

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.

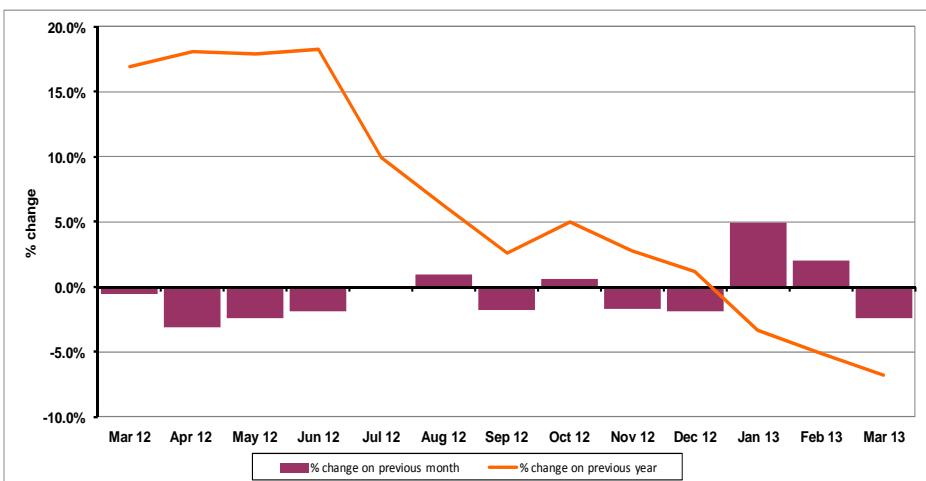
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.7% in March 2013. This was a decrease of 0.1% on the February 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 the same as the South West average of 2.7%, and 1.2% lower than the UK average of 3.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in March 2013 decreased by 250 people. The amount of people claiming in March 2013 was -2.4% lower than the number in February 2013. This compares to a -2.6% decrease in the South West and a -1.8% decrease for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was -6.8% lower in March 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:
March 2012 to March 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 March 2013

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

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

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,347
Compared to last month:	-4.3%
Claimant rate:	3.1%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (6.4%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	3,302
Compared to last month:	-0.1%
Claimant rate:	4.2%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (9.3%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	807
Compared to last month:	-1.1%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (4.3%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,391
Compared to last month:	-3.3%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Slade (5.9%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,328
Compared to last month:	-2.6%
Claimant rate:	2.6%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (5.2%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,092
Compared to last month:	-4.4%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.6%)

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

At the end of March 2013 there were 616 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 4.4%.

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

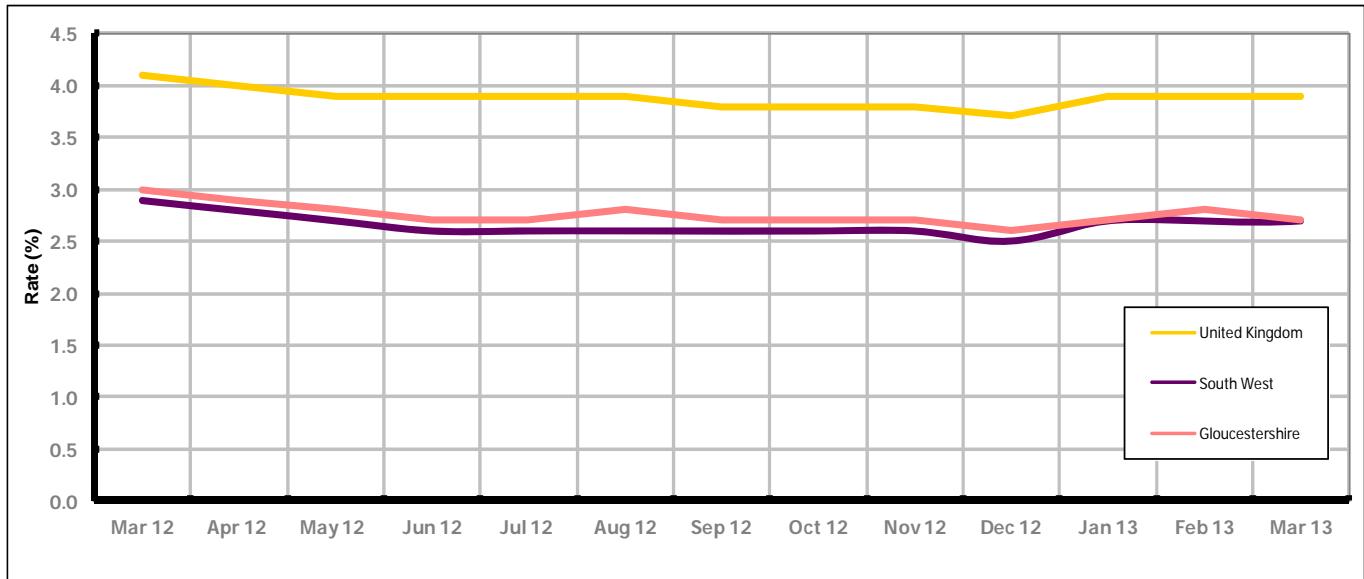


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.7% in March 2013. With the exception of March 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average since March 2012. It has been persistently lower by approximately 1.2% against the UK average during the same period. The March 2013 rate represents a 0.1% decrease on February 2013.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in March 2013	% change on February 2013	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,584,468	-1.8%	+0.4%	0
South West	88,347	-2.6%	+0.6%	0
Gloucestershire	10,267	-2.4%	+0.1%	0

Table 1 shows that in March 2013, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was -2.4% lower than the number in February 2013.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to March 2013 was +0.1%. This is 0.5% lower than the South West average and 0.3% less than the UK average.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

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

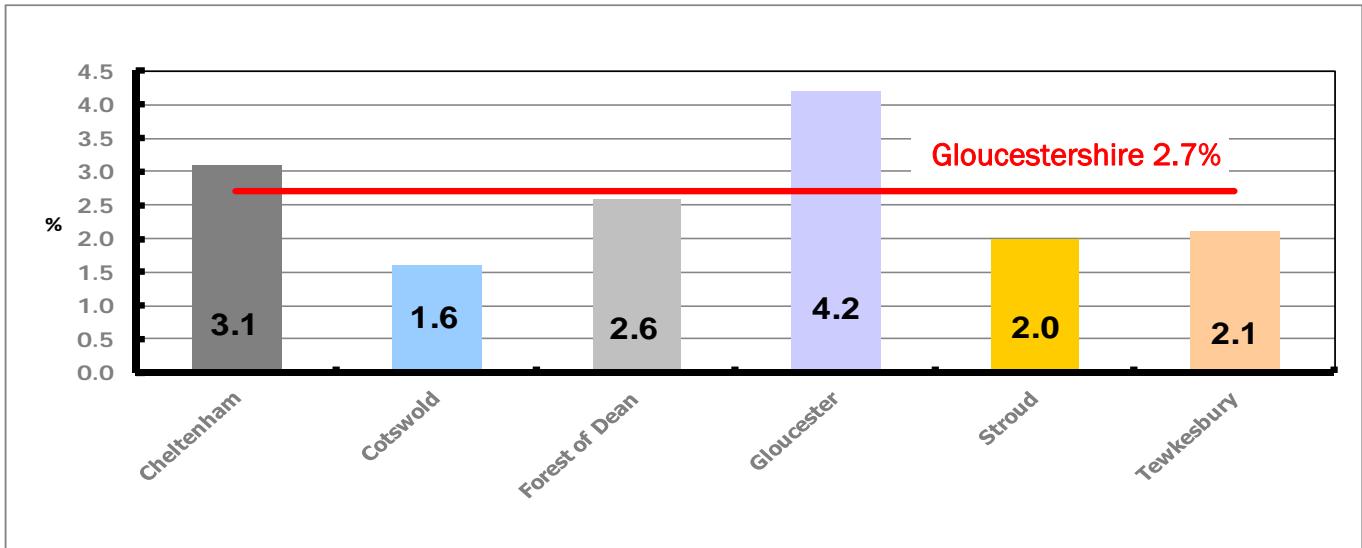


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for March 2013 in Gloucestershire. Between February 2013 and March 2013 the rate in Cheltenham, Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury decreased, the rate in the other districts remained the same.

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

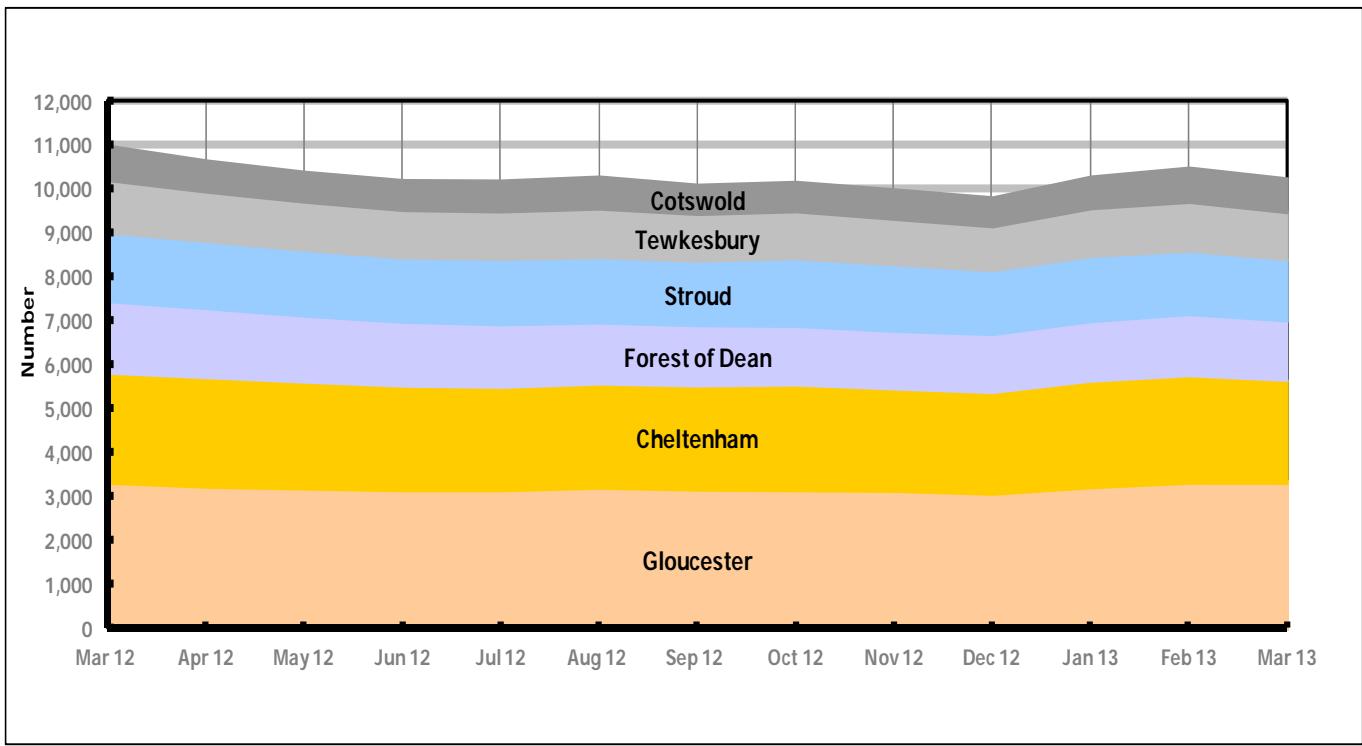


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. Since March 2012 the number of claimants decreased, with the exception of August, October, January and February when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Mar 13 Number	Mar 13 Rate	Feb 13 Number	Feb 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	10,267	2.7	10,517	2.8	-250	-2.4%	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,347	3.1	2,453	3.2	-106	-4.3%	-0.1
Cotswold	807	1.6	816	1.6	-9	-1.1%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,328	2.6	1,363	2.7	-35	-2.6%	-0.1
Gloucester	3,302	4.2	3,305	4.2	-3	-0.1%	0.0
Stroud	1,391	2.0	1,438	2.0	-47	-3.3%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,092	2.1	1,142	2.2	-50	-4.4%	-0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in March 2013 compared to February 2013. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Mar 13 Number	Mar 13 Rate	Feb 13 Number	Feb 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,805	3.6	6,966	3.7	-161	-2.3%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,573	4.1	1,643	4.3	-70	-4.3%	-0.2
Cotswold	543	2.2	544	2.2	-1	-0.2%	0.0
Forest of Dean	867	3.4	881	3.5	-14	-1.6%	-0.1
Gloucester	2,187	5.5	2,192	5.5	-5	-0.2%	0.0
Stroud	926	2.6	952	2.7	-26	-2.7%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	709	2.8	754	3.0	-45	-6.0%	-0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in March 2013 compared to February 2013. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Mar 13 Number	Mar 13 Rate	Feb 13 Number	Feb 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,462	1.8	3,551	1.9	-89	-2.5%	-0.1
Cheltenham	774	2.0	810	2.1	-36	-4.4%	-0.1
Cotswold	264	1.0	272	1.1	-8	-2.9%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	461	1.8	482	1.9	-21	-4.4%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,115	2.8	1,113	2.8	2	0.2%	0.0
Stroud	465	1.3	486	1.4	-21	-4.3%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	383	1.5	388	1.5	-5	-1.3%	0.0

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

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

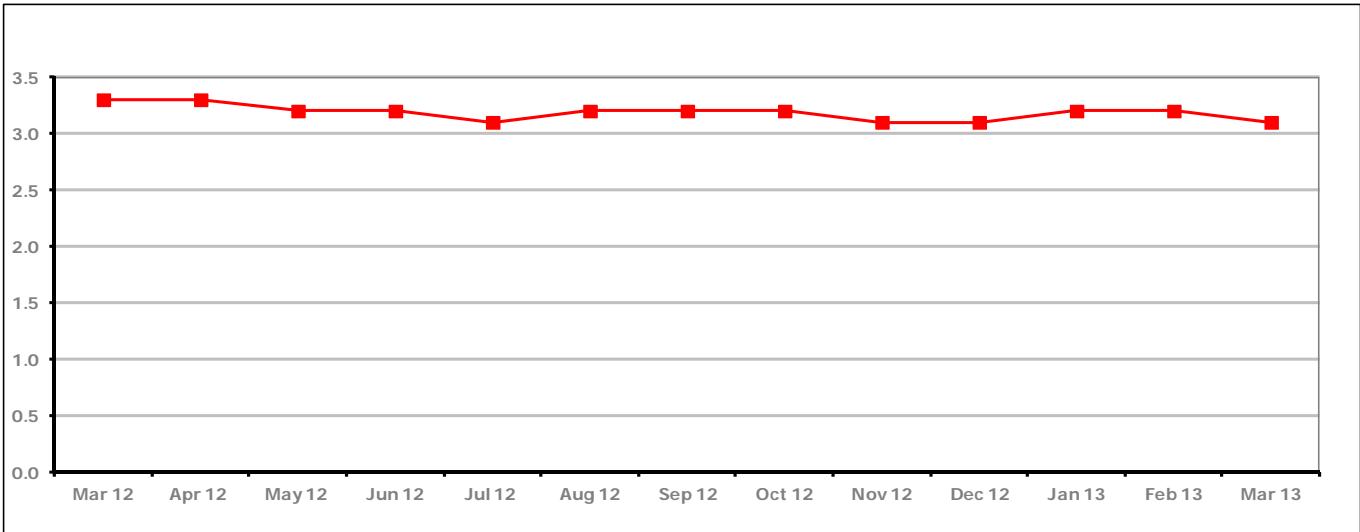


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased in March 2013 to 3.1%.

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

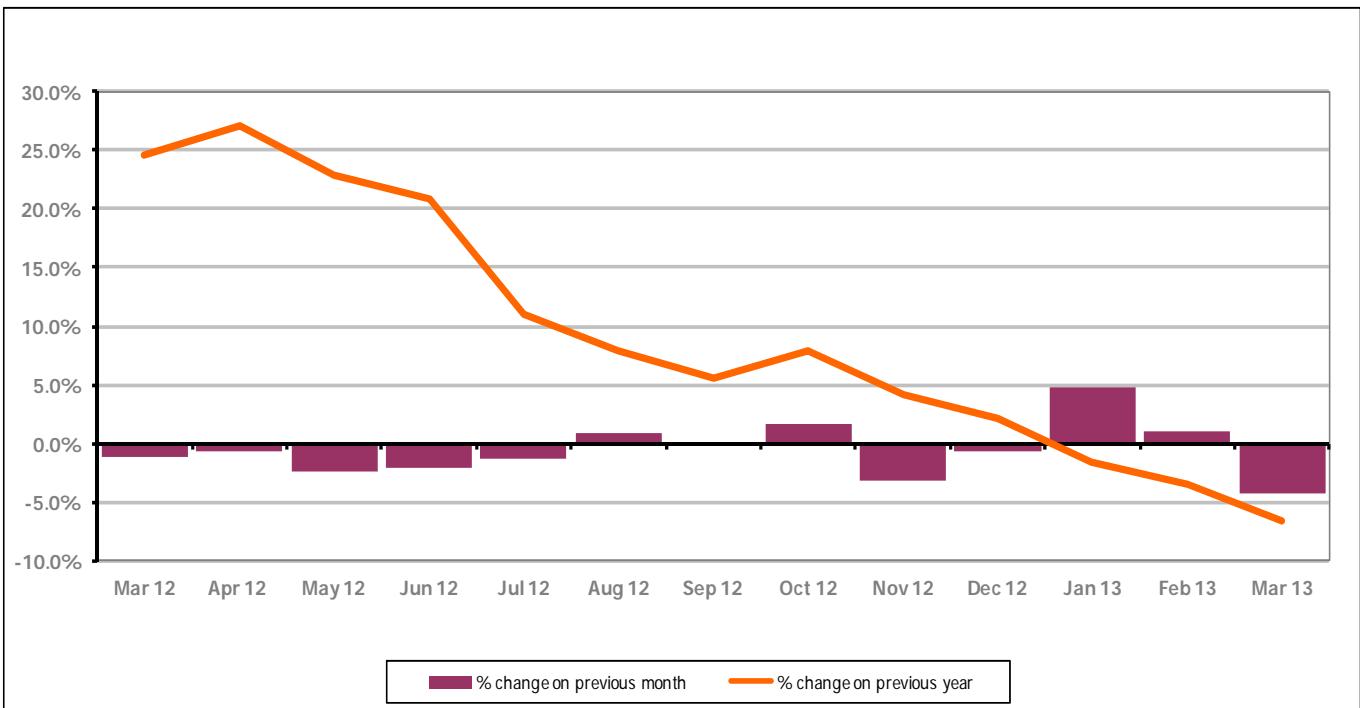


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by -4.3% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in March 2013 compared to February 2013 to -6.6%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

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

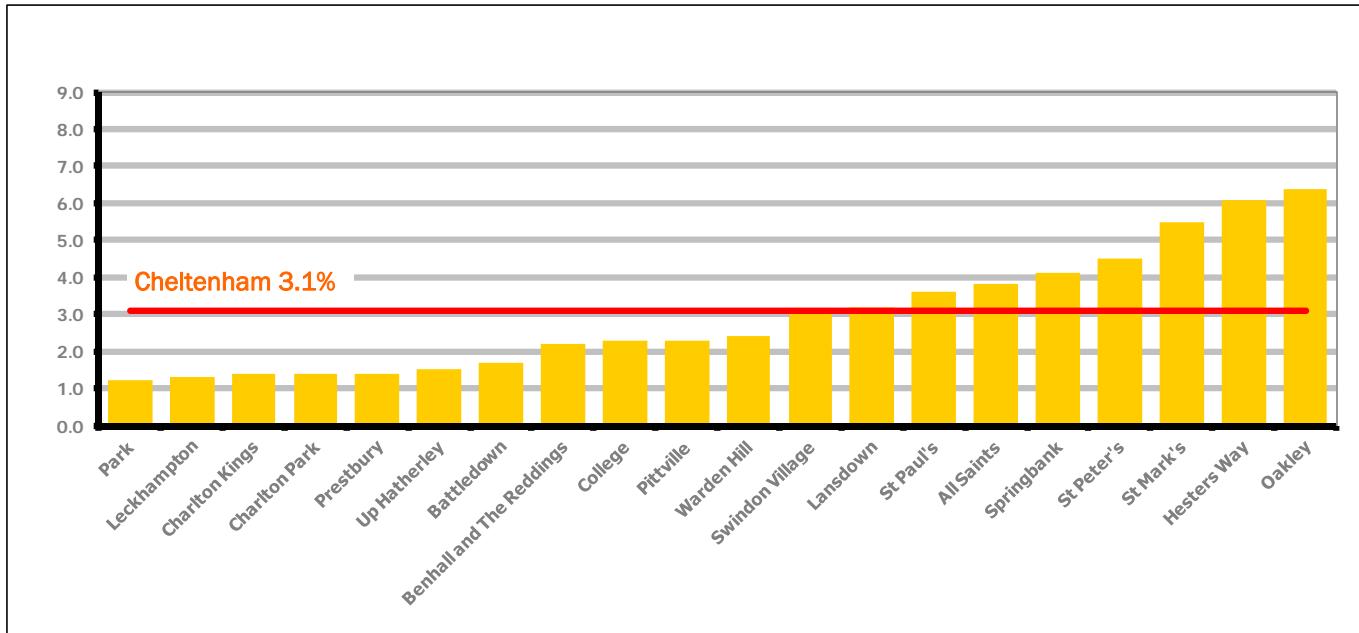
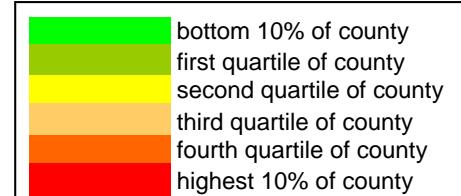


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.1%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Park	1.2	26
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.3	30
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.4	38
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.4	38
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.4	38
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.5	46
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.7	63
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	2.2	89
Cheltenham	College	2.3	95
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.3	95
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.4	98
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.1	113
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.2	114
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.6	119
Cheltenham	All Saints	3.8	122
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.1	123
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.5	127
Cheltenham	St Mark's	5.5	134
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	6.1	137
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.4	138



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

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

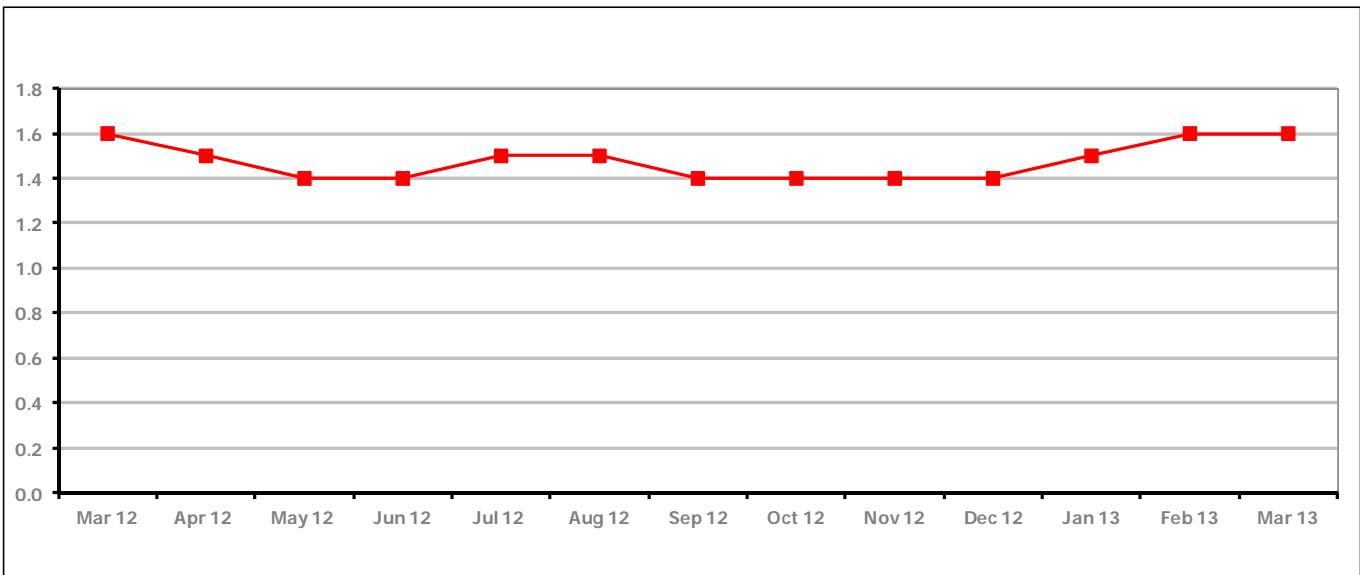
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained the same as last month at 1.6%.

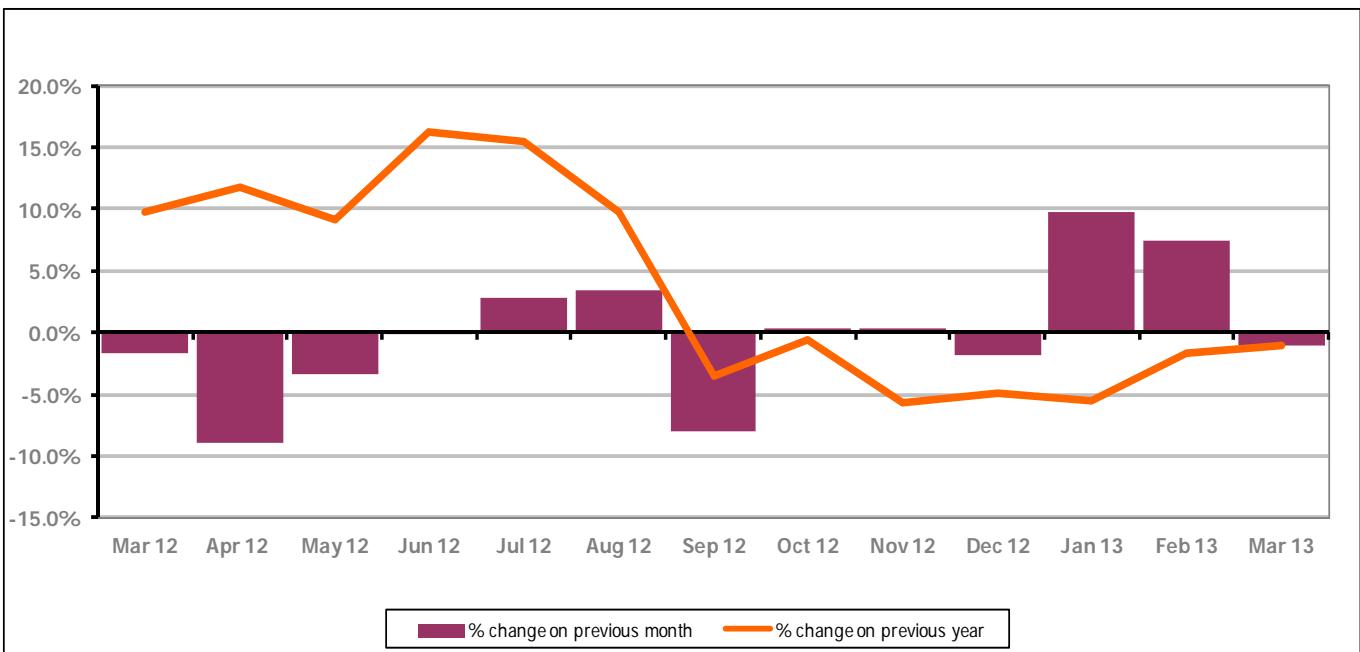
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by -1.1% since February 2013. The change on the previous year has increased from February 2013 compared to March 2013 to -1.1%.

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4.2 Cotswold District continued...

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

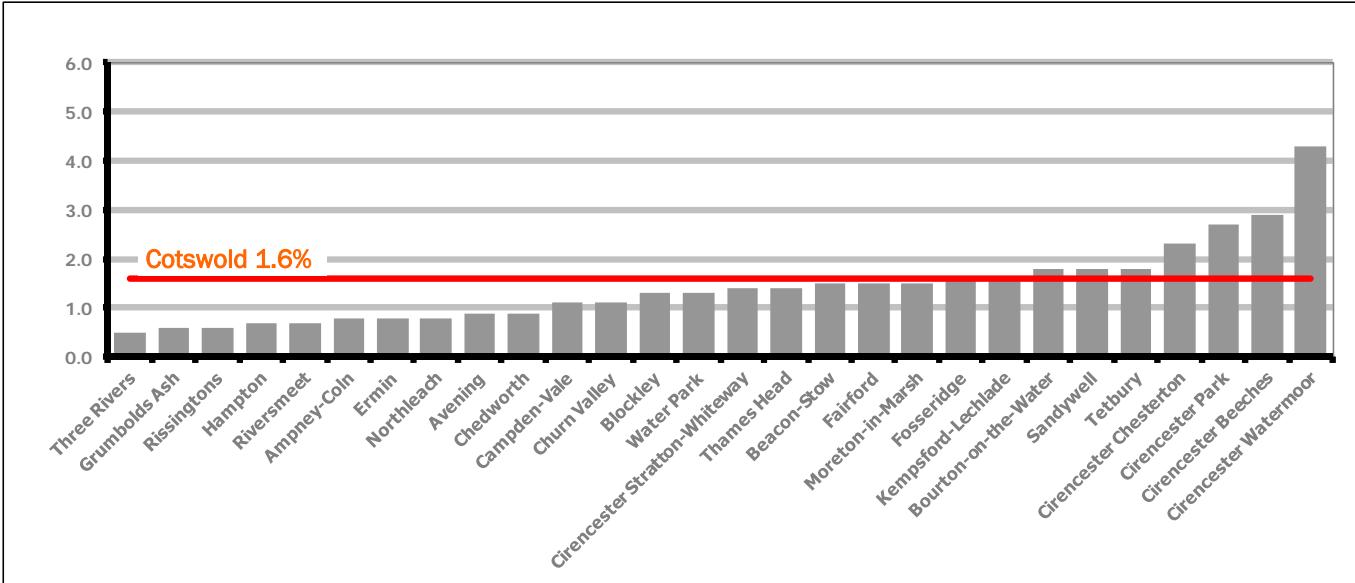


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.6%. Seven wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.5	2
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.6	5
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.6	5
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.7	8
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.7	8
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coin	0.8	10
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.8	10
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.8	10
Cotswolds	Avening	0.9	16
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.9	16
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	1.1	22
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	1.1	22
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.3	30
Cotswolds	Water Park	1.3	30
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.4	38
Cotswolds	Thames Head	1.4	38
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	1.5	46
Cotswolds	Fairford	1.5	46
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.5	46
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.6	56
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.6	56
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.8	68
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.8	68
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.8	68
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.3	95
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.7	105
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	2.9	110
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	4.3	125

* 1 = "best" and 125 = "worst"

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

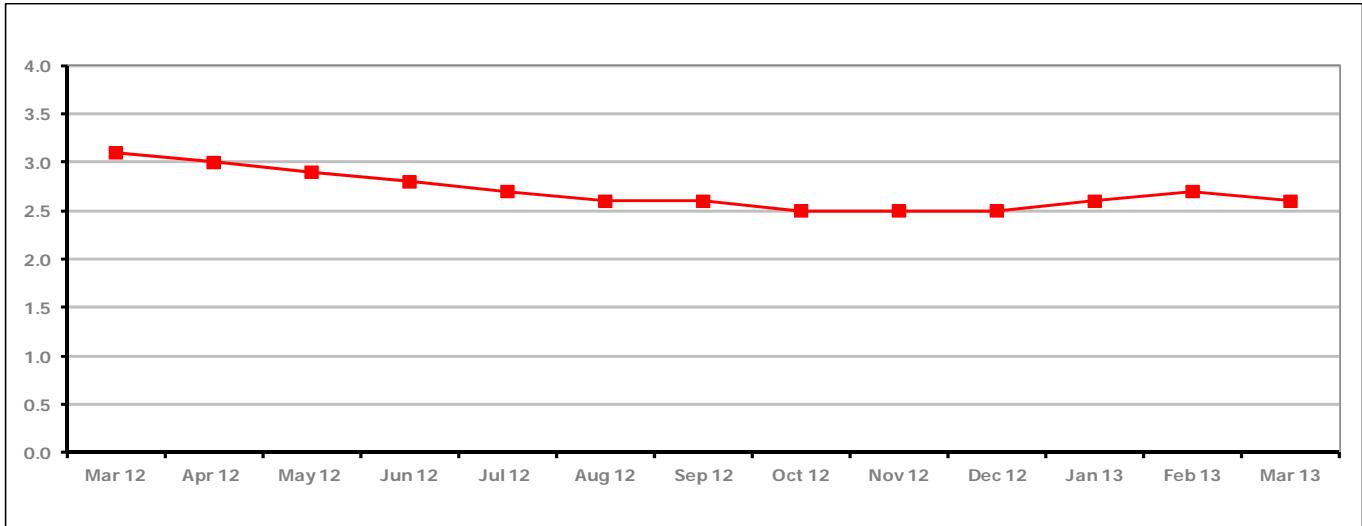
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased in March 2013 to 2.6%.

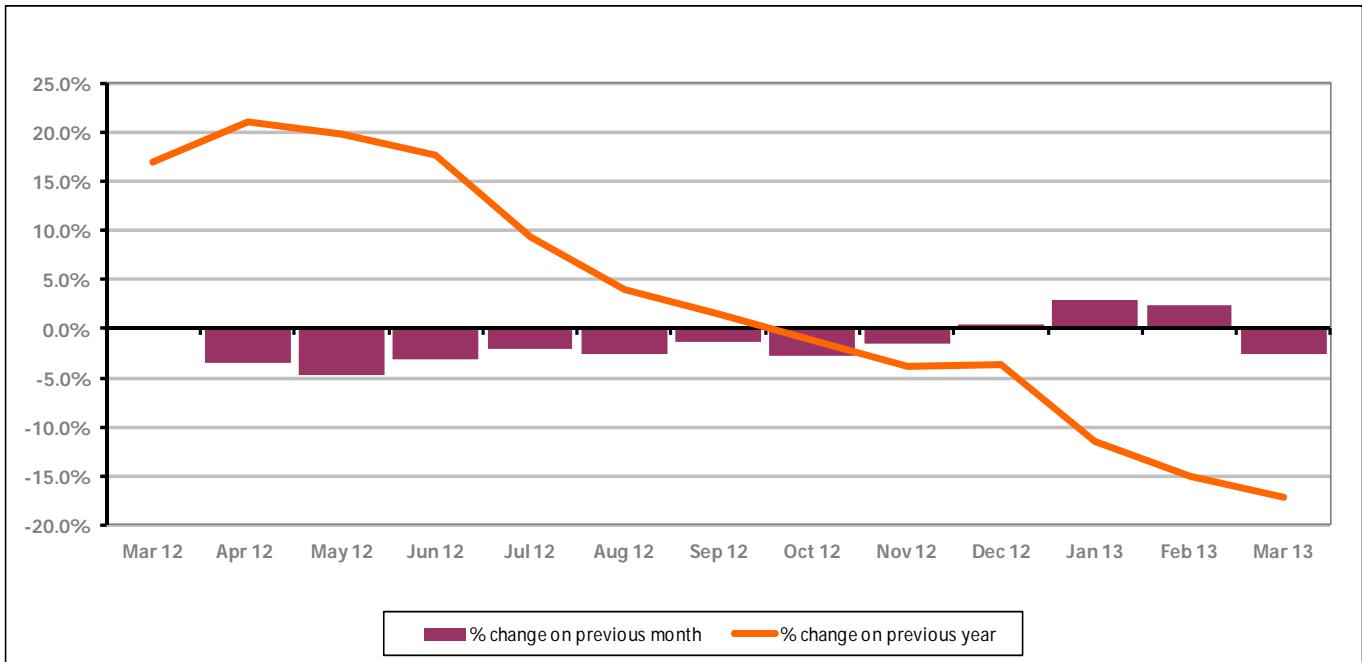
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by -2.6% since February 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from February 2013 compared to March 2013 to -17.2%.

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 - March 2013

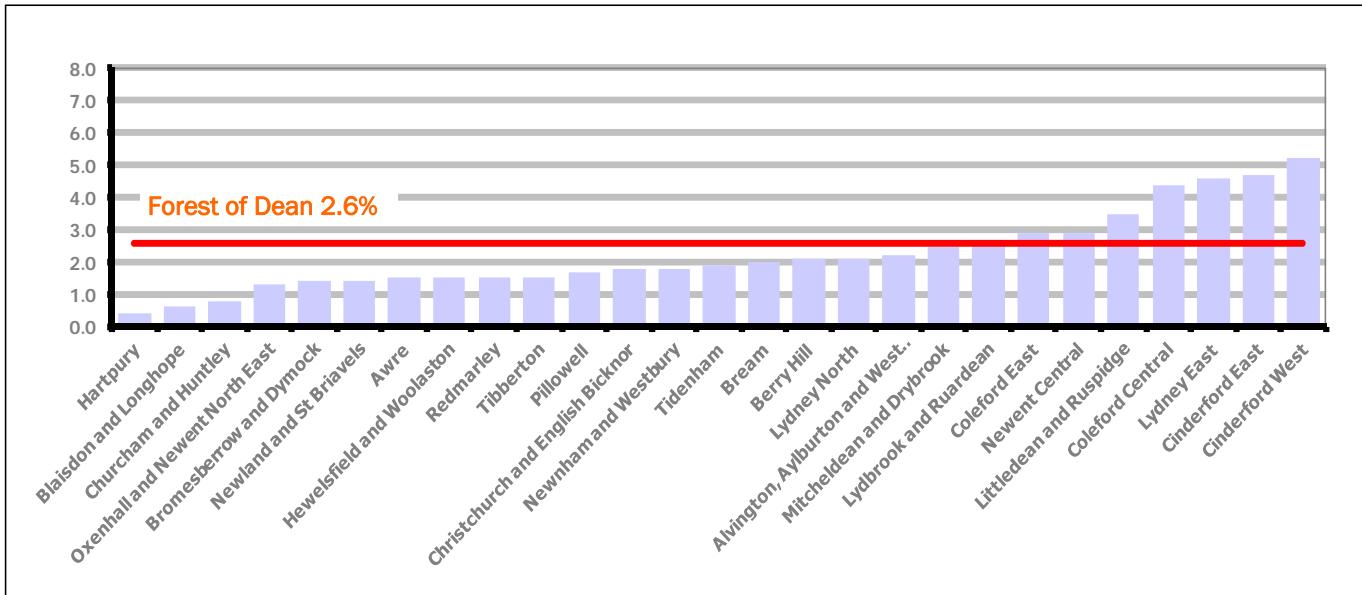
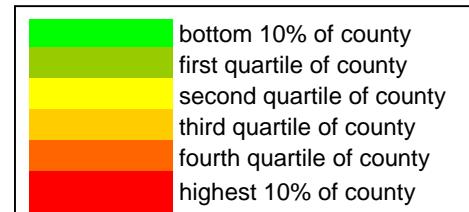


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.6 %. Seven wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.4	1
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.6	5
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.8	10
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.3	30
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.4	38
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.4	38
Forest	Awre	1.5	46
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.5	46
Forest	Redmarley	1.5	46
Forest	Tibberton	1.5	46
Forest	Pillowell	1.7	63
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.8	68
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.8	68
Forest	Tidenham	1.9	77
Forest	Bream	2.0	79
Forest	Berry Hill	2.1	82
Forest	Lydney North	2.1	82
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.2	89
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.5	102
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.6	104
Forest	Coleford East	2.9	110
Forest	Newent Central	2.9	110
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	3.5	116
Forest	Coleford Central	4.4	126
Forest	Lydney East	4.6	128
Forest	Cinderford East	4.7	129
Forest	Cinderford West	5.2	131



* 1 = "best" and 131 = "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

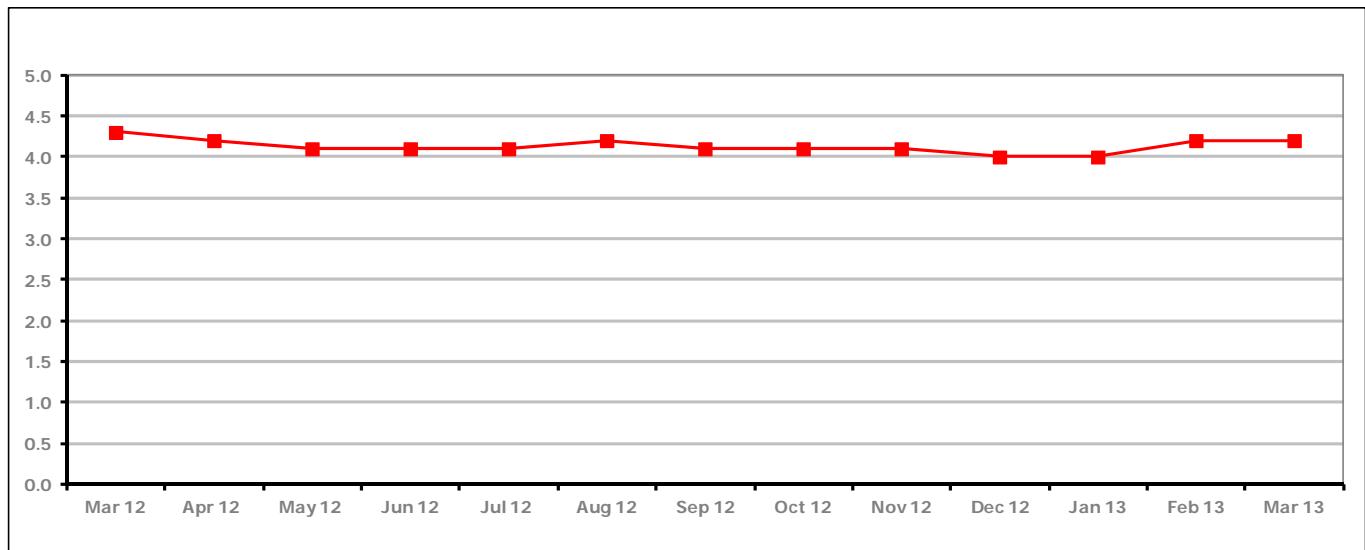


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained the same as last month at 4.2% .

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

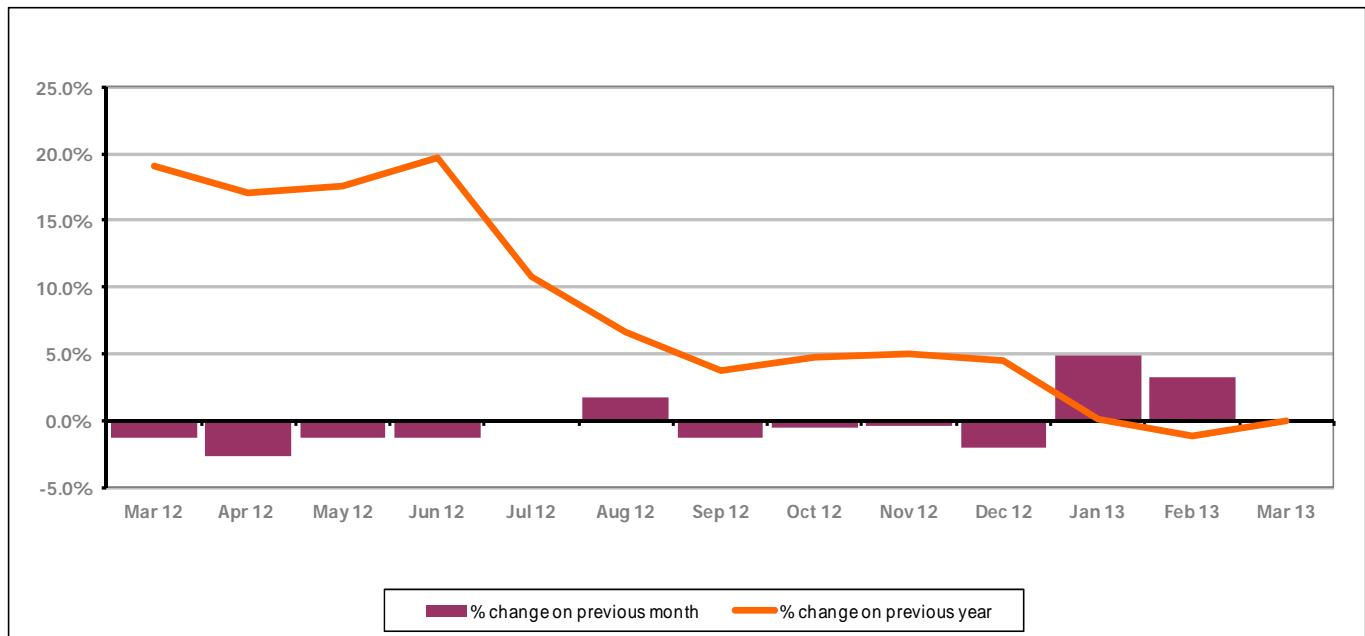


Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -0.1% since February 2013. The change on the previous year has increased from February 2013 compared to March 2013 to -0.03%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

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

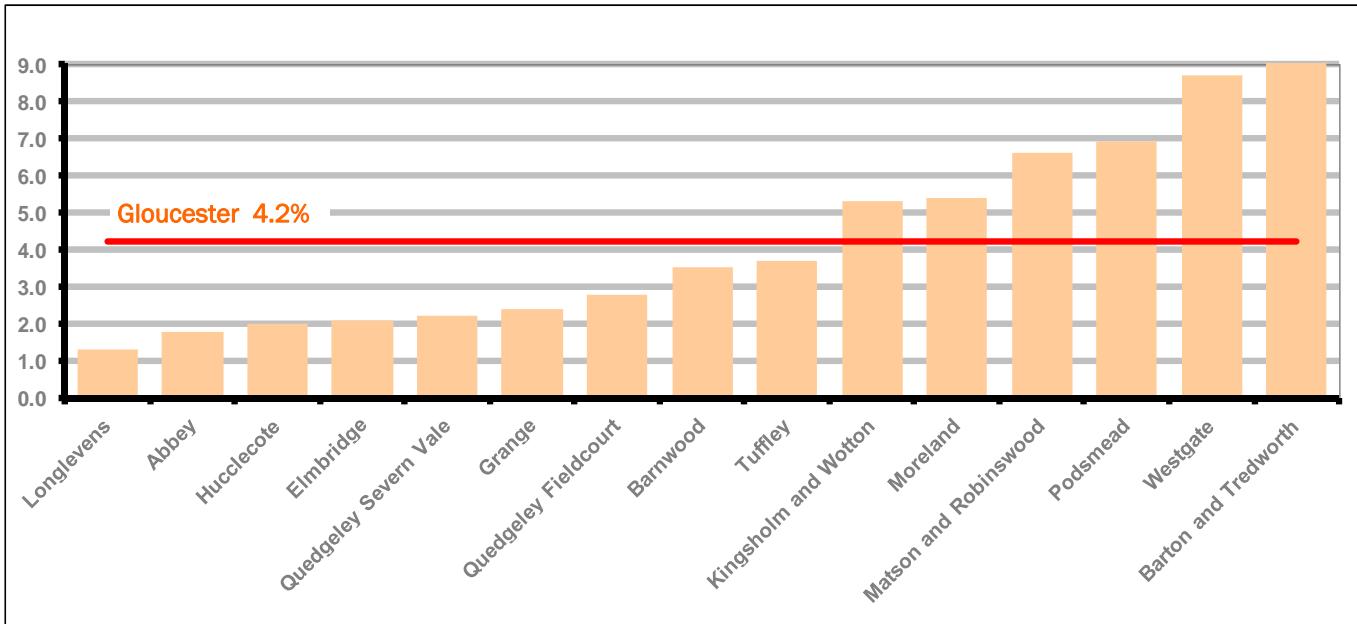
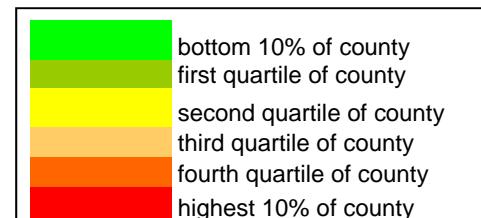


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.2%. Six wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.3	30
Gloucester	Abbey	1.8	68
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.0	79
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.1	82
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.2	89
Gloucester	Grange	2.4	98
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.8	107
Gloucester	Barnwood	3.5	116
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.7	121
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.3	132
Gloucester	Moreland	5.4	133
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.6	139
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.9	140
Gloucester	Westgate	8.7	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	9.3	142



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

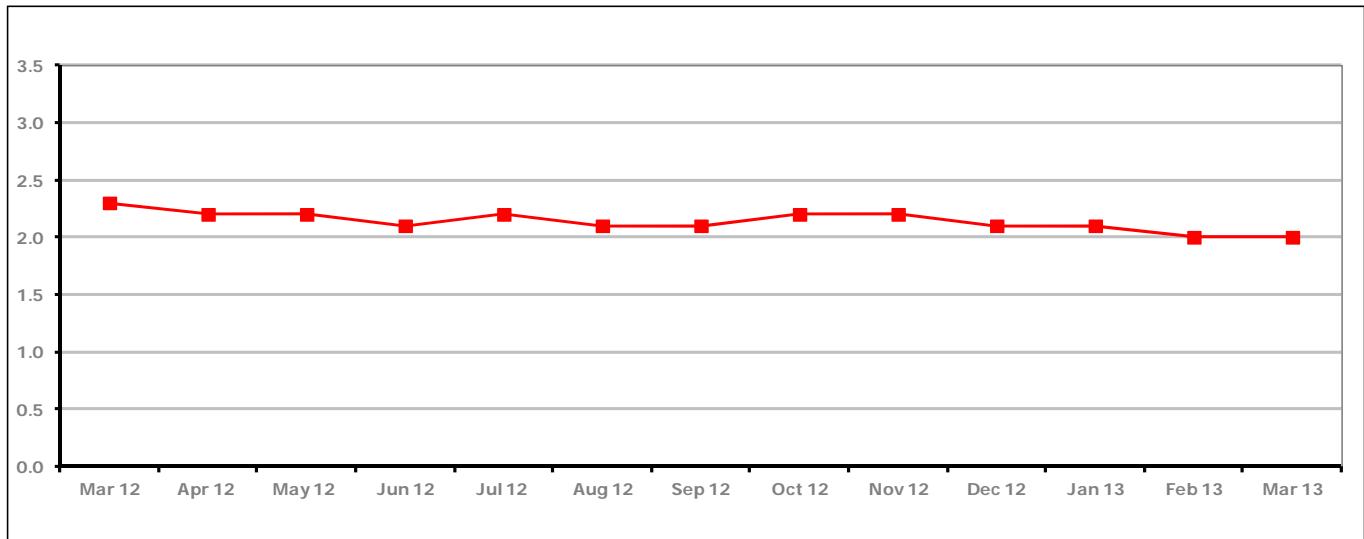
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained the same as last month at 2.0%.

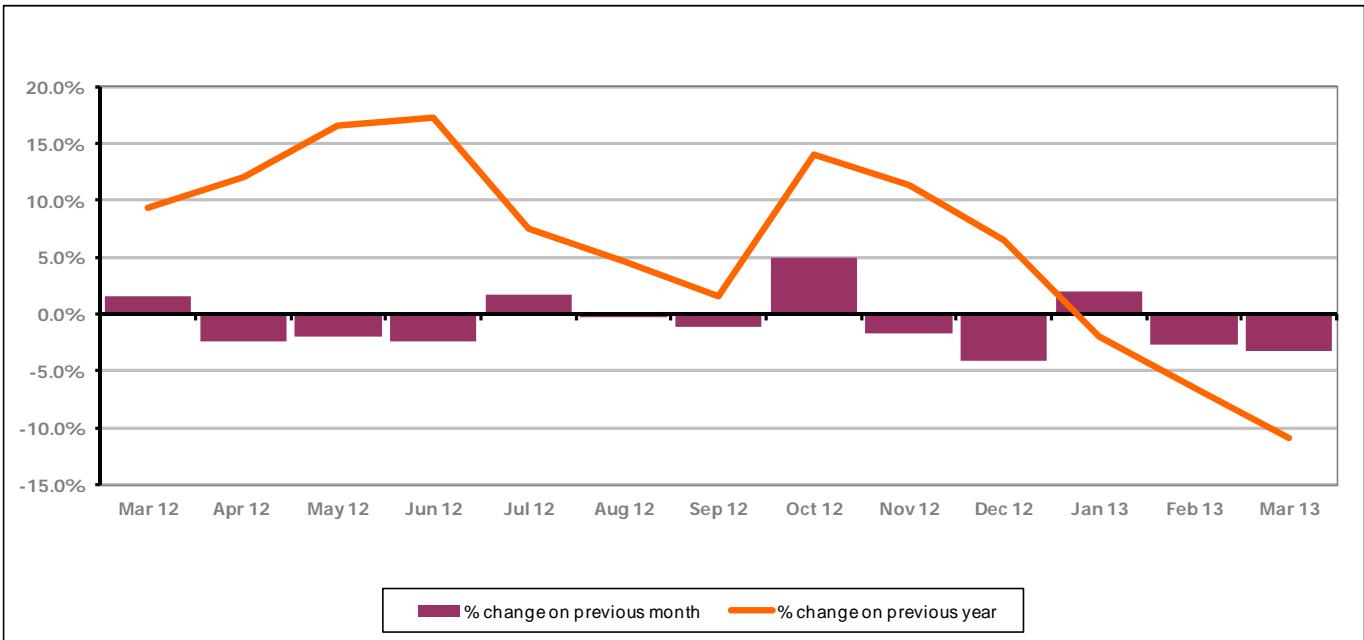
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -3.3% since February 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased between February 2013 and March 2013 to -10.9%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

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

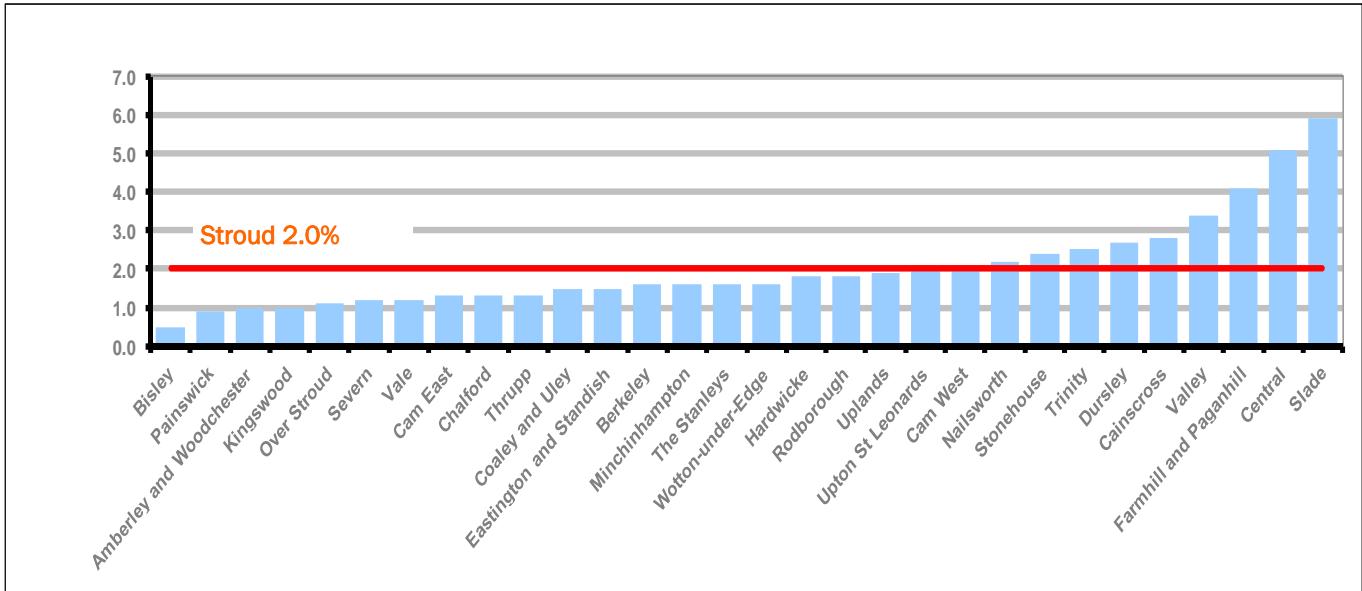
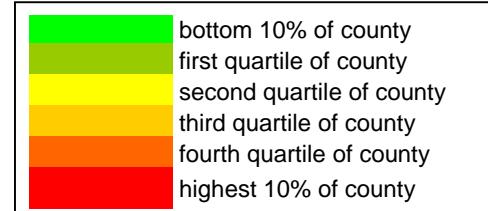


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0%. Ten wards are above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	0.5	2
Stroud	Painswick	0.9	16
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.0	19
Stroud	Kingswood	1.0	19
Stroud	Over Stroud	1.1	22
Stroud	Severn	1.2	26
Stroud	Vale	1.2	26
Stroud	Cam East	1.3	30
Stroud	Chalford	1.3	30
Stroud	Thrupp	1.3	30
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.5	46
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.5	46
Stroud	Berkeley	1.6	56
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.6	56
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.6	56
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.6	56
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.8	68
Stroud	Rodborough	1.8	68
Stroud	Uplands	1.9	77
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	2.0	79
Stroud	Cam West	2.1	82
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.2	89
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.4	98
Stroud	Trinity	2.5	102
Stroud	Dursley	2.7	105
Stroud	Cainscross	2.8	107
Stroud	Valley	3.4	115
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	4.1	123
Stroud	Central	5.1	130
Stroud	Slade	5.9	136



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

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

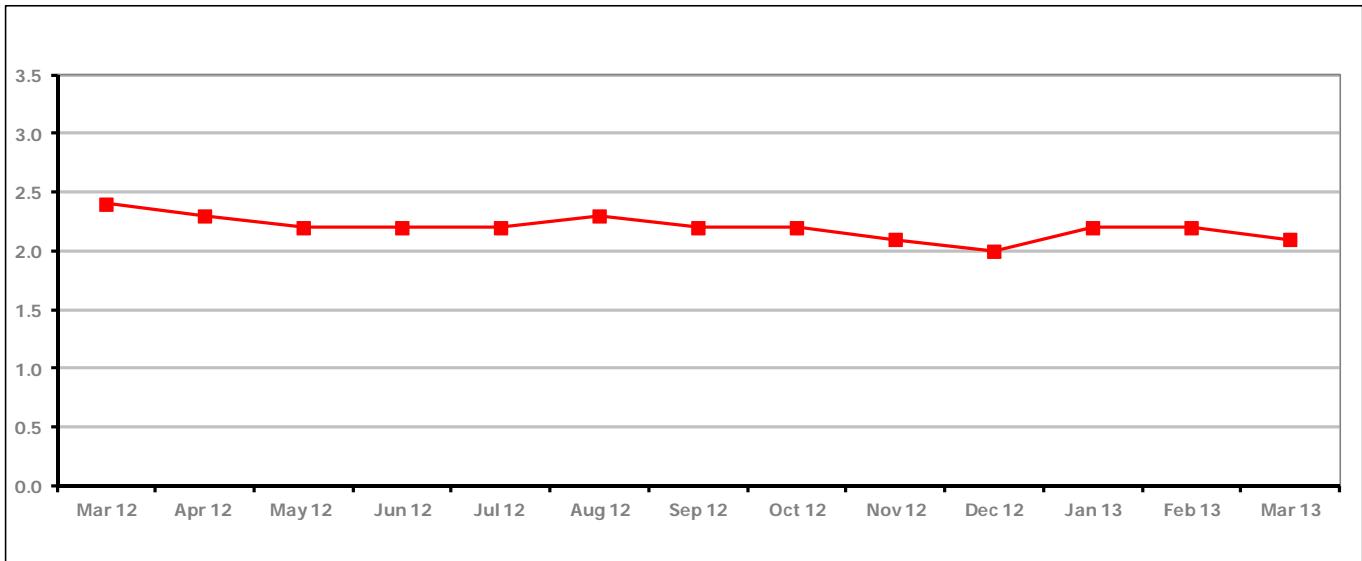


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District decreased in March 2013 to 2.1%.

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

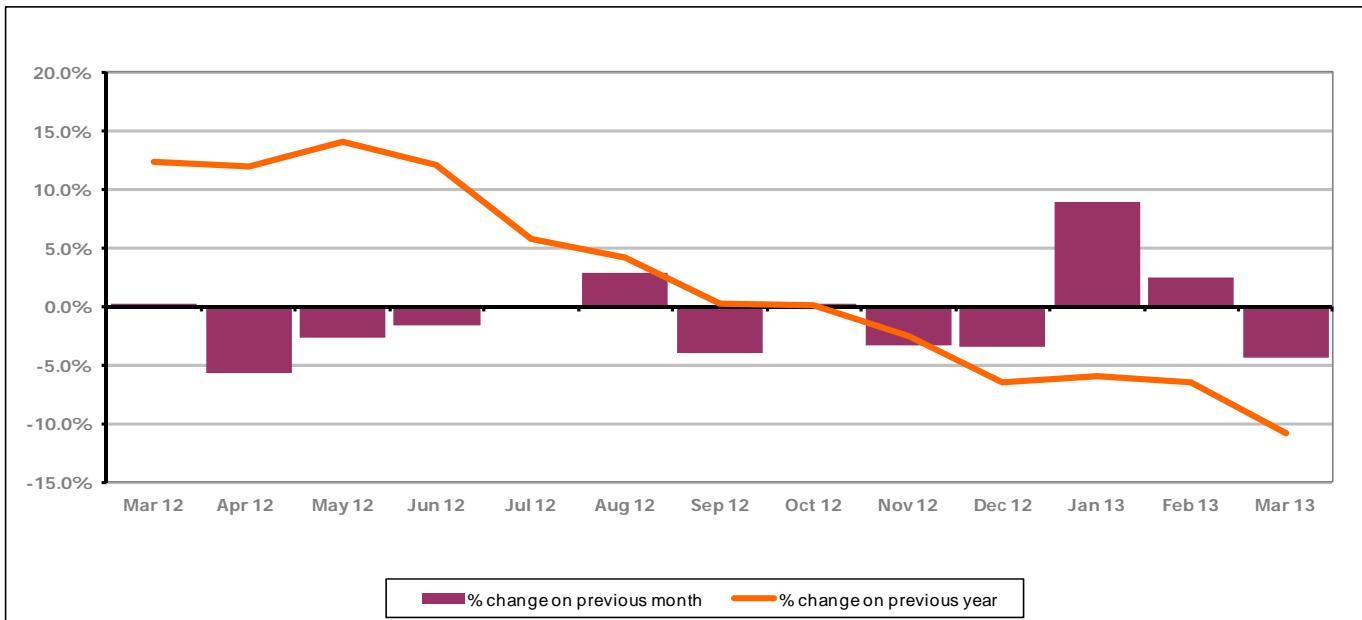


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased in March 2013 by -4.4%. The change on the previous year decreased between February 2013 and March 2013 to -10.8%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

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

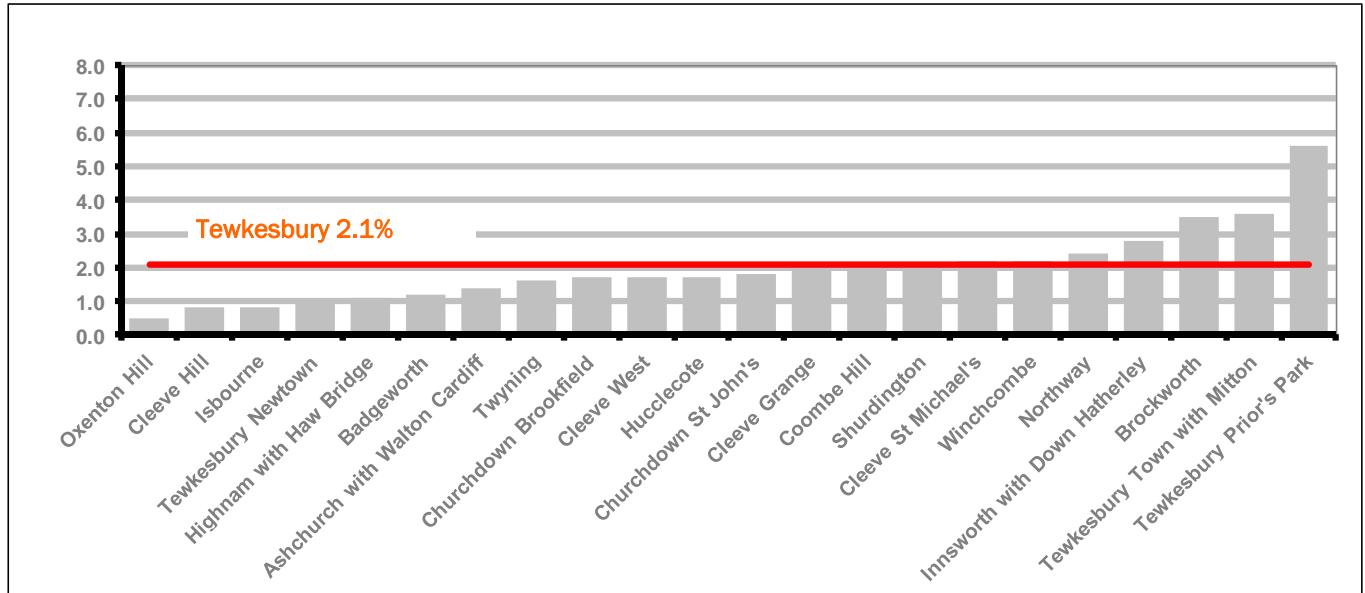
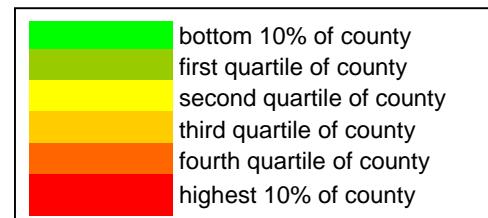


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1% and seven wards are above the average.

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

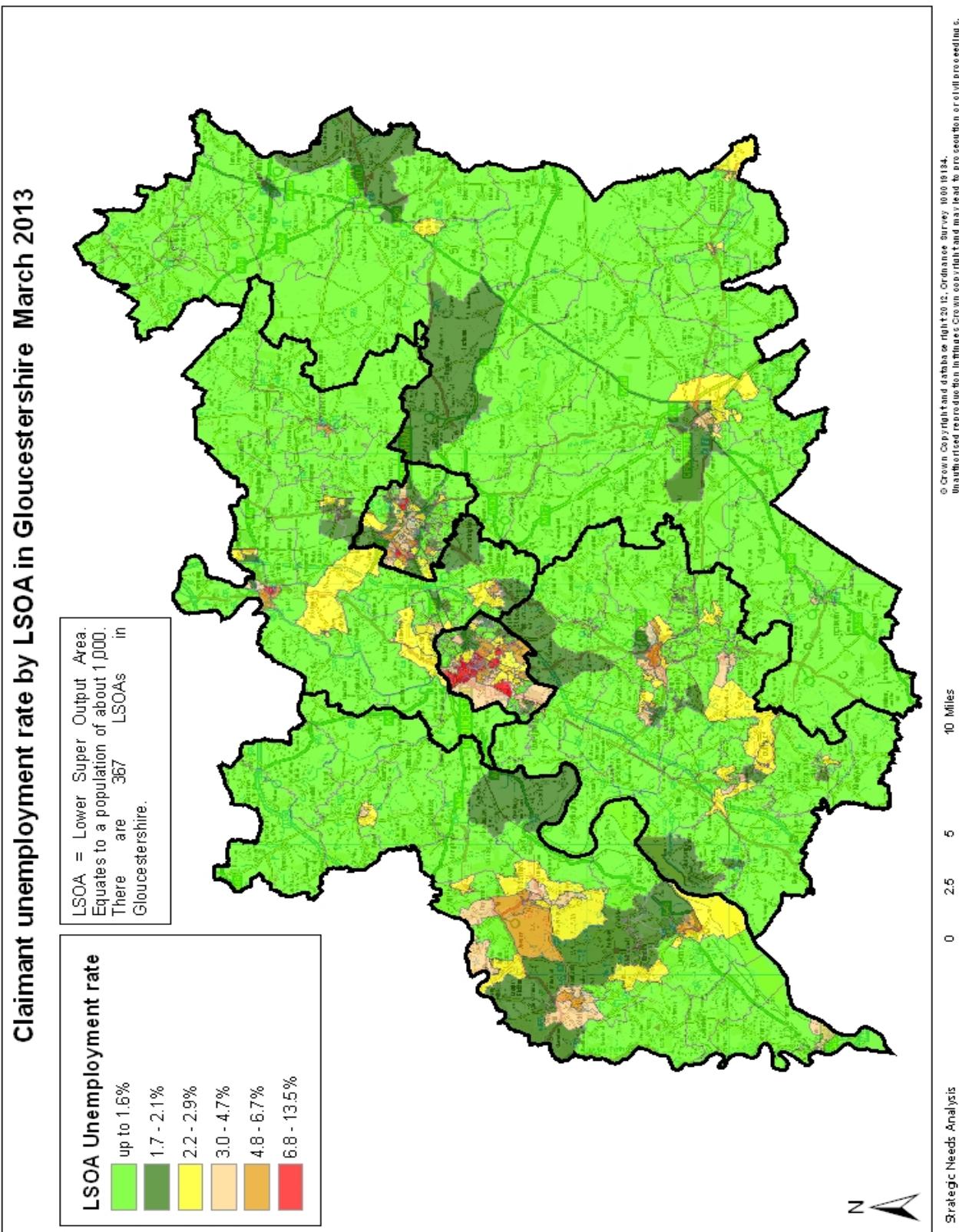
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.5	2
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.8	10
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.8	10
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.0	19
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.1	22
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.2	26
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.4	38
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.6	56
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	1.7	63
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.7	63
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.7	63
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.8	68
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.1	82
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	2.1	82
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.1	82
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.2	89
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.2	89
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.4	98
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.8	107
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	3.5	116
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.6	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.6	135



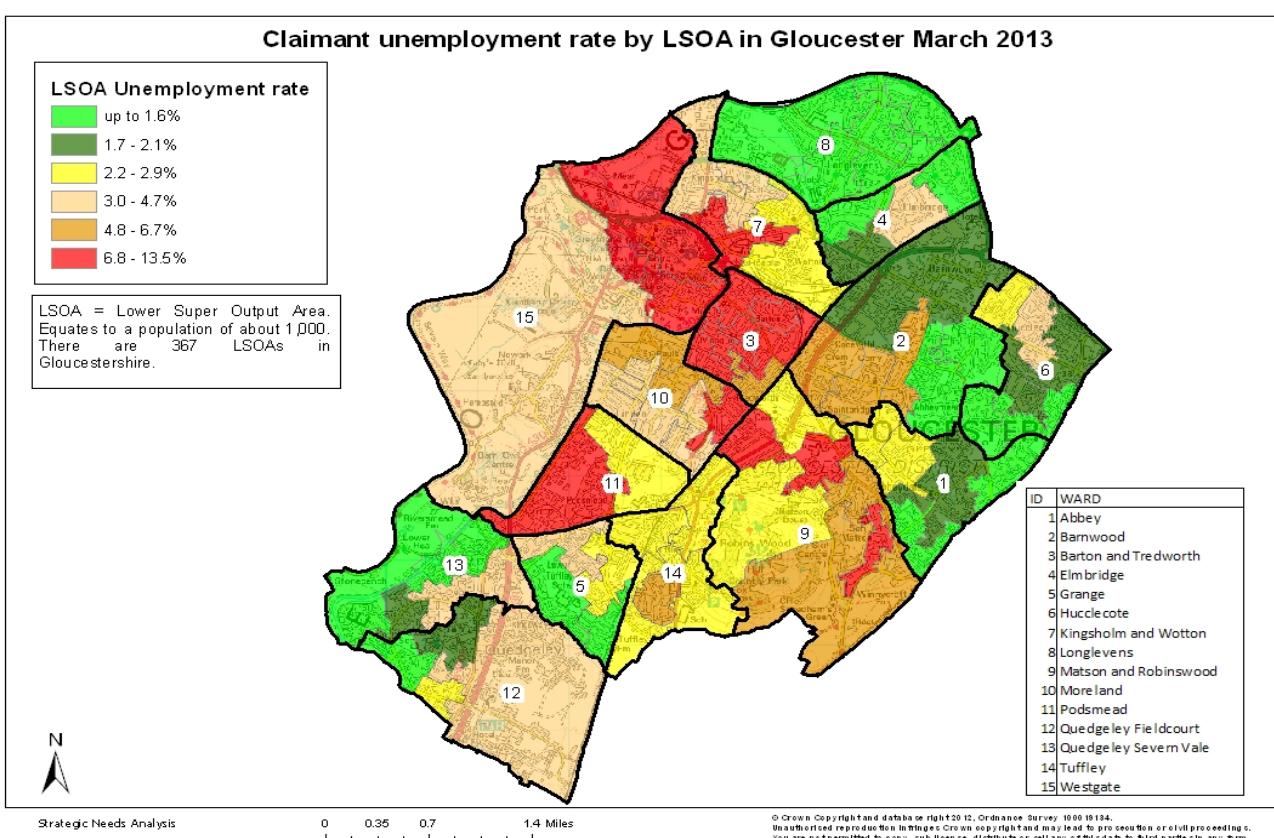
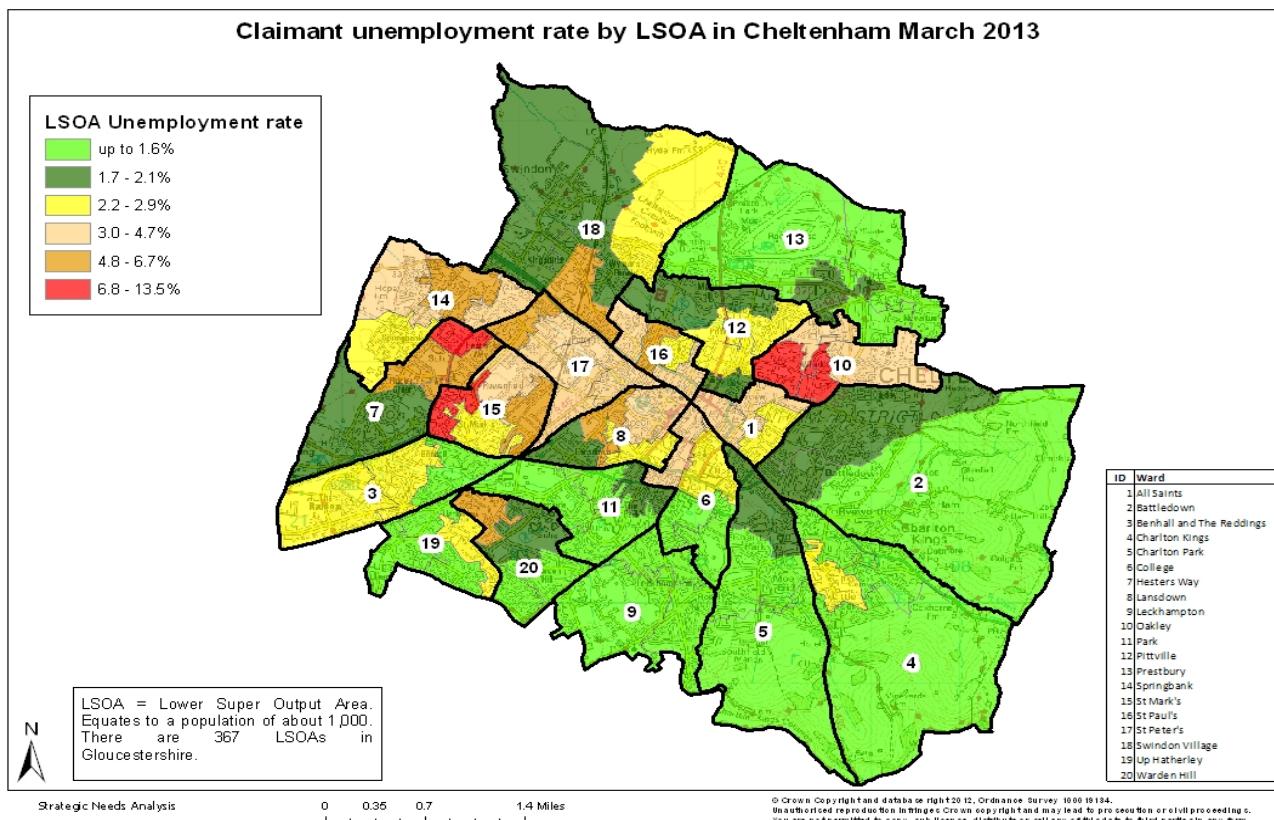
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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



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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 March 2013 there were 616 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 4.4%. The total number of NEET decreased by 54 young people in March 2013 compared to February 2013. Five districts saw a decrease in their NEET figure; one district saw an increase.

Total NEET Group by District Area

March 2013 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	124	42	82	207	89	72	616
Cohort	2408	1986	2074	4517	2745	1805	15535
% NEET	5.1	2.1	4.0	4.6	3.2	4.0	4.4

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact Ruth.Critchlow@gloucestershire.gov.uk or telephone 01452 551267.