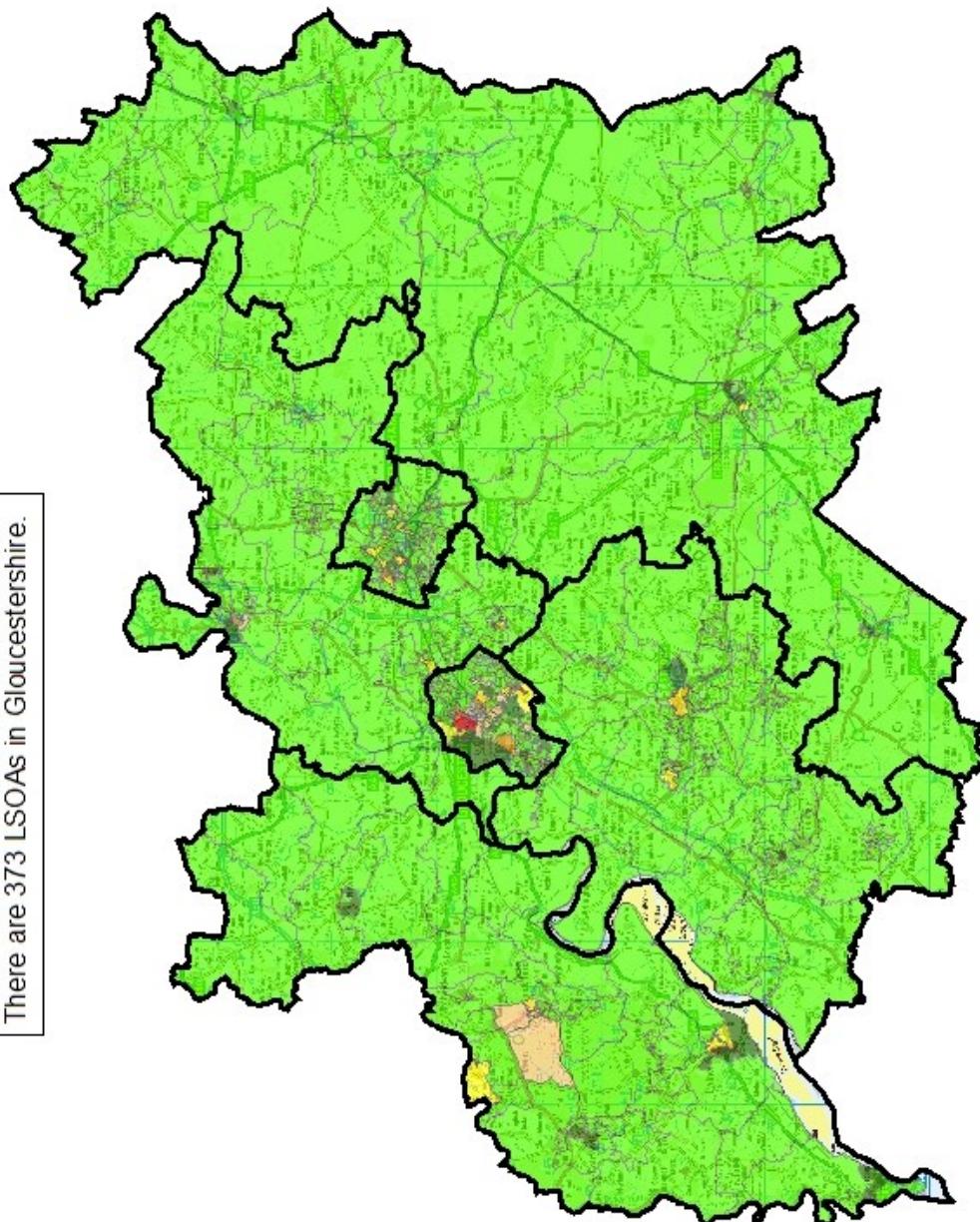
Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

## PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

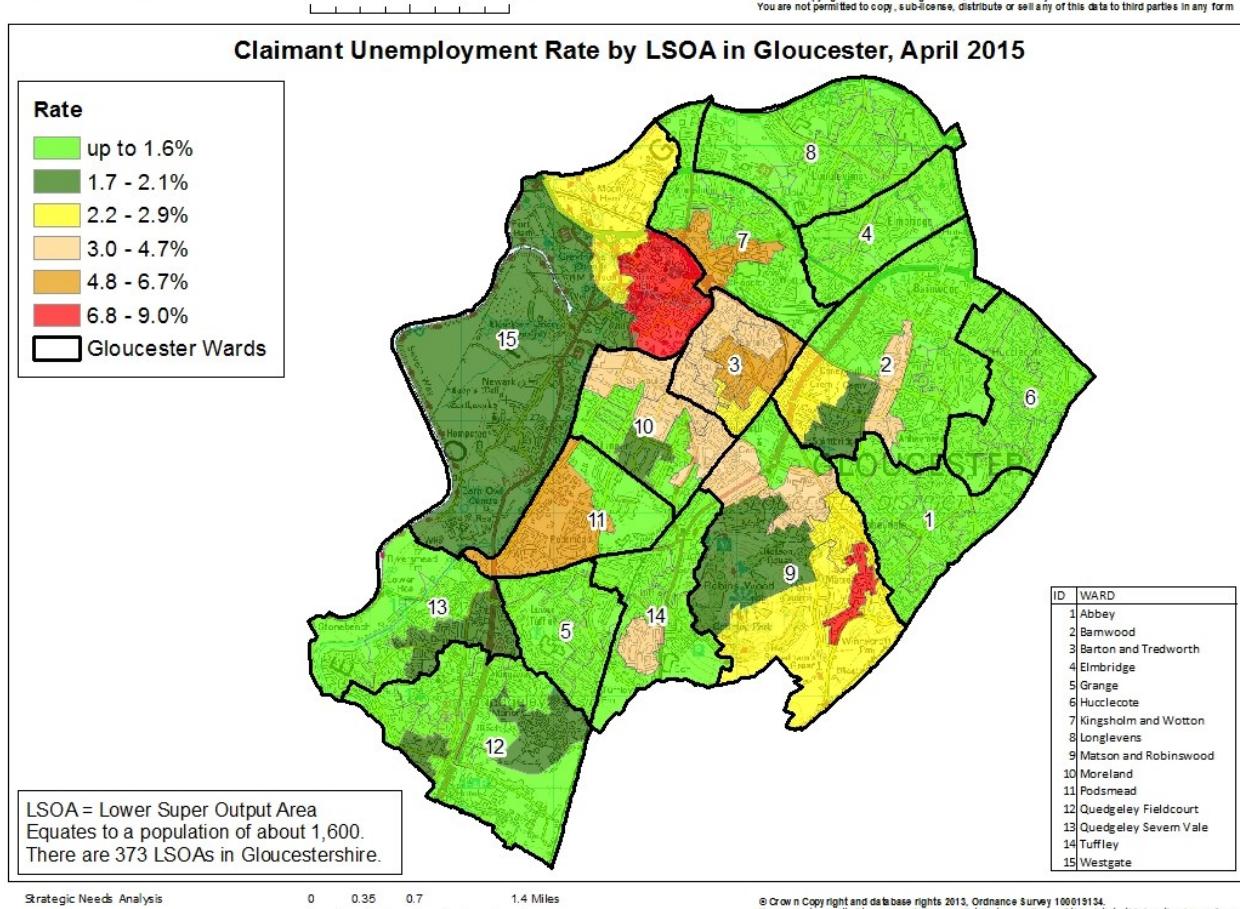
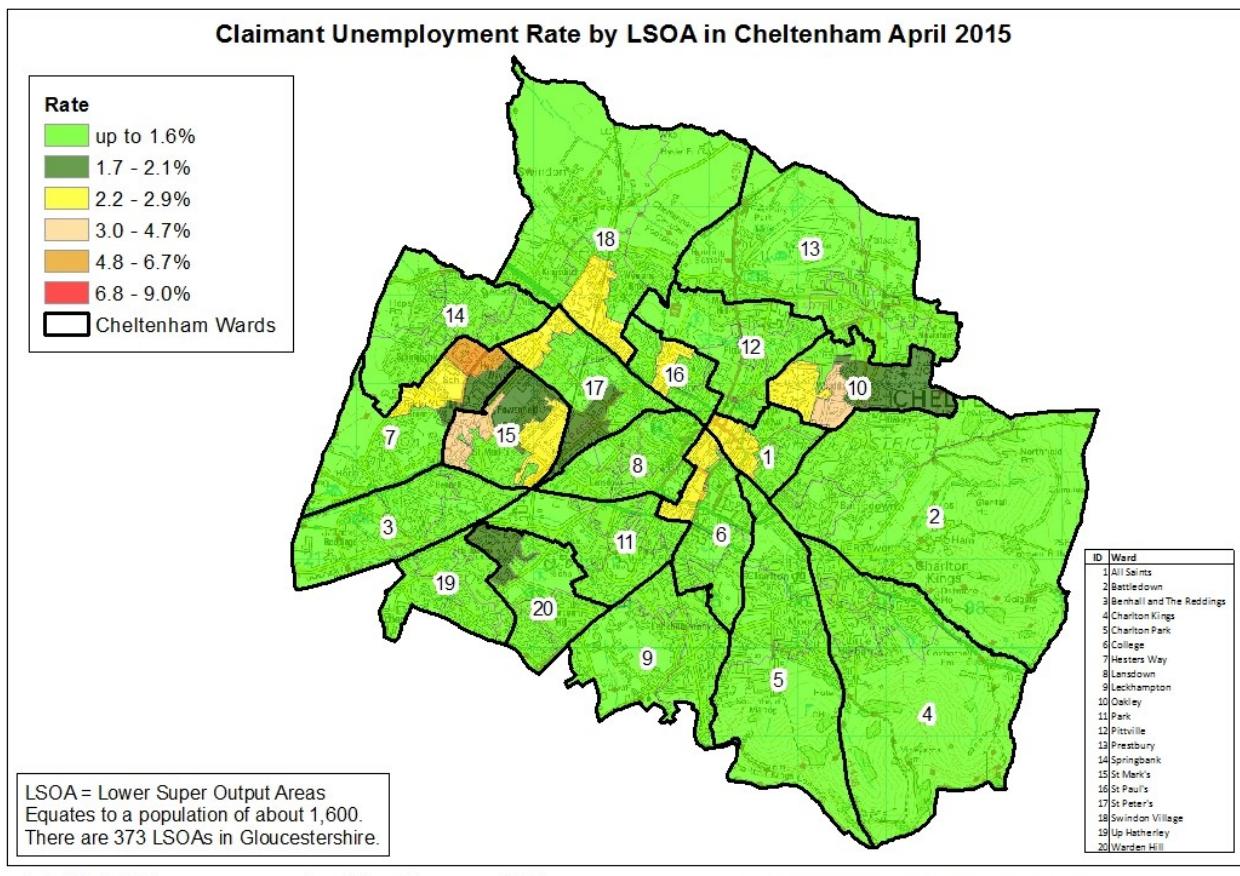
### Claimant Unemployment Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, April 2015



LSOA = Lower Super Output Area.  
Equate to a population of about 1,600.  
There are 373 LSOAs in 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

The claimant rate for young people is higher than for the working age (16-64) population with 2.1% of 18-24 year olds in Gloucestershire claiming Job Seekers Allowance (1.2% for working age).

Figure 22: Youth Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

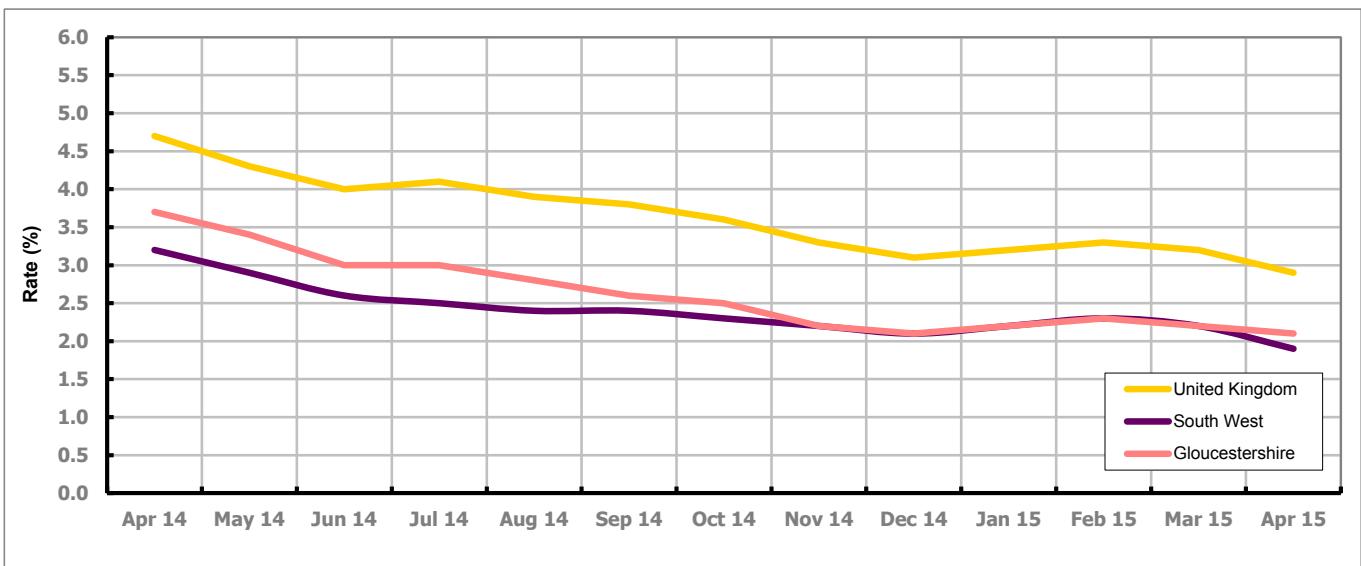


Figure 22 shows Gloucestershire's 18-24 claimant rate is higher than the South West average of 2.1%, but 1.0% lower than the UK average of 2.9%

Figure 23: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

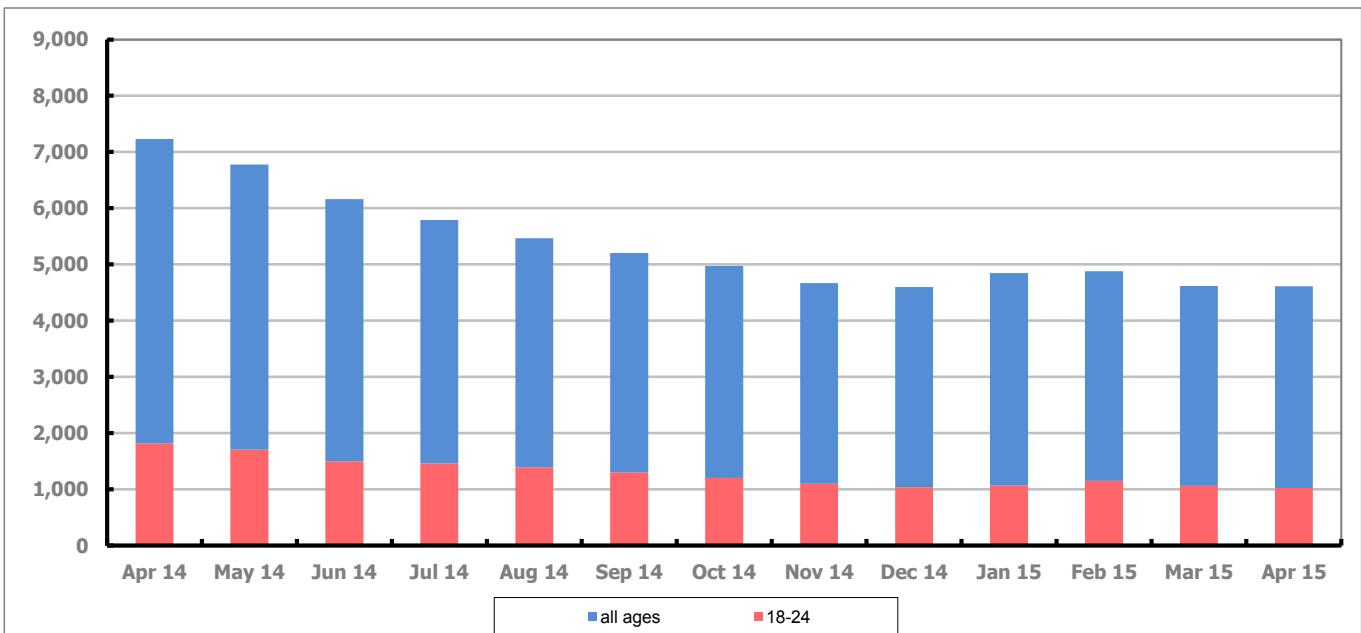


Figure 23 shows that in April 2015, 1,025 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance in Gloucestershire, this represents 22.2% of total working age claimants.

## PART 6: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

### Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 24: Youth Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

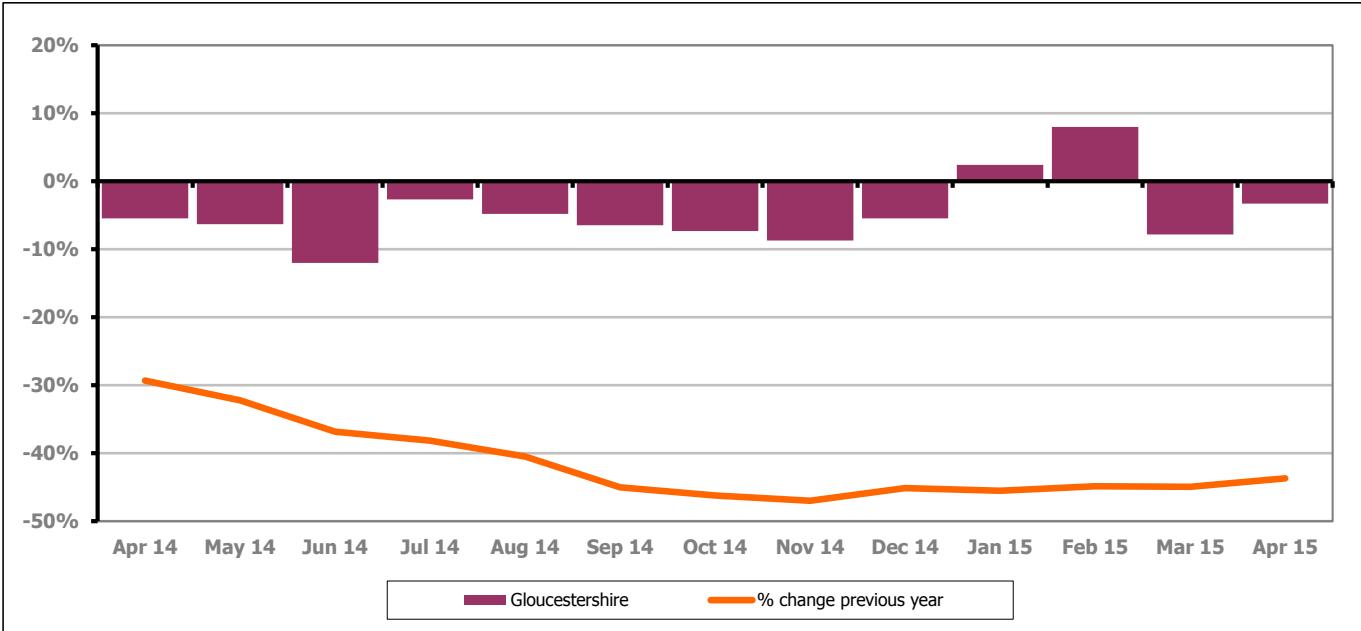


Figure 24 shows the number of young claimants decreased in April 2015 by 3.3% this represented 35 people. Over the last year the number of young claimants fell by 43.7% or 795 people.

### Youth unemployment and duration of claim

Figure 25: Duration of claim in the 18-24 year age group

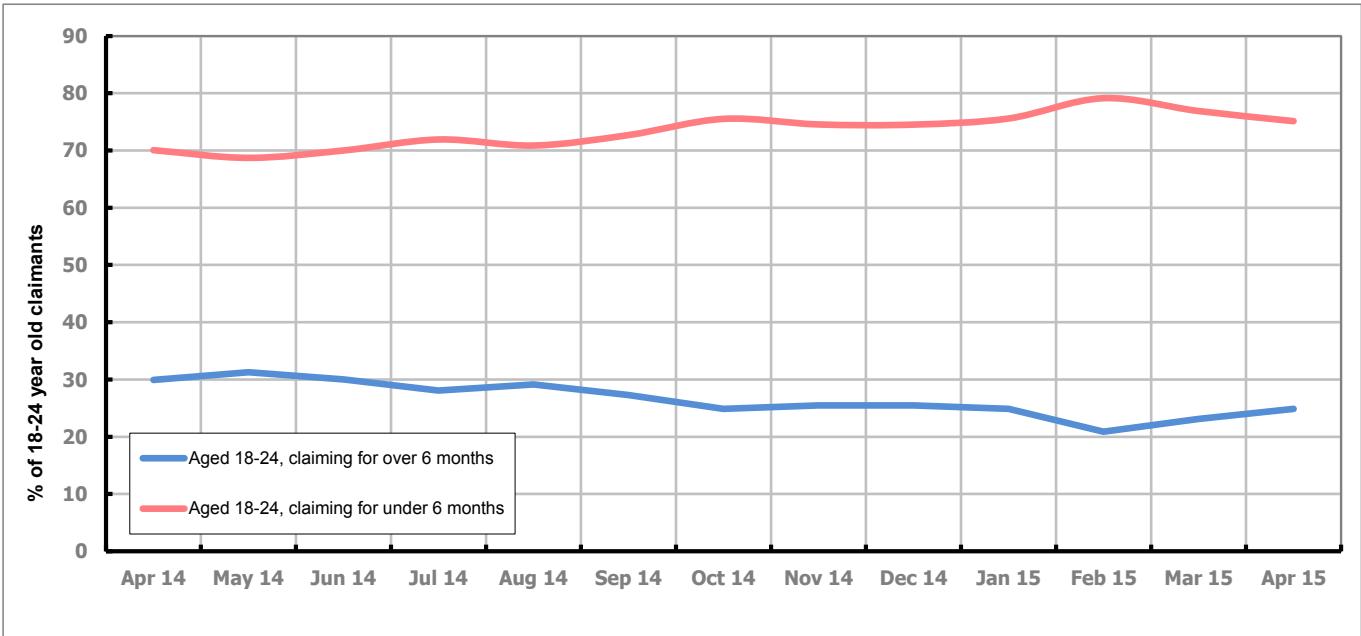


Figure 25 shows the proportion of 18-24 year olds claiming for less than six months decreased from 76.9% of 18-24 year old claimants in March to 75.1% in April 2015. During the same period those claiming for more than six months increased from 23.1% to 24.9%.

## 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 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 April 2015 there were 496 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 3.71%. The total number of NEET young people decreased by 37 in April 2015 compared to March 2015. All six of the district saw a decrease in their figures.

### Total NEET Group by District Area

#### April 2015 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
<b>Total NEET</b>	90	62	58	165	69	52	496
<b>Cohort</b>	2443	1951	1929	4258	2645	1594	14820
<b>% NEET</b>	3.68	3.18	3.01	3.88	2.61	3.26	3.71

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact [Ruth.Critchlow@Prospects.co.uk](mailto:Ruth.Critchlow@Prospects.co.uk) or telephone 01452 426900.

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