

# Unemployment Bulletin

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## Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 9 July 2020. 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 in work. Consequently changes in the Claimant Count will not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who are not in work. 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](#).

## 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](http://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 4.9% in July 2020.** The South West and UK rates increased to 5.3% and 6.4% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.4% lower than the South West average of 5.3%, and 1.5% lower than the UK average of 6.4%.

**The claimant count in Gloucestershire in July 2020 increased by 835 people.** The amount of people claiming in July 2020 was 4.7% higher than the number in June 2020. This compares to a 3.7% increase in the South West and a 3.5% increase in the UK.

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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 and Universal Credit who are not in work in July 2020

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

**Claimant rate:** The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in July 2020

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

### CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	3,890
Compared to last month:	6.3%
Claimant rate:	5.3%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way, and Oakley (8.4%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	4,975
Compared to last month:	5.1%
Claimant rate:	6.1%
Highest claiming wards	Barton and Tredworth (11.2%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	2,135
Compared to last month:	4.9%
Claimant rate:	4.1%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (6.9%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	2,885
Compared to last month:	2.5%
Claimant rate:	4.1%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (7.1%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	2,500
Compared to last month:	4.2%
Claimant rate:	4.9%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (8.5%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,350
Compared to last month:	4.2%
Claimant rate:	4.3%
Highest claiming ward	Shurdington (6.2%)

## 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

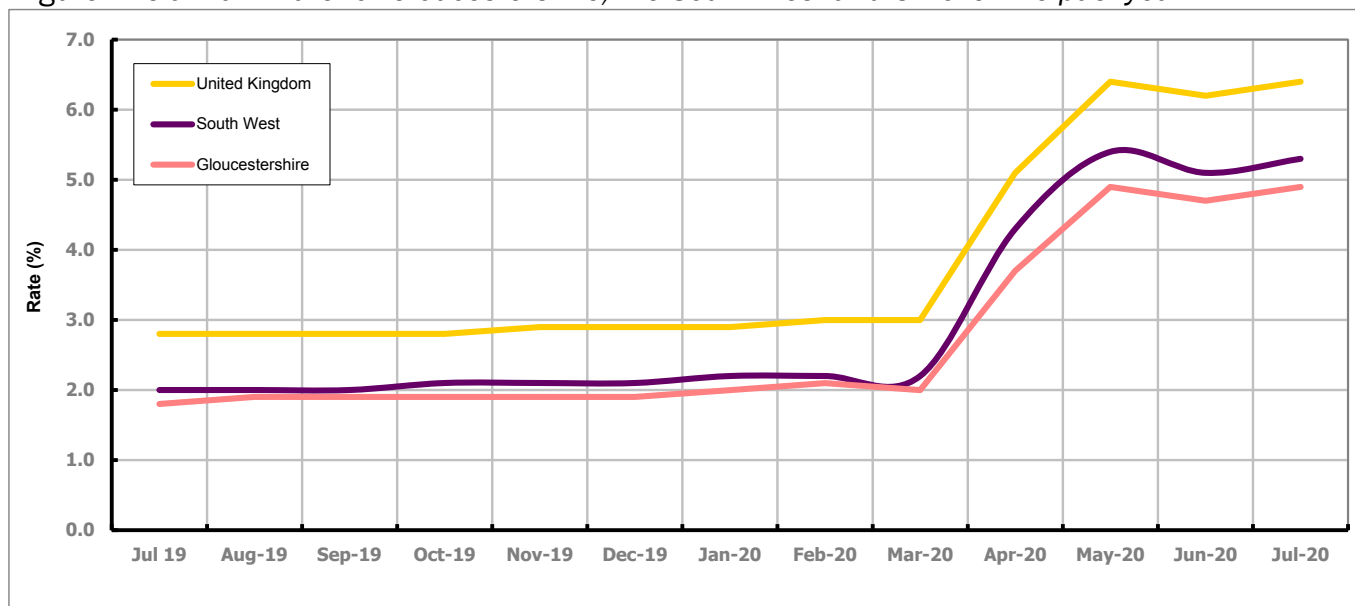


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 4.9% in July 2020. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 1.1% against the UK average.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in July 2020	% change on June 2020	Consecutive months increasing
UK	2,679,885	3.5%	0
South West	179,990	3.7%	0
Gloucestershire	18,735	4.7%	0

Table 1 shows that in July 2020, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 4.7% higher than the number in June 2020.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - July 2020

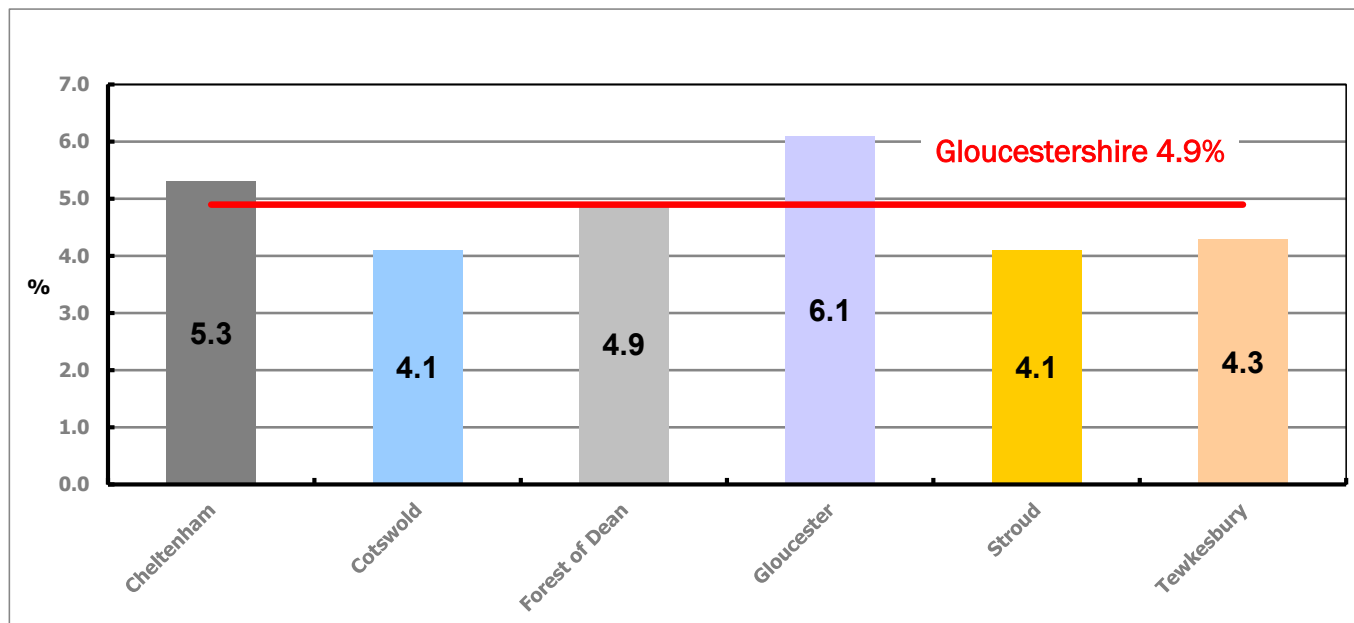


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for July 2020 in Gloucestershire. Between June 2020 and July 2020 the rate increased in all districts.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jul 20 Number	Jul 20 Rate	Jun 20 Number	Jun 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	18,735	4.9	17,900	4.7	835	4.7%	0.2
Cheltenham	3,890	5.3	3,660	5.0	230	6.3%	0.3
Cotswold	2,135	4.1	2,035	3.9	100	4.9%	0.2
Forest of Dean	2,500	4.9	2,400	4.7	100	4.2%	0.2
Gloucester	4,975	6.1	4,735	5.8	240	5.1%	0.3
Stroud	2,885	4.1	2,815	4.0	70	2.5%	0.1
Tewkesbury	2,350	4.3	2,255	4.1	95	4.2%	0.2

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in July 2020 compared to June 2020. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jul 20 Number	Jul 20 Rate	Jun 20 Number	Jun 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	11,170	5.9	10,745	5.6	425	4.0%	0.3
Cheltenham	2,345	6.3	2,230	6.0	115	5.2%	0.3
Cotswold	1,215	4.8	1,140	4.5	75	6.6%	0.3
Forest of Dean	1,455	5.7	1,415	5.6	40	2.8%	0.1
Gloucester	3,120	7.6	2,980	7.3	140	4.7%	0.3
Stroud	1,655	4.7	1,655	4.7	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,380	5.1	1,325	4.9	55	4.2%	0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in July 2020 compared to June 2020. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants, except Stroud which stayed the same.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jul 20 Number	Jul 20 Rate	Jun 20 Number	Jun 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	7,565	3.9	7,155	3.7	410	5.7%	0.2
Cheltenham	1,545	4.2	1,430	3.9	115	8.0%	0.3
Cotswold	920	3.5	895	3.4	25	2.8%	0.1
Forest of Dean	1,045	4.0	985	3.8	60	6.1%	0.2
Gloucester	1,860	4.6	1,755	4.3	105	6.0%	0.3
Stroud	1,230	3.4	1,165	3.3	65	5.6%	0.1
Tewkesbury	975	3.5	925	3.3	50	5.4%	0.2

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in July 2020 compared to June 2020. All districts saw an increase 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

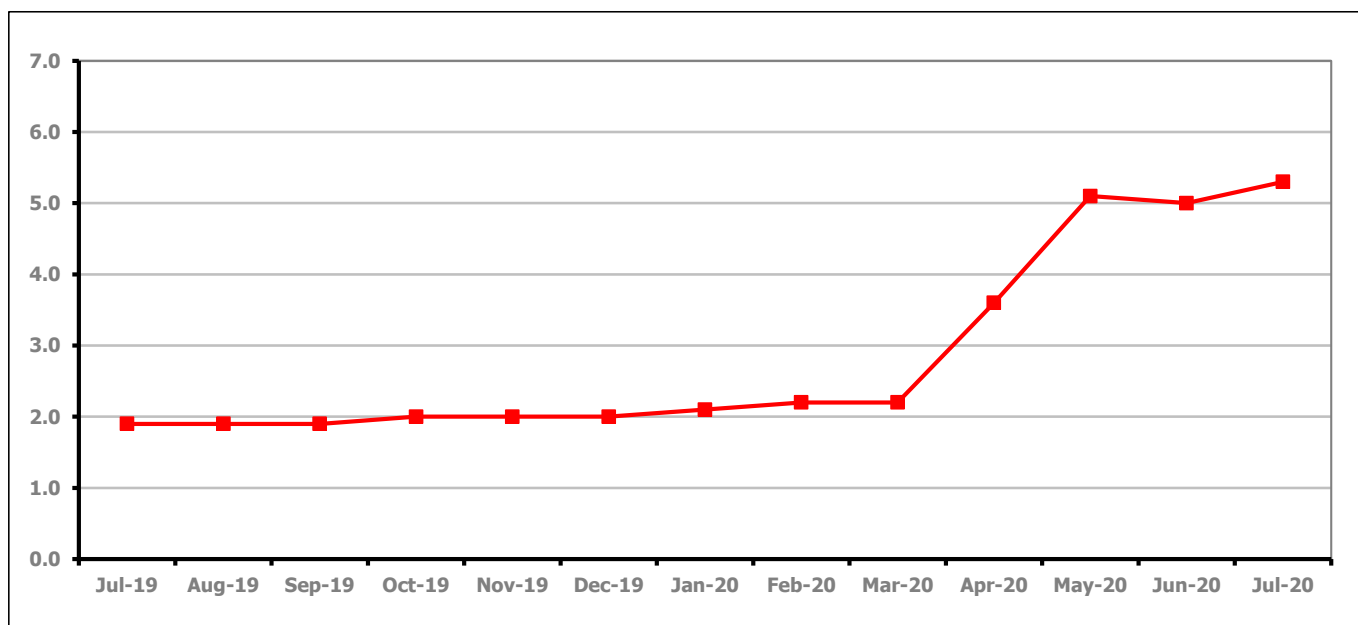


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased to 5.3% in July 2020.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - July 2020

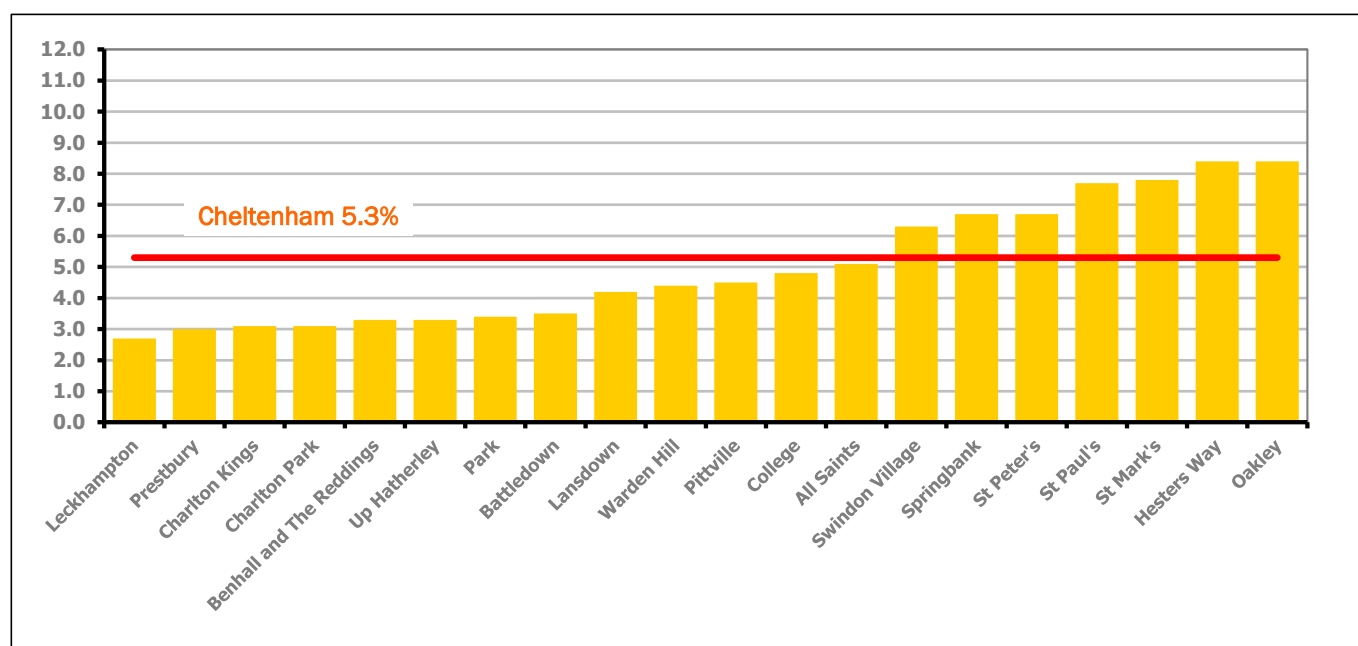


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 5.3%. Seven wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - July 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	2.7	9
Cheltenham	Prestbury	3.0	19
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	3.1	22
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	3.1	22
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	3.3	32
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	3.3	32
Cheltenham	Park	3.4	36
Cheltenham	Battledown	3.5	39
Cheltenham	Lansdown	4.2	72
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	4.4	81
Cheltenham	Pittville	4.5	86
Cheltenham	College	4.8	99
Cheltenham	All Saints	5.1	105
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	6.3	129
Cheltenham	Springbank	6.7	130
Cheltenham	St Peter's	6.7	130
Cheltenham	St Paul's	7.7	138
Cheltenham	St Mark's	7.8	139
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	8.4	142
Cheltenham	Oakley	8.4	142

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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

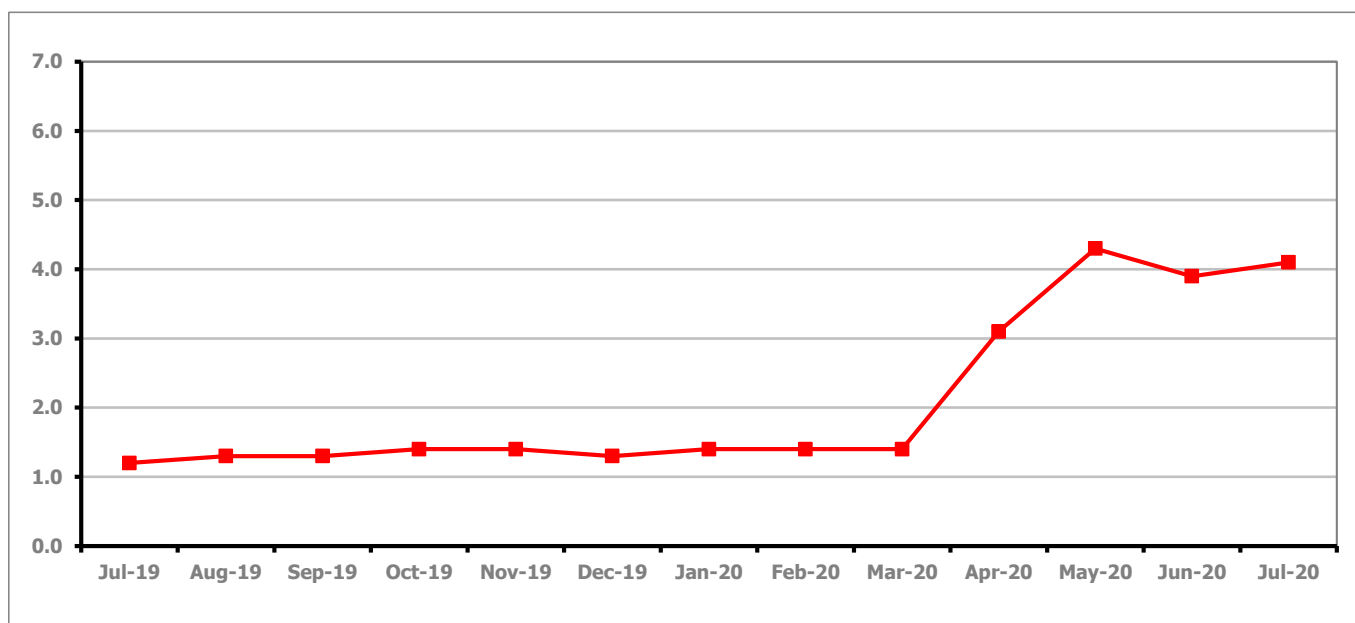


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased to 4.1% in July 2020.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - July 2020

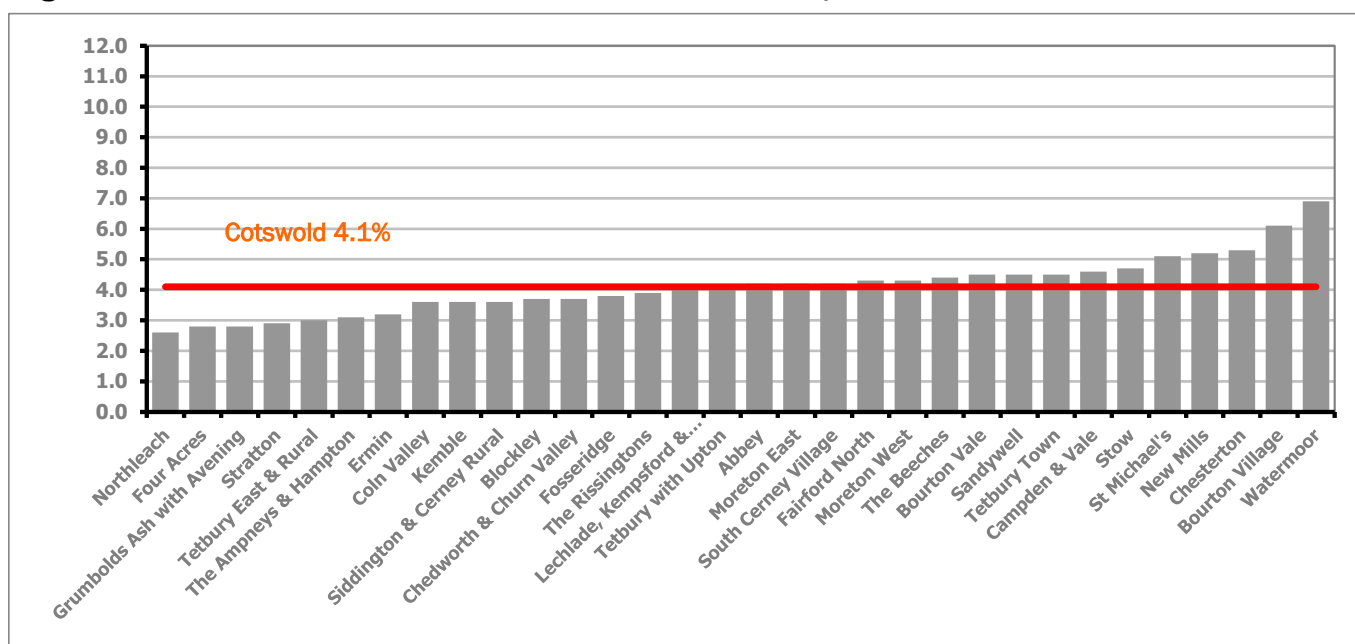


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.1%. Sixteen wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

## 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - July 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Northleach	2.6	7
Cotswolds	Four Acres	2.8	12
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	2.8	12
Cotswolds	Stratton	2.9	16
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	3.0	19
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	3.1	22
Cotswolds	Ermin	3.2	27
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	3.6	45
Cotswolds	Kemble	3.6	45
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	3.6	45
Cotswolds	Blockley	3.7	51
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	3.7	51
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	3.8	55
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	3.9	59
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	4.0	63
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	4.0	63
Cotswolds	Abbey	4.2	72
Cotswolds	Moreton East	4.2	72
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	4.2	72
Cotswolds	Fairford North	4.3	79
Cotswolds	Moreton West	4.3	79
Cotswolds	The Beeches	4.4	81
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	4.5	86
Cotswolds	Sandywell	4.5	86
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	4.5	86
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	4.6	93
Cotswolds	Stow	4.7	96
Cotswolds	St Michael's	5.1	105
Cotswolds	New Mills	5.2	108
Cotswolds	Chesterton	5.3	111
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	6.1	122
Cotswolds	Watermoor	6.9	133

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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

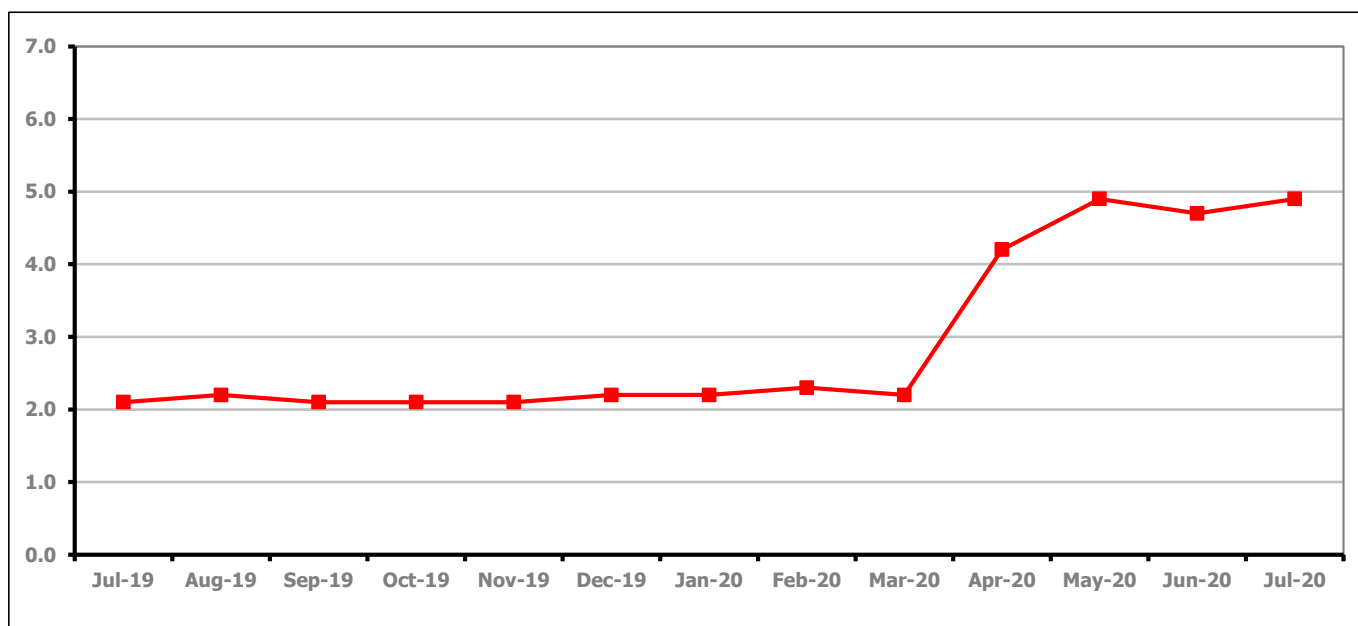


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased to 4.9% in July 2020.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - July 2020

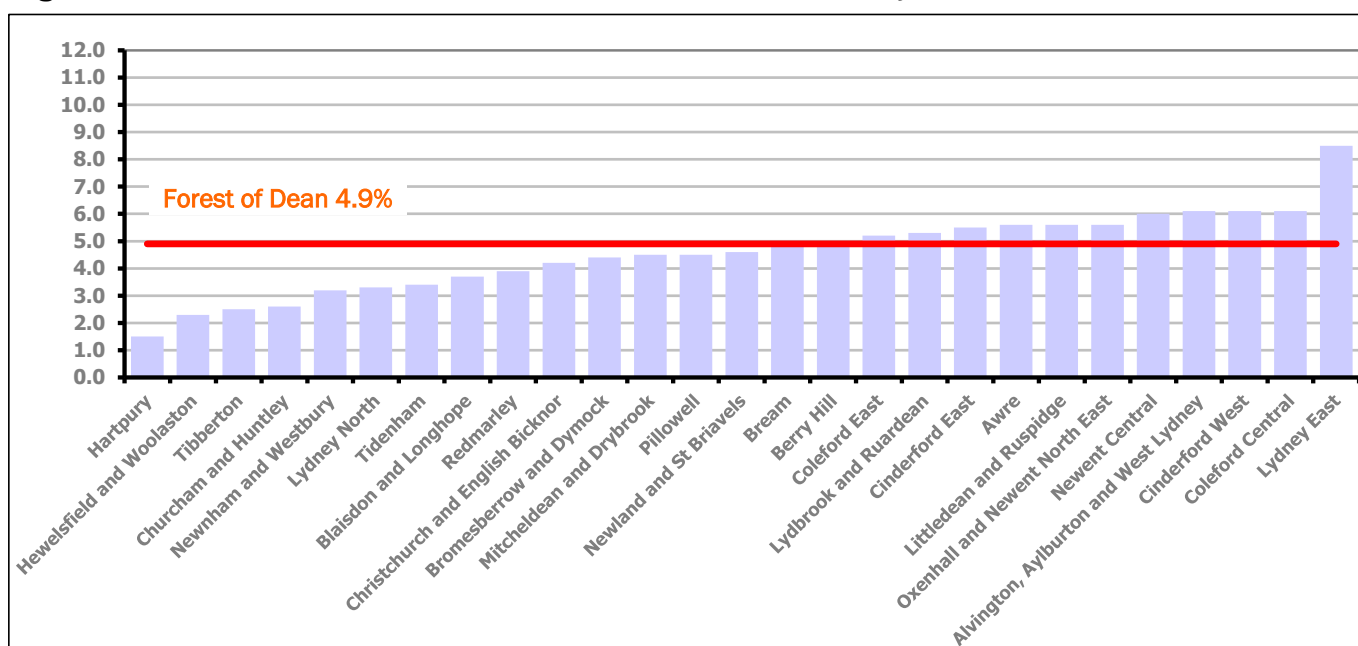


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.9%. Twelve wards lie above the average.

## 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 - July 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	1.5	1
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	2.3	4
Forest	Tibberton	2.5	6
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	2.6	7
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	3.2	27
Forest	Lydney North	3.3	32
Forest	Tidenham	3.4	36
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	3.7	51
Forest	Redmarley	3.9	59
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	4.2	72
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	4.4	81
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	4.5	86
Forest	Pillowell	4.5	86
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	4.6	93
Forest	Bream	4.9	102
Forest	Berry Hill	5.0	103
Forest	Coleford East	5.2	108
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	5.3	111
Forest	Cinderford East	5.5	115
Forest	Awre	5.6	116
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	5.6	116
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	5.6	116
Forest	Newent Central	6.0	120
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	6.1	122
Forest	Cinderford West	6.1	122
Forest	Coleford Central	6.1	122
Forest	Lydney East	8.5	144

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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

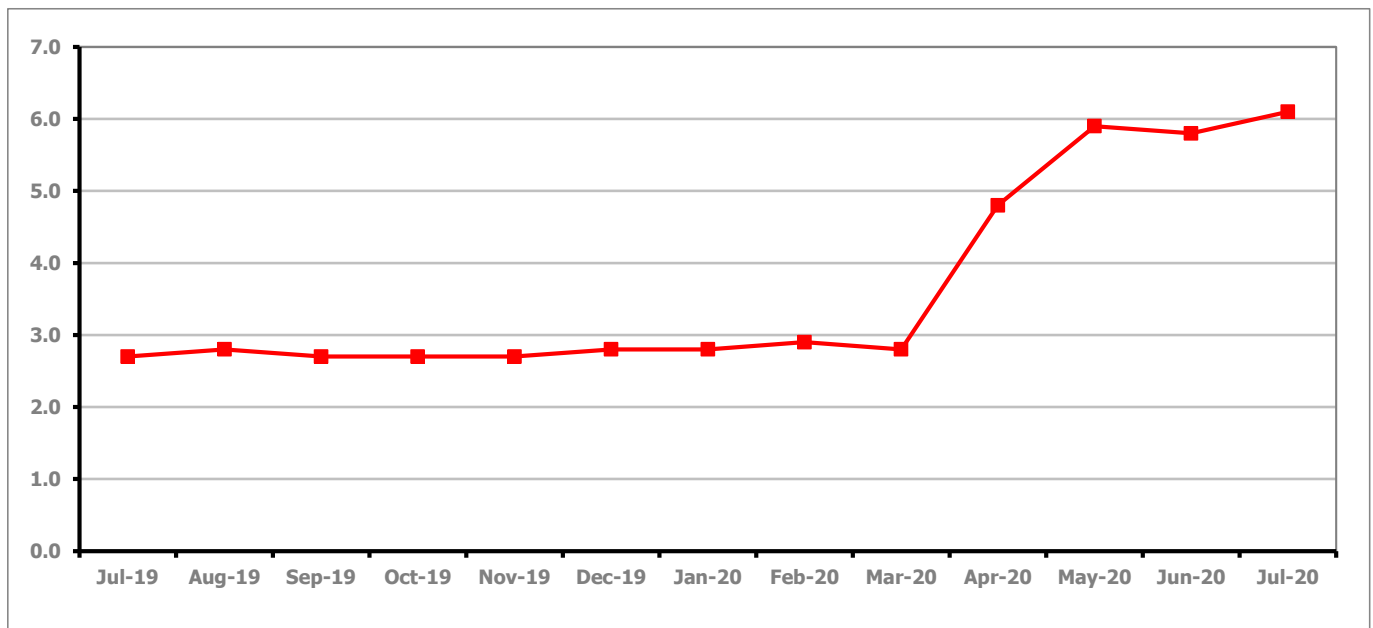


Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased to 6.1% in July 2020.

Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - July 2020

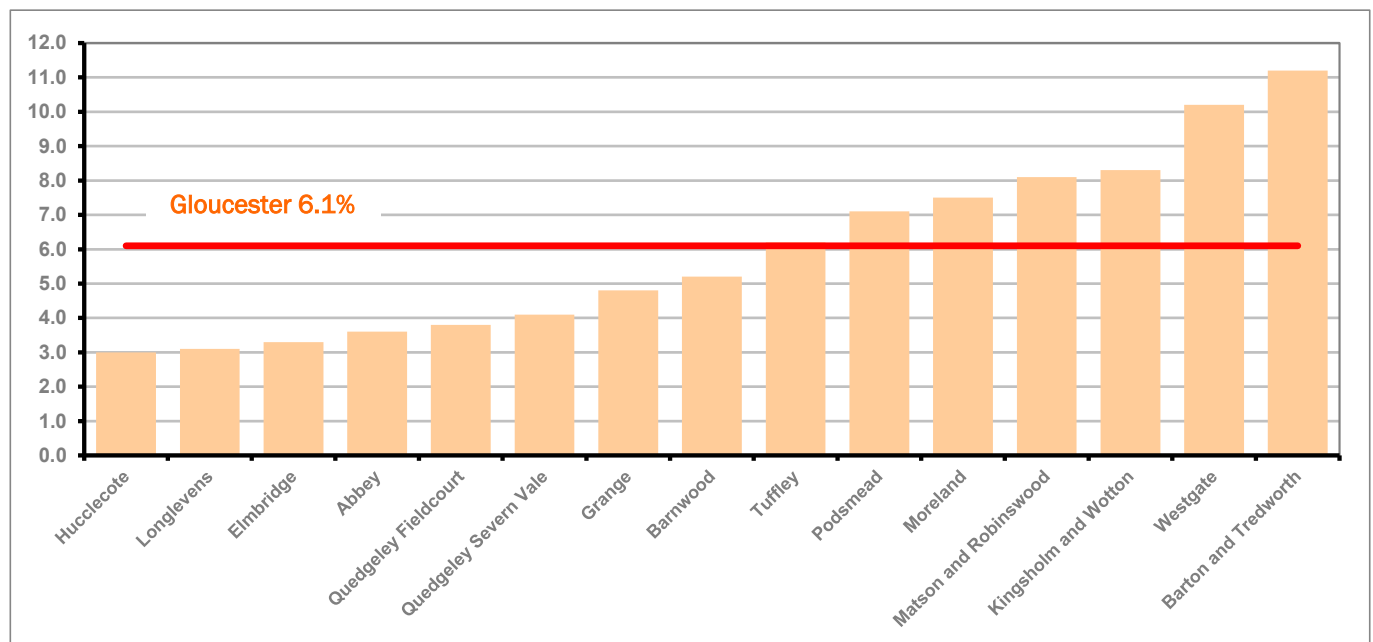


Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 6.1%. Seven wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - July 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Hucclecote	3.0	19
Gloucester	Longlevens	3.1	22
Gloucester	Elmbridge	3.3	32
Gloucester	Abbey	3.6	45
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	3.8	55
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	4.1	68
Gloucester	Grange	4.8	99
Gloucester	Barnwood	5.2	108
Gloucester	Tuffley	6.2	126
Gloucester	Podsmead	7.1	135
Gloucester	Moreland	7.5	137
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	8.1	140
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	8.3	141
Gloucester	Westgate	10.2	145
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	11.2	146

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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

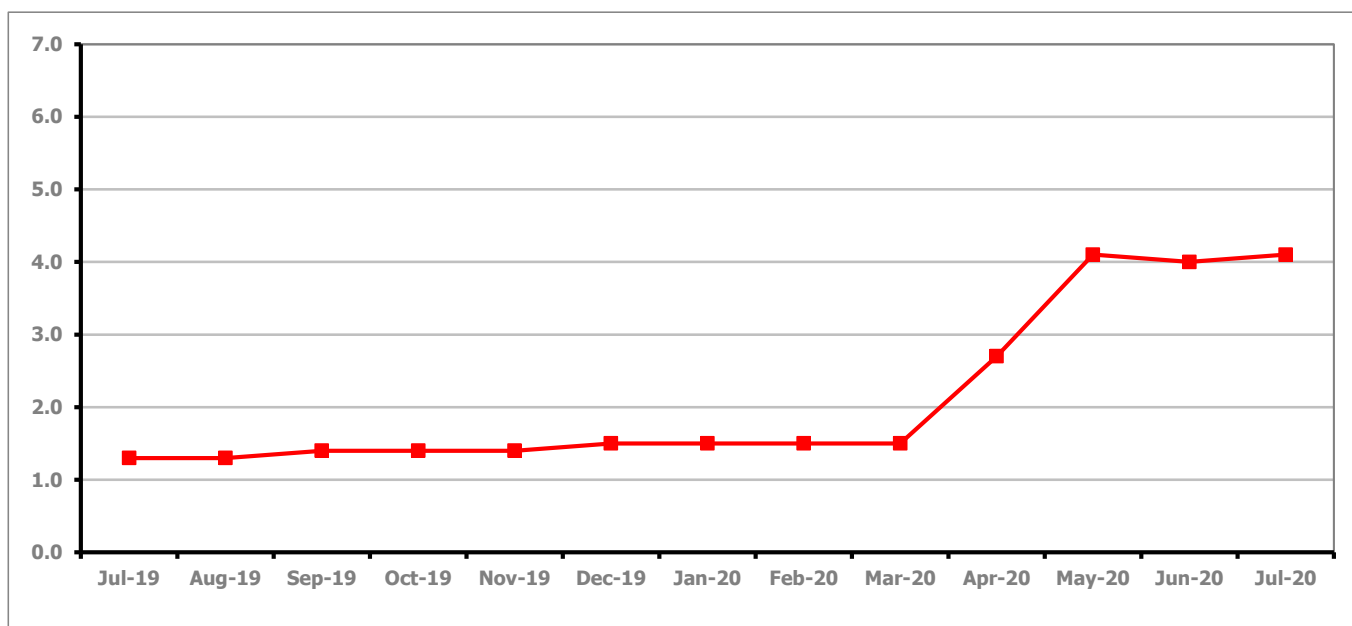


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased to 4.1% in July 2020.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - July 2020

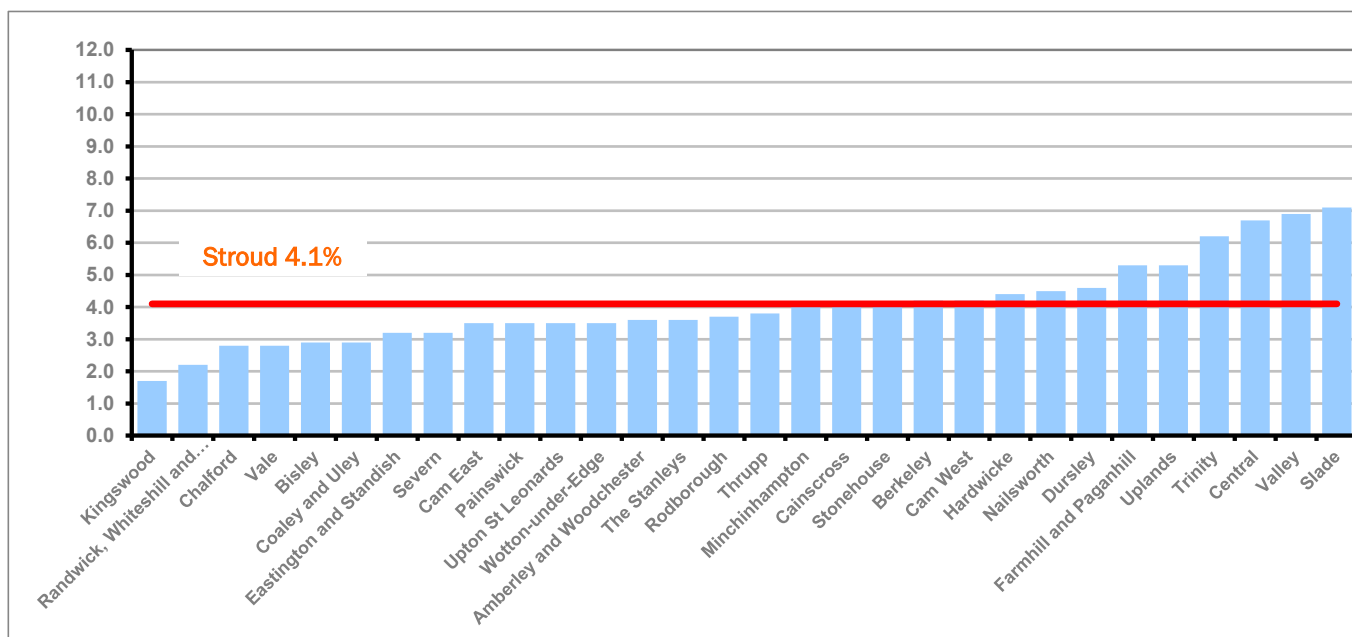


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.1%. Eleven wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - July 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Kingswood	1.7	2
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	2.2	3
Stroud	Chalford	2.8	12
Stroud	Vale	2.8	12
Stroud	Bisley	2.9	16
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	2.9	16
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	3.2	27
Stroud	Severn	3.2	27
Stroud	Cam East	3.5	39
Stroud	Painswick	3.5	39
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	3.5	39
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	3.5	39
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	3.6	45
Stroud	The Stanleys	3.6	45
Stroud	Rodborough	3.7	51
Stroud	Thrupp	3.8	55
Stroud	Minchinhampton	4.0	63
Stroud	Cainscross	4.1	68
Stroud	Stonehouse	4.1	68
Stroud	Berkeley	4.2	72
Stroud	Cam West	4.2	72
Stroud	Hardwicke	4.4	81
Stroud	Nailsworth	4.5	86
Stroud	Dursley	4.6	93
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	5.3	111
Stroud	Uplands	5.3	111
Stroud	Trinity	6.2	126
Stroud	Central	6.7	130
Stroud	Valley	6.9	133
Stroud	Slade	7.1	135

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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

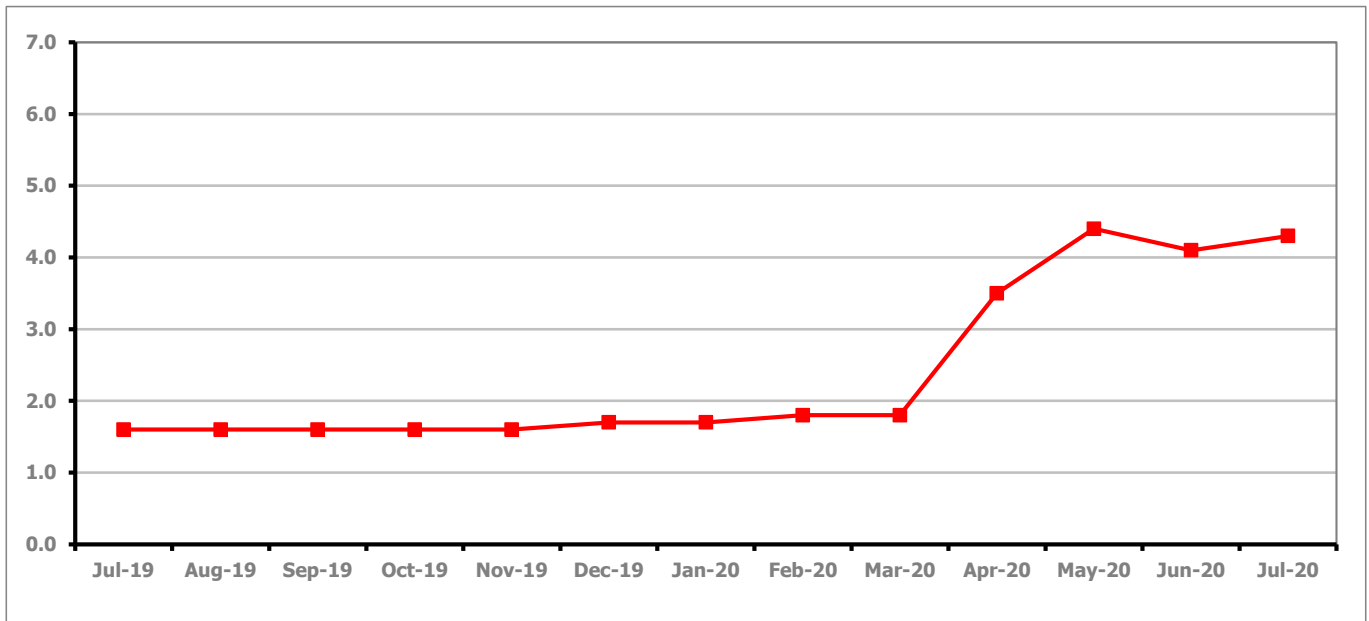


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough increased to 4.3% in July 2020.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - July 2020

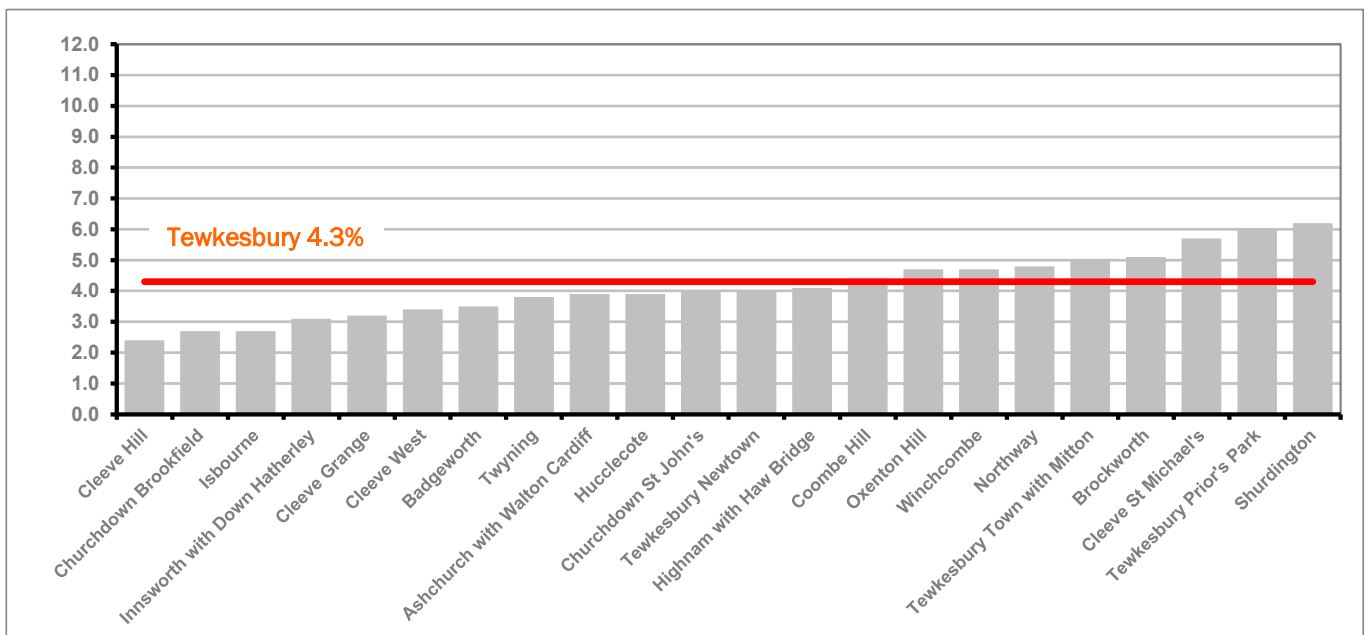


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.3%. Nine wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - July 2020

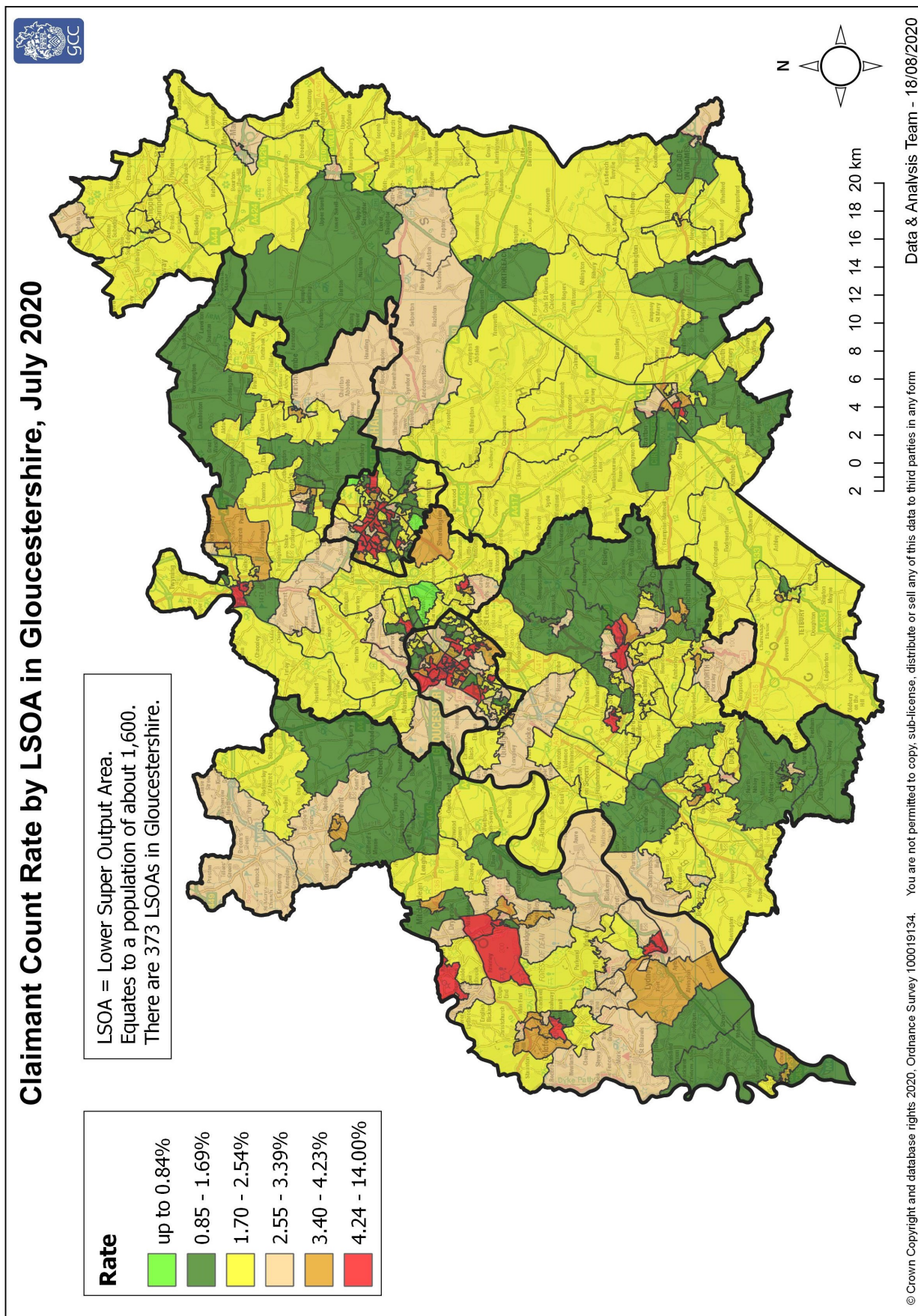
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	2.4	5
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	2.7	9
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.7	9
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	3.1	22
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	3.2	27
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	3.4	36
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	3.5	39
Tewkesbury	Twynning	3.8	55
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	3.9	59
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	3.9	59
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	4.0	63
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	4.0	63
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	4.1	68
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	4.4	81
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	4.7	96
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	4.7	96
Tewkesbury	Northway	4.8	99
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	5.0	103
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	5.1	105
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	5.7	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	6.0	120
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	6.2	126

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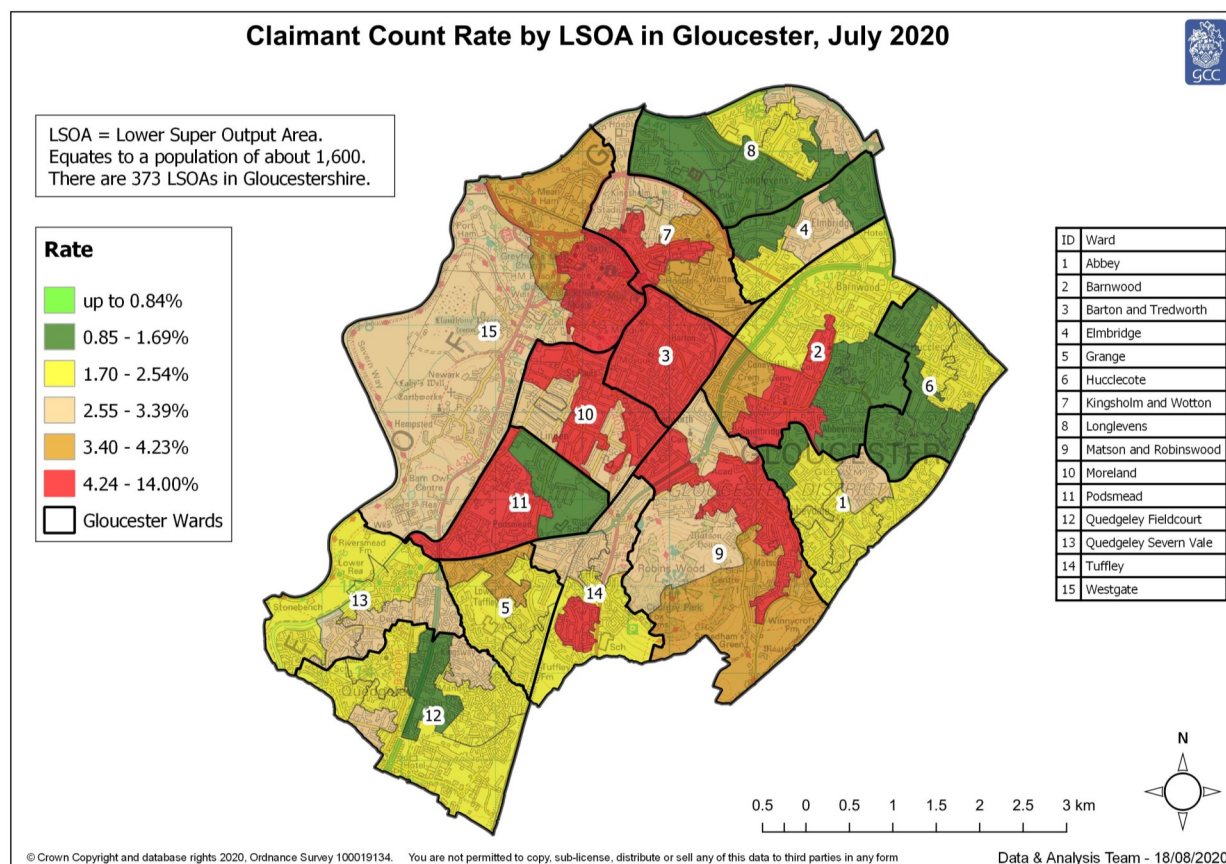
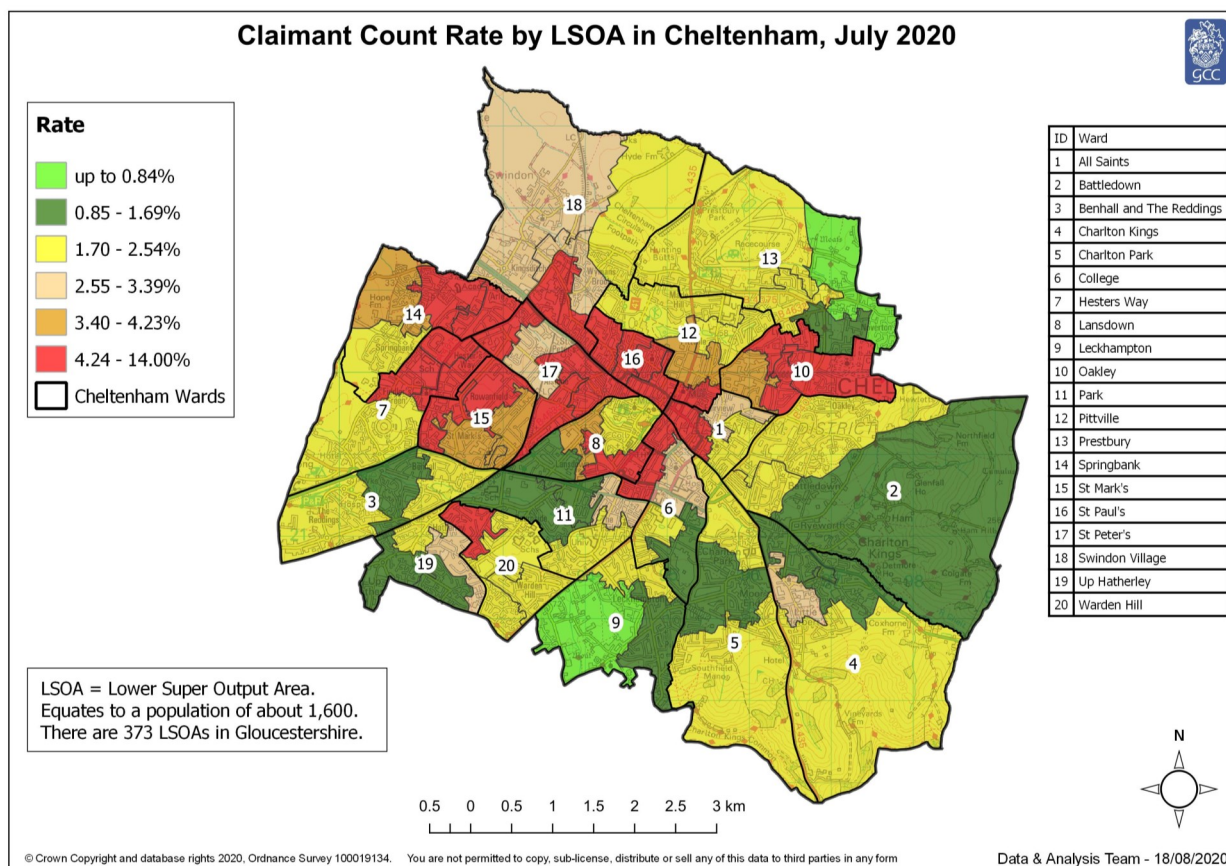
\* 1 = "best" and 146 = "worst"

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

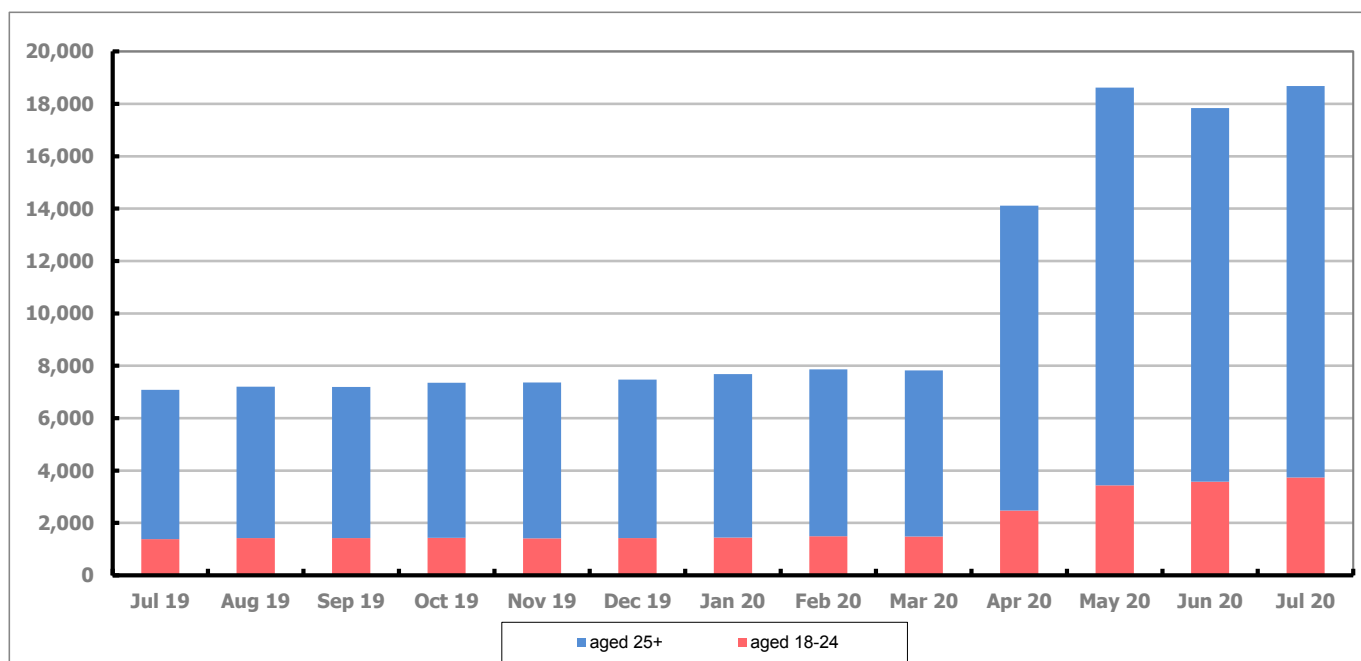


Figure 15 shows that in July 2020, 3,735 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.9% of total working age claimants.

## 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 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 July 2020 there were 400 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 3.05%. The total number of NEET young people increased by 22 in July 2020 compared to June 2020, four districts saw a increase in their figures and two districts saw a decrease.

### Total NEET Group by District Area

#### July 2020 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
<b>Total NEET</b>	68	33	61	137	52	49	400
<b>Cohort</b>	2326	1827	1718	3078	2647	1896	13492
<b>% NEET</b>	2.92	1.81	3.55	4.45	1.96	2.58	3.05*

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact [Lynne.Speak@Prospects.co.uk](mailto: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.