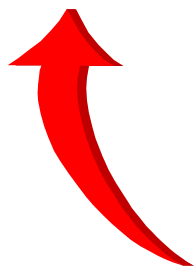


CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

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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 %
UK	858,344	2.1	852,934	2.1	5,410	0.6	0.0
GB	810,607	2.0	803,357	2.0	7,250	0.9	0.0
England & Wales	723,987	2.0	719,053	2.0	4,934	0.7	0.0
England	673,750	2.0	669,223	1.9	4,527	0.7	0.1
South West	44,208	1.3	43,473	1.3	735	1.7	0.0
Gloucestershire	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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