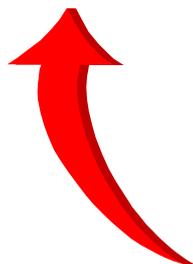


# CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

## February 2015

### March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 Release



**Unemployment in the County has increased by 51 persons to 4,904 a rate of 1.3%.**

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

Area	Feb'15 Number	Feb'15 Rate	Jan'15 Number	Jan'15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate %
<b>UK</b>	858,344	2.1	852,934	2.1	5,410	0.6	0.0
<b>GB</b>	810,607	2.0	803,357	2.0	7,250	0.9	0.0
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	723,987	2.0	719,053	2.0	4,934	0.7	0.0
<b>England</b>	673,750	2.0	669,223	1.9	4,527	0.7	0.1
<b>South West</b>	44,208	1.3	43,473	1.3	735	1.7	0.0
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	4,904	1.3	4,853	1.3	51	1.1	0.0
Cheltenham	961	1.3	961	1.3	0	0.0	0.0
Cotswold	387	0.8	349	0.7	38	10.9	0.1
Forest of Dean	675	1.3	657	1.3	18	2.7	0.0
Gloucester	1,681	2.1	1,693	2.1	-12	-0.7	0.0
Stroud	600	0.9	613	0.9	-13	-2.1	0.0
Tewkesbury	600	1.2	580	1.1	20	3.4	0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **increased** by 7,250 persons to **810,607** a rate of **2.0%**.

The County rate of unemployment remained the same as last month at **1.3%**.

Cotswold, Forest and Dean and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **3,211 (1.7%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **1,693 (0.9%)** both representing an increase on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **1.86 million** unemployed at a rate of **5.7%**. 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 **0.79 million** at a rate of **1.9%**.

**NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level**

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