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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.

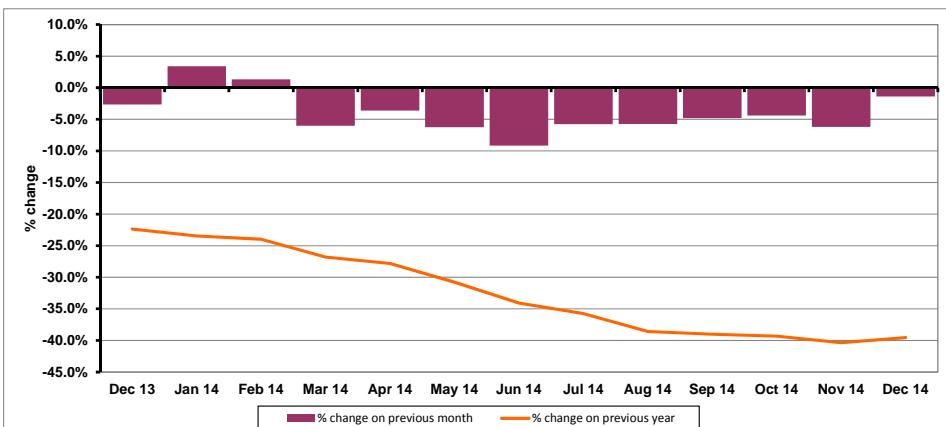
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.2% in December 2014. This remained the same as the November 2014 figure. The South West rate decreased from the previous month to 1.2%, while the UK rate decreased to 2.0%. Gloucestershire's rate was the same as the South West average of 1.2%, and 0.8% lower than the UK average of 2.0%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in December 2014 decreased by 64 people. The amount of people claiming in December 2014 was 1.4% lower than the number in November 2014. This compares to a 2.9% decrease in the South West and the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has increased since last month. The count was 39.5% lower in December 2014 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:
December 2013 to December 2014



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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 December 2014

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in December 2014

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Claim count: | 926 |
| Compared to last month: | 1.5% |
| Claimant rate: | 1.2% |
| Highest claiming ward | Oakley (2.4%) |

GLOUCESTER CITY

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Claim count: | 1,639 |
| Compared to last month: | -2.7% |
| Claimant rate: | 2.0% |
| Highest claiming ward | Barton and Tredworth & Westgate (4.3%) |

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Claim count: | 315 |
| Compared to last month: | -4.0% |
| Claimant rate: | 0.6% |
| Highest claiming ward | Cirencester Watermoor (1.4%) |

STROUD DISTRICT

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Claim count: | 589 |
| Compared to last month: | -0.7% |
| Claimant rate: | 0.8% |
| Highest claiming ward | Central (1.9%) |

FOREST OF DEAN

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Claim count: | 598 |
| Compared to last month: | -5.7% |
| Claimant rate: | 1.2% |
| Highest claiming ward | Cinderford West (2.8%) |

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Claim count: | 547 |
| Compared to last month: | 4.0% |
| 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 December 2014 there were 564 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 3.72%.

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

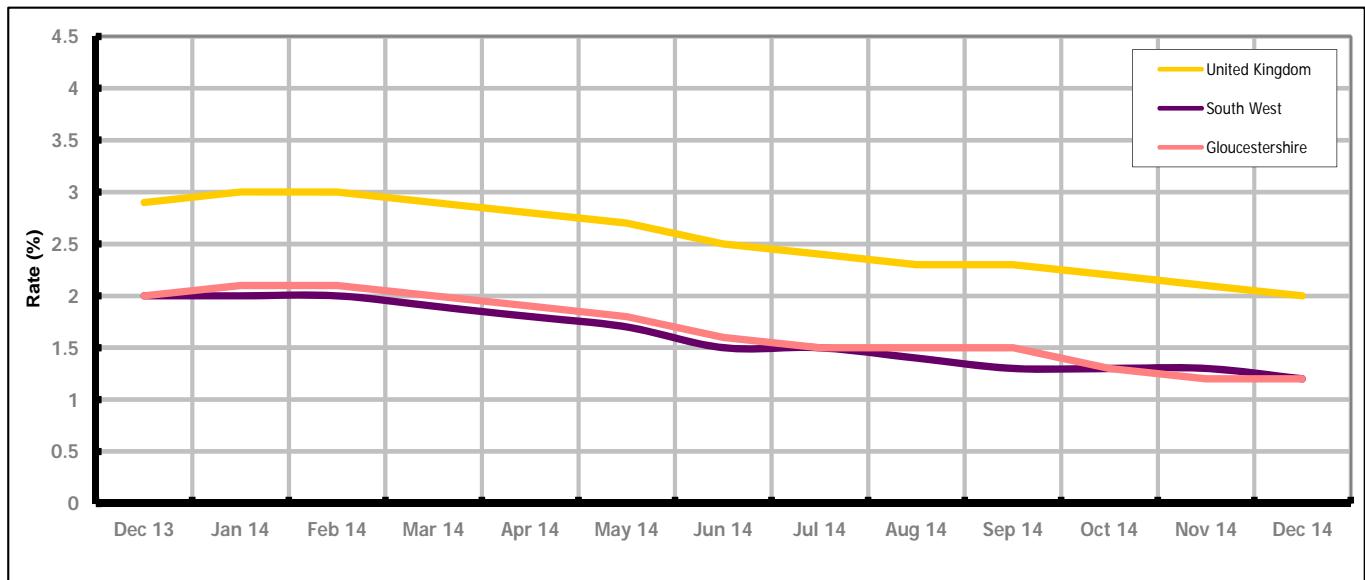


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.2% in December 2014. With the exception of July, October, November and December 2014, and December 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.8% against the UK average. The December 2014 rate remained the same as the November 2014 figure.

Claimant Count

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

| Area | Claimant Count in December 2014 | % change on November 2014 | Average % change over the last six months | Consecutive months decreasing |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| UK | 823,880 | -2.9% | -3.1% | 9 |
| South West | 40,855 | -2.9% | -2.8% | 9 |
| Gloucestershire | 4,614 | -1.4% | -3.8% | 9 |

Table 1 shows that in December 2014, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.4% lower than the number in November 2014.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to December 2014 was -3.8%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - December 2014

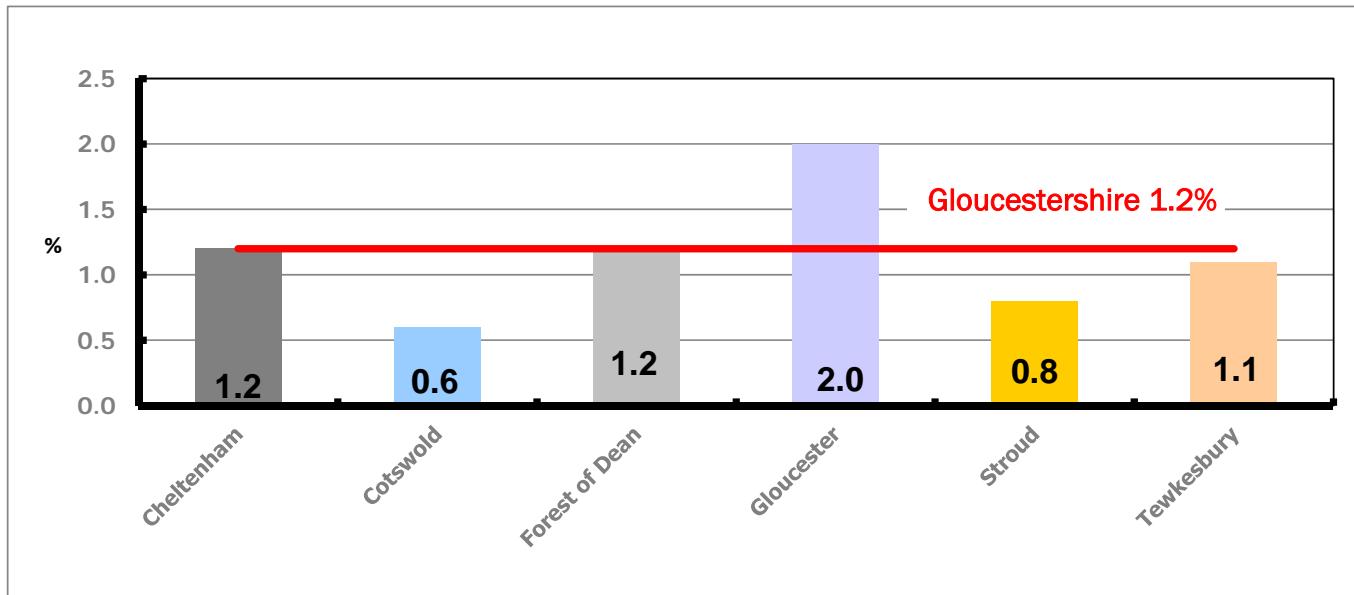


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for December 2014 in Gloucestershire. Between November 2014 and December 2014, the rate in Tewkesbury increased, the rate in Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Gloucester and Stroud decreased while the rate in Cheltenham remained the same.

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

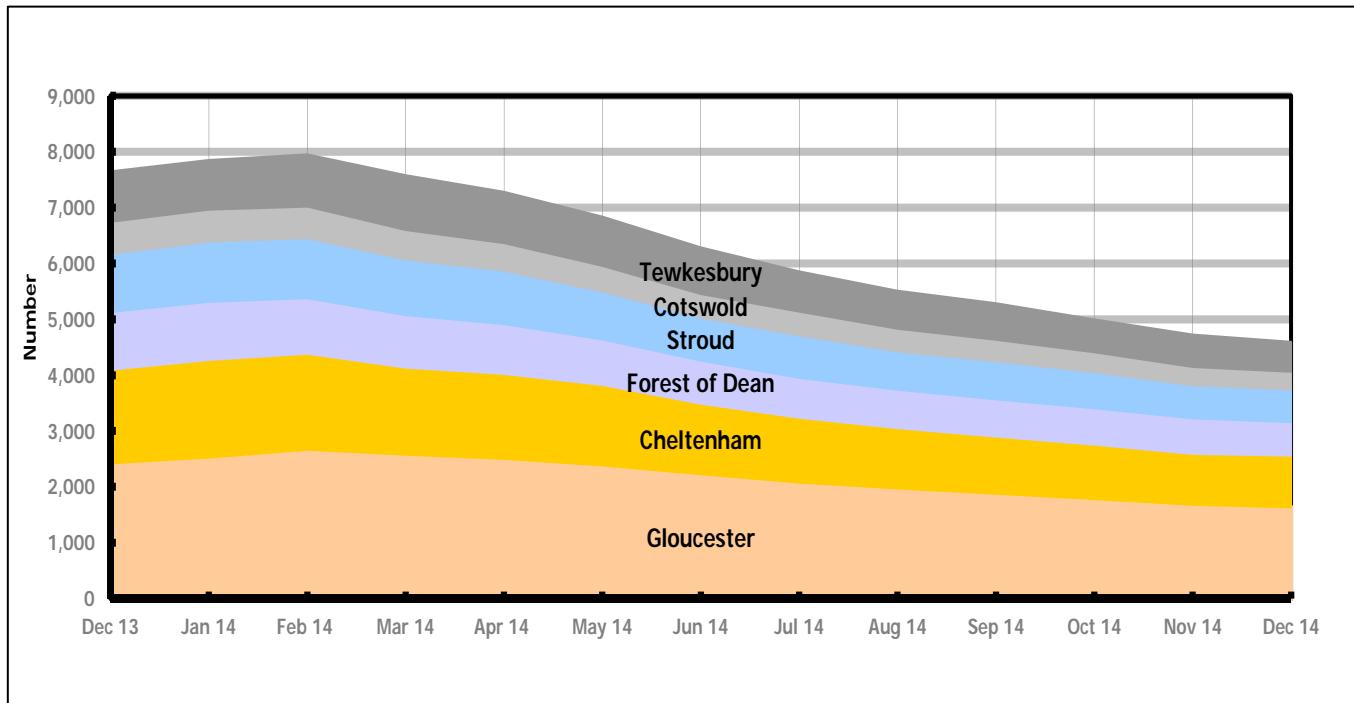


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants has decreased over the last year, with the exception of January and February when there was an increase.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

| Total | Dec 14 Number | Dec 14 Rate | Nov 14 Number | Nov 14 Rate | Monthly change | % monthly change | Monthly change of rate |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Gloucestershire | 4,614 | 1.2 | 4,678 | 1.2 | -64 | -1.4% | 0.0 |
| Cheltenham | 926 | 1.2 | 912 | 1.2 | 14 | 1.5% | 0.0 |
| Cotswold | 315 | 0.6 | 328 | 0.7 | -13 | -4.0% | -0.1 |
| Forest of Dean | 598 | 1.2 | 634 | 1.3 | -36 | -5.7% | -0.1 |
| Gloucester | 1,639 | 2.0 | 1,685 | 2.1 | -46 | -2.7% | -0.1 |
| Stroud | 589 | 0.8 | 593 | 0.9 | -4 | -0.7% | -0.1 |
| Tewkesbury | 547 | 1.1 | 526 | 1.0 | 21 | 4.0% | 0.1 |

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in December 2014 compared to November 2014. Cheltenham and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of claimants, while all of the other districts saw a decrease.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

| Male | Dec 14 Number | Dec 14 Rate | Nov 14 Number | Nov 14 Rate | Monthly change | % monthly change | Monthly change of rate |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Gloucestershire | 3,033 | 1.6 | 3,026 | 1.6 | 7 | 0.2% | 0.0 |
| Cheltenham | 625 | 1.6 | 614 | 1.6 | 11 | 1.8% | 0.0 |
| Cotswold | 211 | 0.9 | 219 | 0.9 | -8 | -3.7% | 0.0 |
| Forest of Dean | 391 | 1.5 | 403 | 1.6 | -12 | -3.0% | -0.1 |
| Gloucester | 1,095 | 2.7 | 1,112 | 2.8 | -17 | -1.5% | -0.1 |
| Stroud | 374 | 1.1 | 353 | 1.0 | 21 | 5.9% | 0.1 |
| Tewkesbury | 337 | 1.3 | 325 | 1.3 | 12 | 3.7% | 0.0 |

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in December 2014 compared to November 2014. Cheltenham, Stroud and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of male claimants, while all of the other districts saw a decrease.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

| Female | Dec 14 Number | Dec 14 Rate | Nov 14 Number | Nov 14 Rate | Monthly change | % monthly change | Monthly change of rate |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Gloucestershire | 1,581 | 0.8 | 1,652 | 0.9 | -71 | -4.3% | -0.1 |
| Cheltenham | 301 | 0.8 | 298 | 0.8 | 3 | 1.0% | 0.0 |
| Cotswold | 104 | 0.4 | 109 | 0.4 | -5 | -4.6% | 0.0 |
| Forest of Dean | 207 | 0.8 | 231 | 0.9 | -24 | -10.4% | -0.1 |
| Gloucester | 544 | 1.4 | 573 | 1.4 | -29 | -5.1% | 0.0 |
| Stroud | 215 | 0.6 | 240 | 0.7 | -25 | -10.4% | -0.1 |
| Tewkesbury | 210 | 0.8 | 201 | 0.8 | 9 | 4.5% | 0.0 |

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in December 2014 compared to November 2014. Cheltenham and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of female claimants, while all of the other districts saw 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

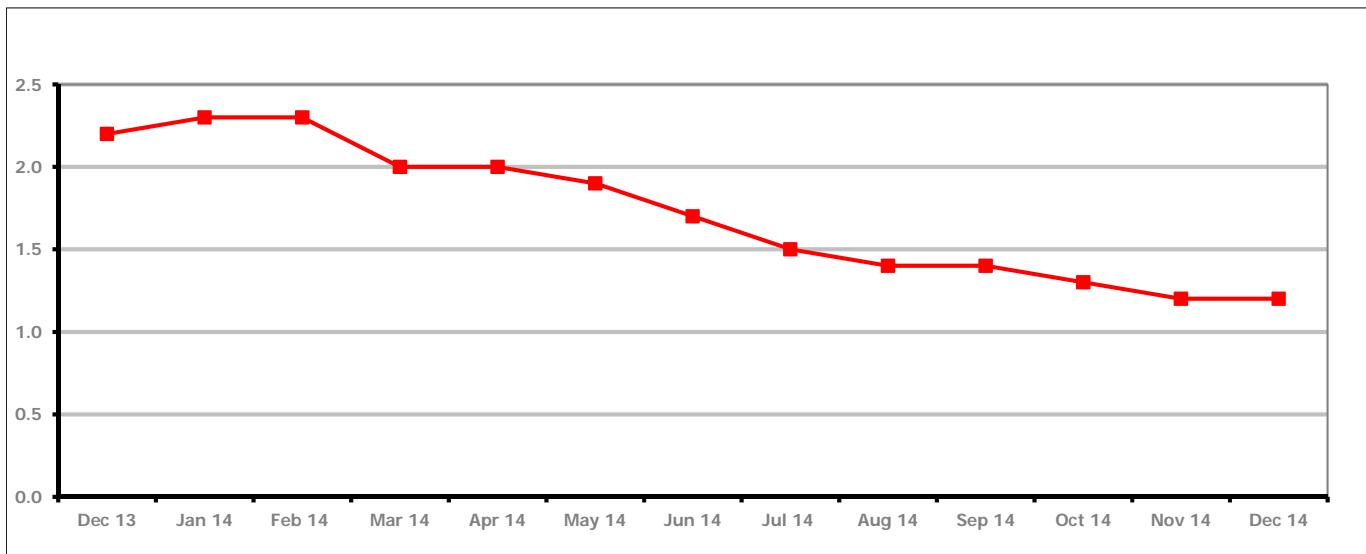


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained the same as last month at 1.2%.

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

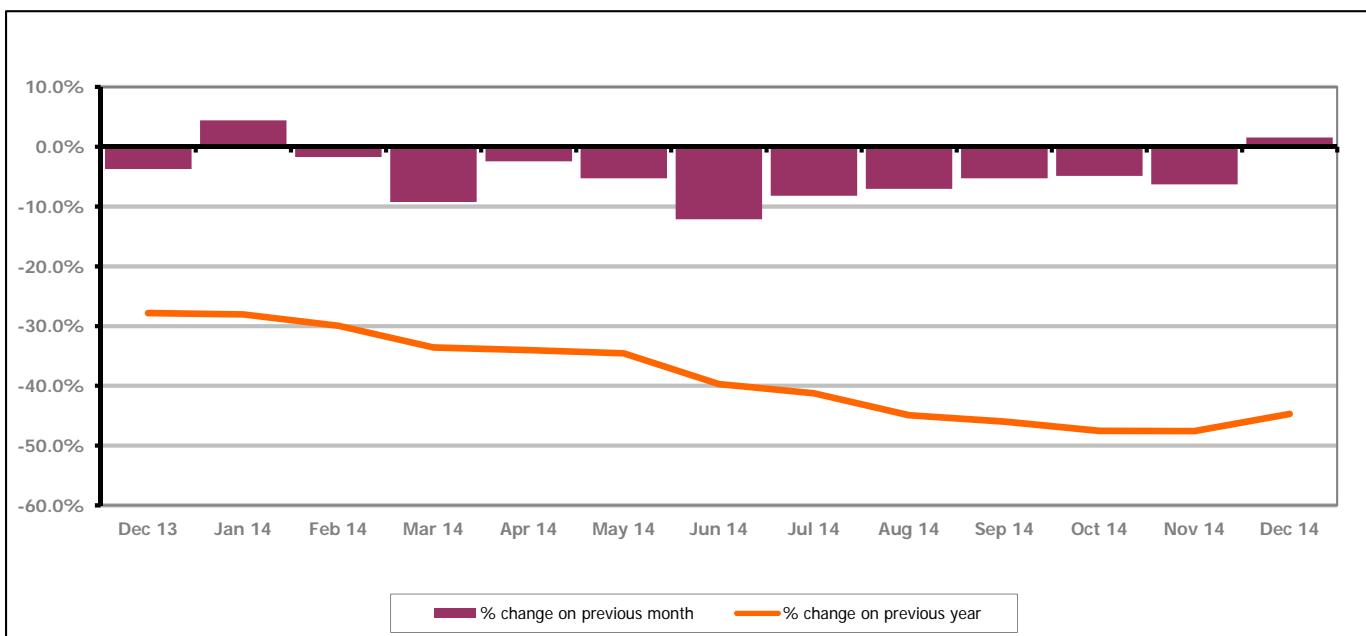


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by 1.5% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between November 2014 and December 2014 to -44.7%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - December 2014

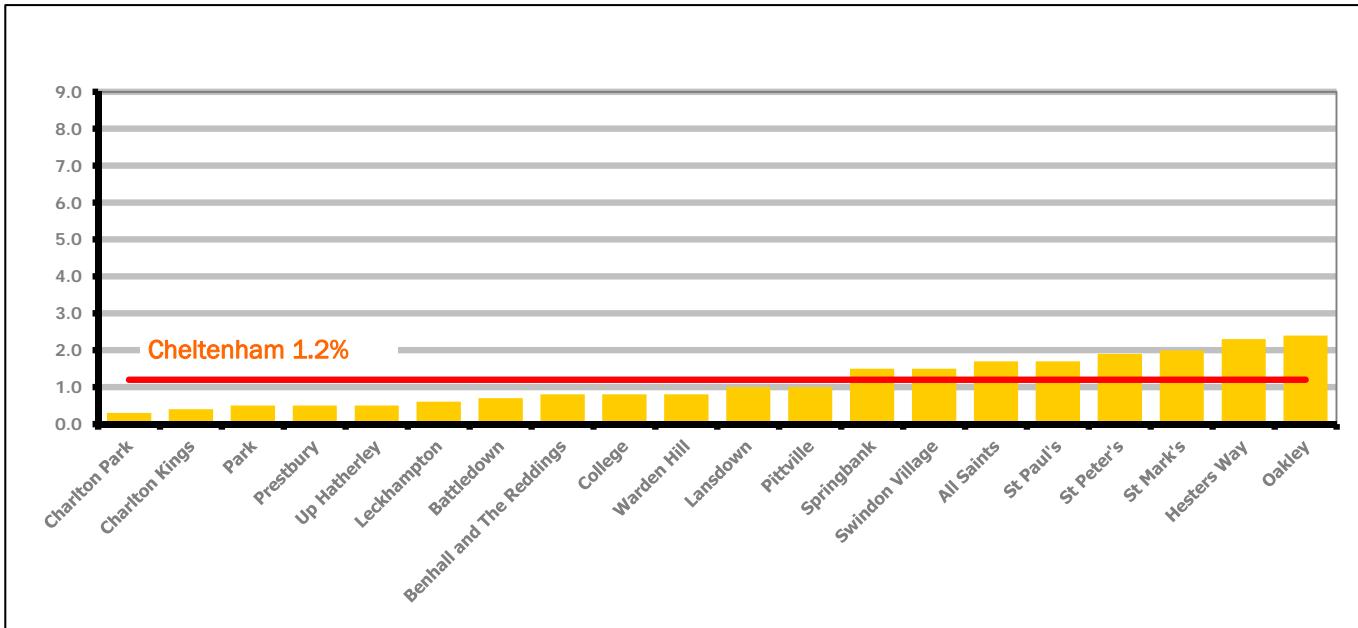


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.2%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - December 2014

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* | |
|------------|--------------------------|------|-------|---------------------------|
| Cheltenham | Charlton Park | 0.3 | 5 | bottom 10% of county |
| Cheltenham | Charlton Kings | 0.4 | 10 | first quartile of county |
| Cheltenham | Park | 0.5 | 23 | second quartile of county |
| Cheltenham | Prestbury | 0.5 | 23 | third quartile of county |
| Cheltenham | Up Hatherley | 0.5 | 23 | fourth quartile of county |
| Cheltenham | Leckhampton | 0.6 | 36 | highest 10% of county |
| Cheltenham | Battledown | 0.7 | 48 | |
| Cheltenham | Bennall and The Reddings | 0.8 | 71 | |
| Cheltenham | College | 0.8 | 71 | |
| Cheltenham | Warden Hill | 0.8 | 71 | |
| Cheltenham | Lansdown | 1.0 | 90 | |
| Cheltenham | Pittville | 1.0 | 90 | |
| Cheltenham | Springbank | 1.5 | 116 | |
| Cheltenham | Swindon Village | 1.5 | 116 | |
| Cheltenham | All Saints | 1.7 | 120 | |
| Cheltenham | St Paul's | 1.7 | 120 | |
| Cheltenham | St Peter's | 1.9 | 128 | |
| Cheltenham | St Mark's | 2.0 | 131 | |
| Cheltenham | Hesters Way | 2.3 | 133 | |
| Cheltenham | Oakley | 2.4 | 134 | |

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

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

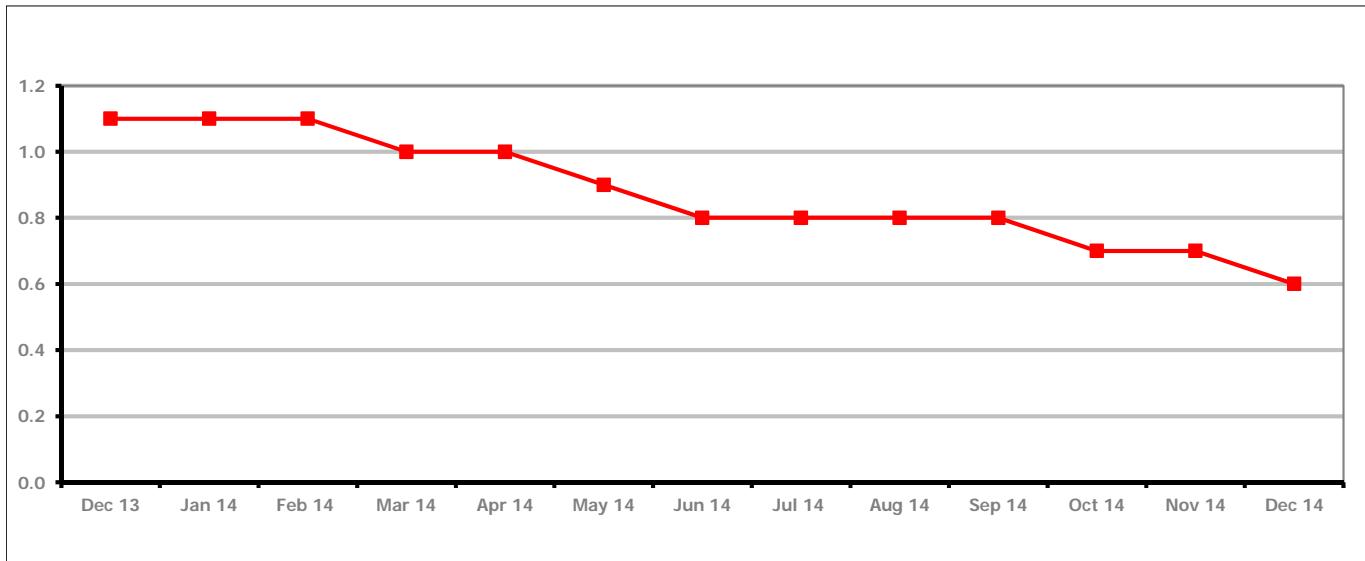
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased in December 2014 to 0.6%.

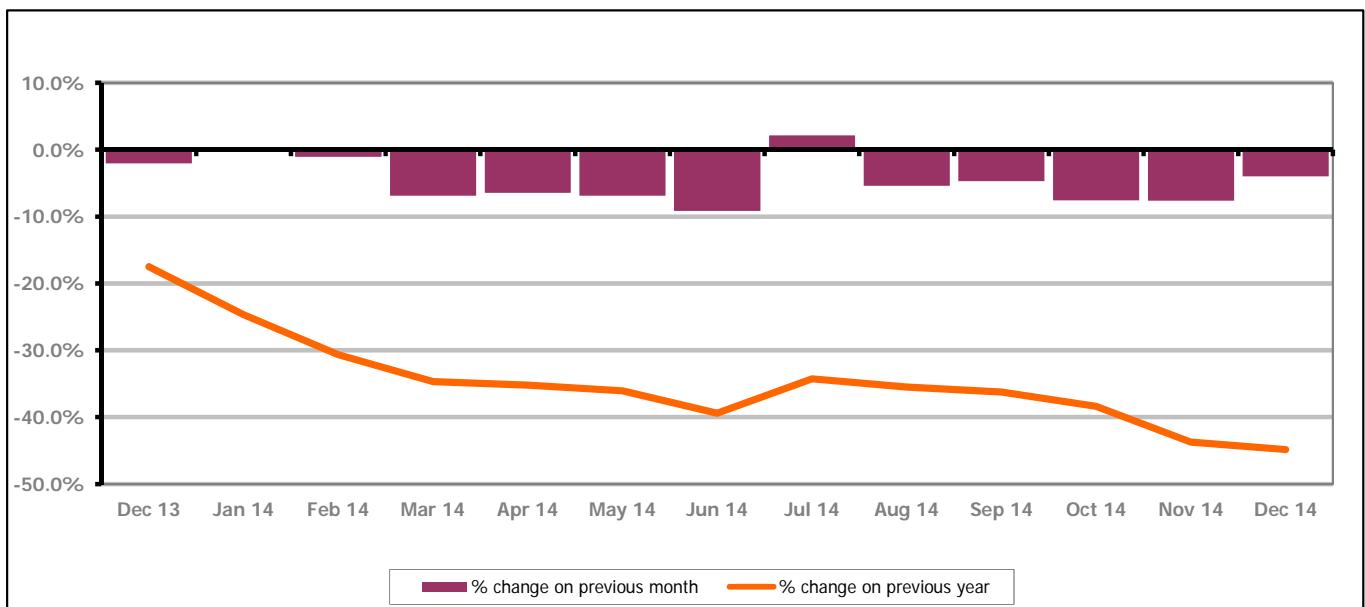
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by 4.0% since November 2014. The change on the previous year has decreased between November 2014 and December 2014 to -44.8%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - December 2014

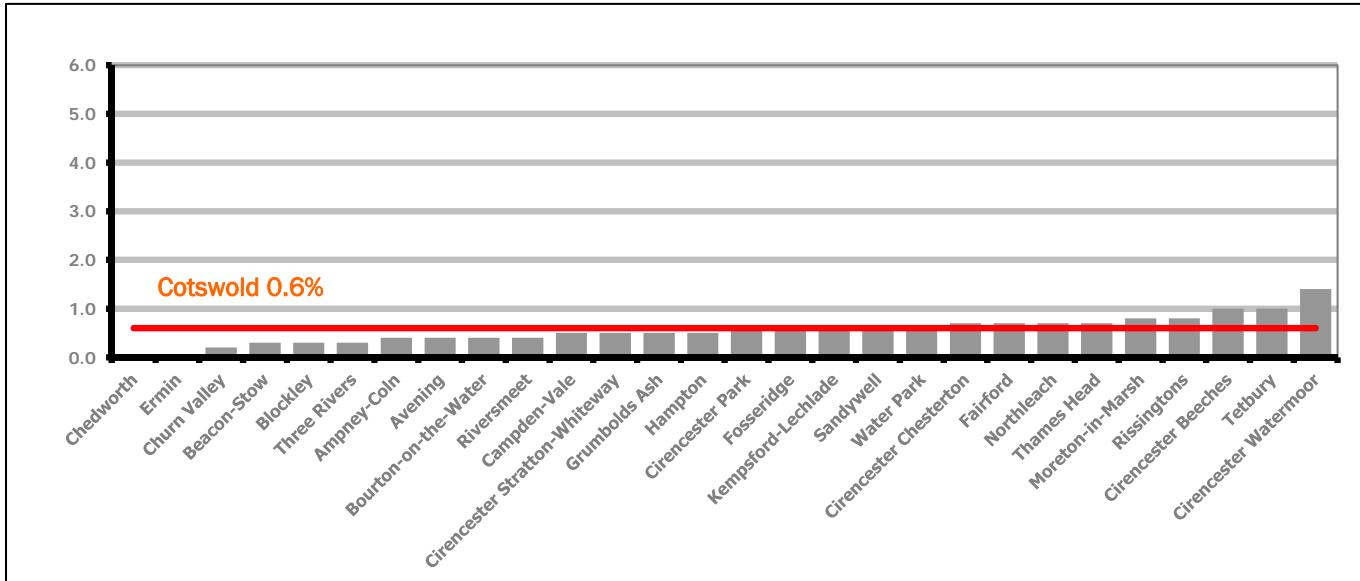
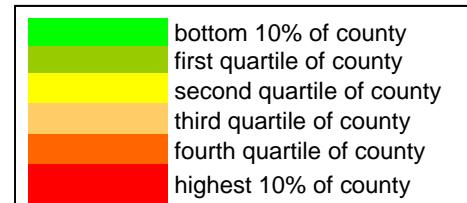


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.6%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - December 2014

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| Cotswolds | Chedworth | <0.2 | 1 |
| Cotswolds | Ermin | <0.2 | 1 |
| Cotswolds | Churn Valley | 0.2 | 3 |
| Cotswolds | Beacon-Stow | 0.3 | 5 |
| Cotswolds | Blockley | 0.3 | 5 |
| Cotswolds | Three Rivers | 0.3 | 5 |
| Cotswolds | Ampney-Colin | 0.4 | 10 |
| Cotswolds | Avening | 0.4 | 10 |
| Cotswolds | Bourton-on-the-Water | 0.4 | 10 |
| Cotswolds | Riversmeet | 0.4 | 10 |
| Cotswolds | Campden-Vale | 0.5 | 23 |
| Cotswolds | Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway | 0.5 | 23 |
| Cotswolds | Grumbolds Ash | 0.5 | 23 |
| Cotswolds | Hampton | 0.5 | 23 |
| Cotswolds | Cirencester Park | 0.6 | 36 |
| Cotswolds | Fosseridge | 0.6 | 36 |
| Cotswolds | Kempsford-Lechlade | 0.6 | 36 |
| Cotswolds | Sandywell | 0.6 | 36 |
| Cotswolds | Water Park | 0.6 | 36 |
| Cotswolds | Cirencester Chesterton | 0.7 | 48 |
| Cotswolds | Fairford | 0.7 | 48 |
| Cotswolds | Northleach | 0.7 | 48 |
| Cotswolds | Thames Head | 0.7 | 48 |
| Cotswolds | Moreton-in-Marsh | 0.8 | 71 |
| Cotswolds | Rissingtons | 0.8 | 71 |
| Cotswolds | Cirencester Beeches | 1.0 | 90 |
| Cotswolds | Tetbury | 1.0 | 90 |
| Cotswolds | Cirencester Watermoor | 1.4 | 114 |



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

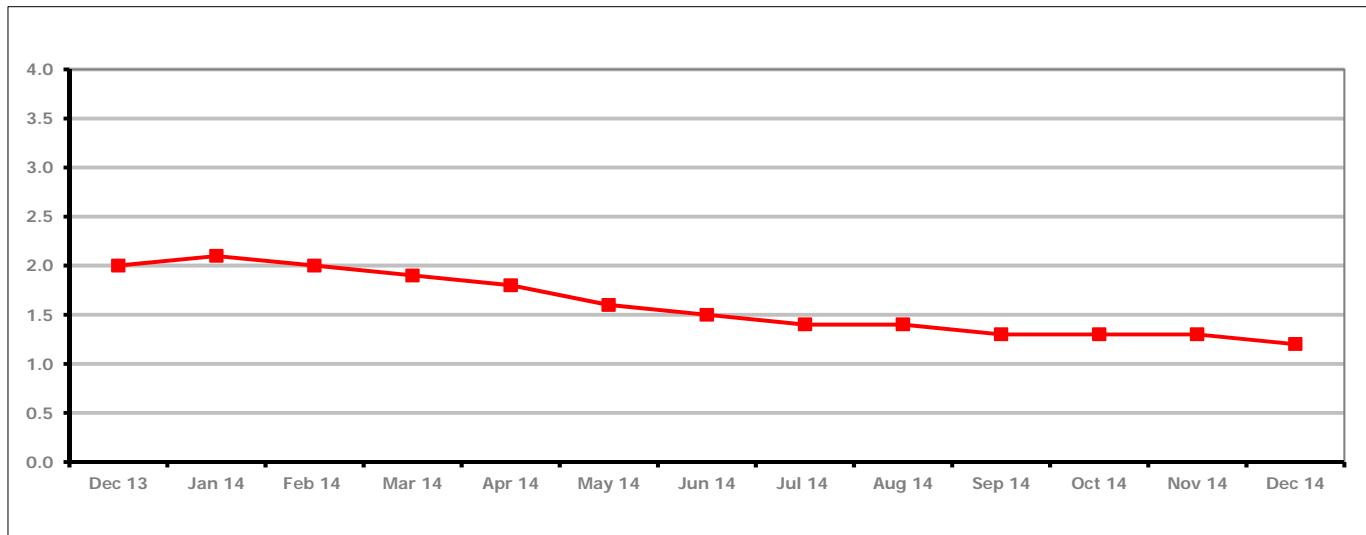
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased in December 2014 to 1.2%.

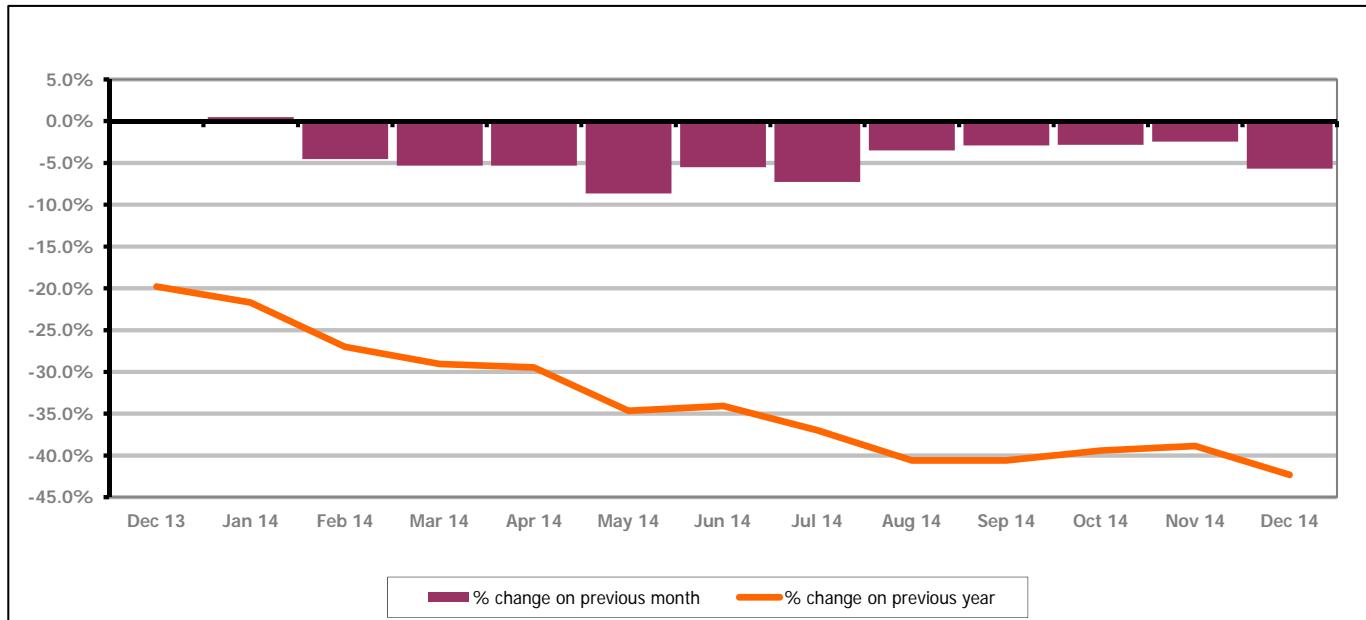
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by 5.7% since November 2014. The change on the previous year has decreased between November 2014 and December 2014 to -42.3%.

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 - December 2014

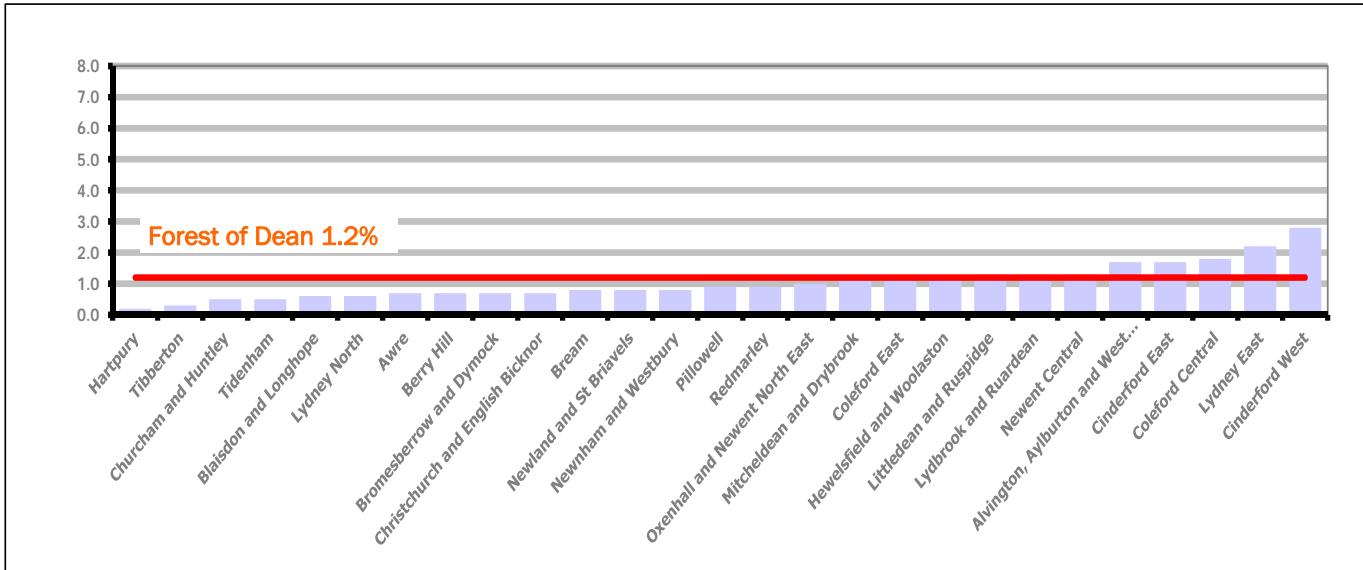
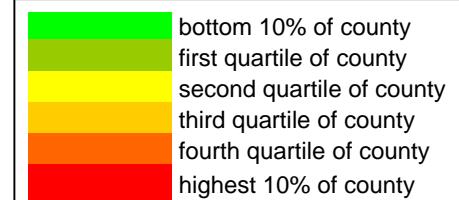


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.2%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|----------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Forest | Hartpury | 0.2 | 3 |
| Forest | Tibberton | 0.3 | 5 |
| Forest | Churcham and Huntley | 0.5 | 23 |
| Forest | Tidenham | 0.5 | 23 |
| Forest | Blaisdon and Longhope | 0.6 | 36 |
| Forest | Lydney North | 0.6 | 36 |
| Forest | Awre | 0.7 | 48 |
| Forest | Berry Hill | 0.7 | 48 |
| Forest | Bromesberrow and Dymock | 0.7 | 48 |
| Forest | Christchurch and English Bicknor | 0.7 | 48 |
| Forest | Bream | 0.8 | 71 |
| Forest | Newland and St Briavels | 0.8 | 71 |
| Forest | Newnham and Westbury | 0.8 | 71 |
| Forest | Pillowell | 0.9 | 82 |
| Forest | Redmarley | 0.9 | 82 |
| Forest | Oxenhall and Newent North East | 1.0 | 90 |
| Forest | Mitcheldean and Drybrook | 1.1 | 99 |
| Forest | Coleford East | 1.2 | 102 |
| Forest | Hewelsfield and Woolaston | 1.2 | 102 |
| Forest | Littledean and Ruspidge | 1.3 | 108 |
| Forest | Lydbrook and Ruardean | 1.3 | 108 |
| Forest | Newent Central | 1.3 | 108 |
| Forest | Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney | 1.7 | 120 |
| Forest | Cinderford East | 1.7 | 120 |
| Forest | Coleford Central | 1.8 | 124 |
| Forest | Lydney East | 2.2 | 132 |
| Forest | Cinderford West | 2.8 | 136 |



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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.

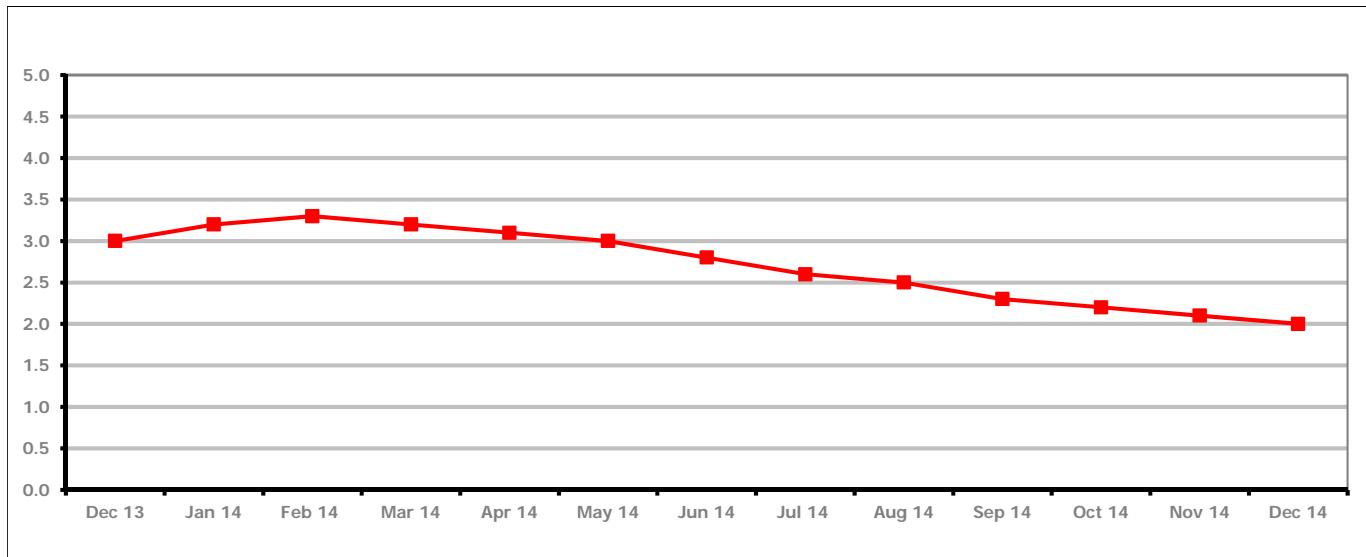
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased in December 2014 to 2.0%.

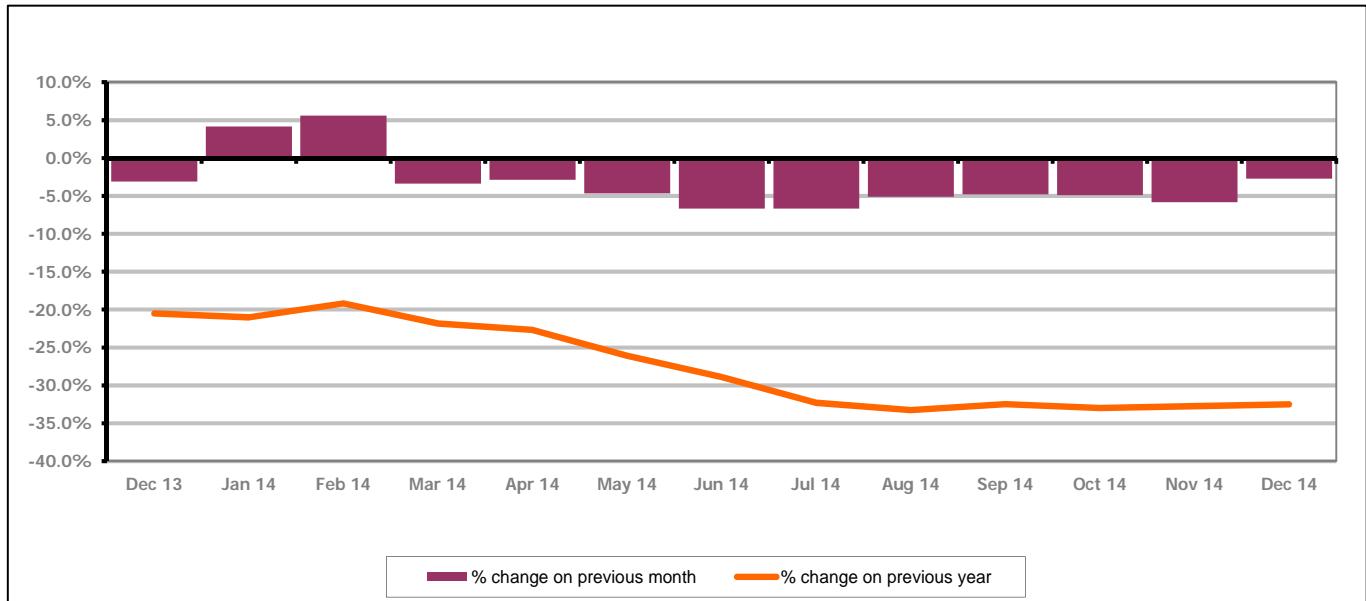
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 2.7% since November 2014. The change on the previous year has decreased between November 2014 and December 2014 to -32.5%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - December 2014

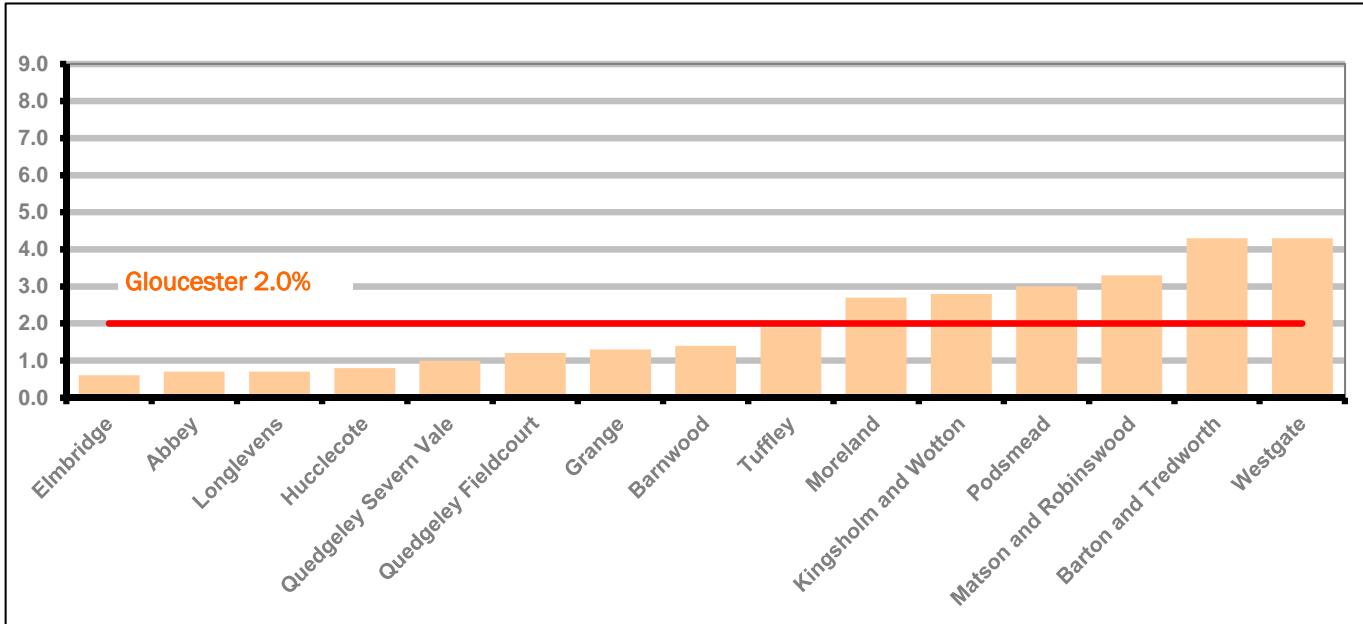
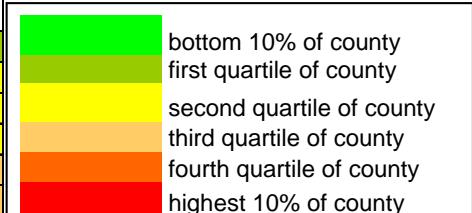


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.0%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - December 2014

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|------------|-----------------------|------|-------|
| Gloucester | Elmbridge | 0.6 | 36 |
| Gloucester | Abbey | 0.7 | 48 |
| Gloucester | Longlevens | 0.7 | 48 |
| Gloucester | Hucclecote | 0.8 | 71 |
| Gloucester | Quedgeley Severn Vale | 1.0 | 90 |
| Gloucester | Quedgeley Fieldcourt | 1.2 | 102 |
| Gloucester | Grange | 1.3 | 108 |
| Gloucester | Barnwood | 1.4 | 114 |
| Gloucester | Tuffley | 1.9 | 128 |
| Gloucester | Moreland | 2.7 | 135 |
| Gloucester | Kingsholm and Wotton | 2.8 | 136 |
| Gloucester | Podsmead | 3.0 | 138 |
| Gloucester | Matson and Robinswood | 3.3 | 139 |
| Gloucester | Barton and Tredworth | 4.3 | 141 |
| Gloucester | Westgate | 4.3 | 141 |



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

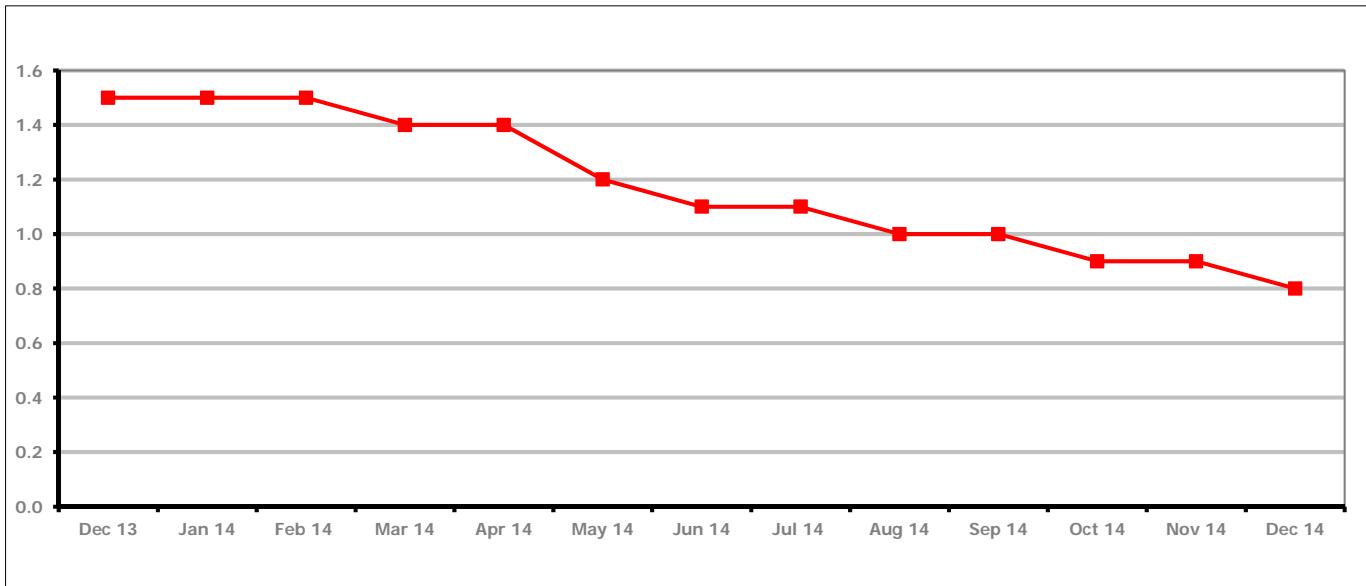
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud decreased in December 2014 to 0.8%.

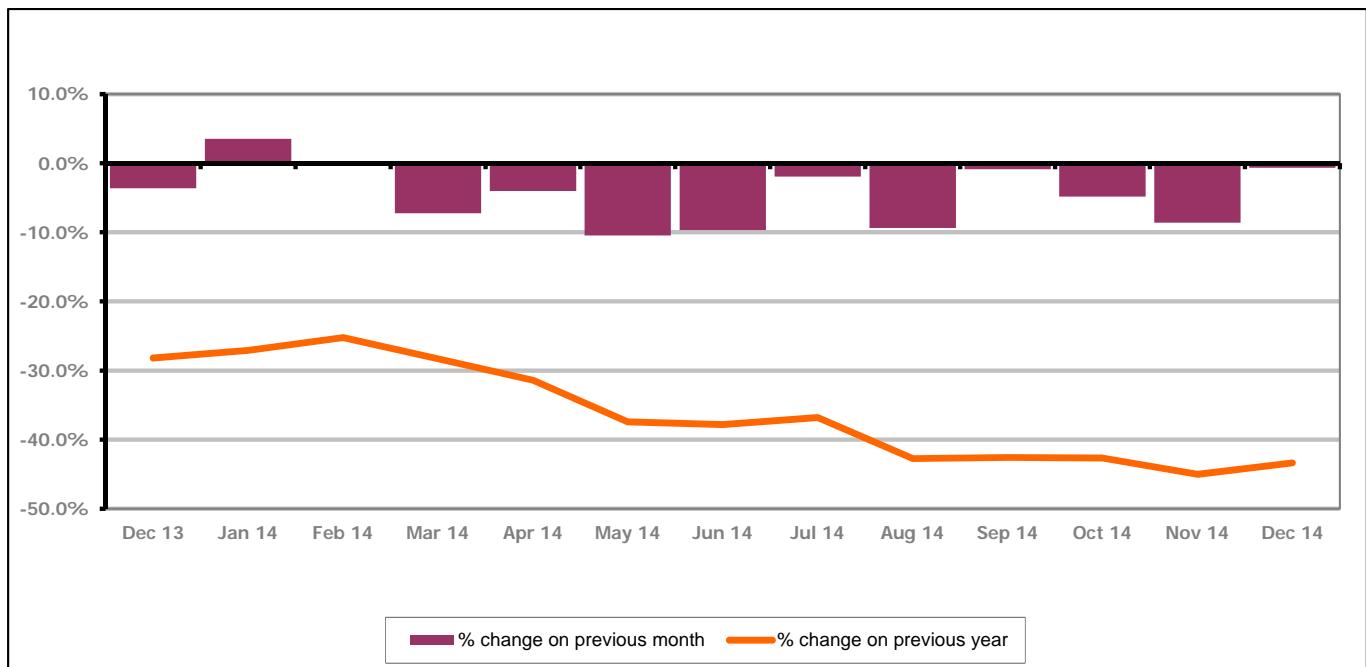
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 0.7% since November 2014. The change on the previous year has increased between November 2014 and December 2014 to -43.4%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - December 2014

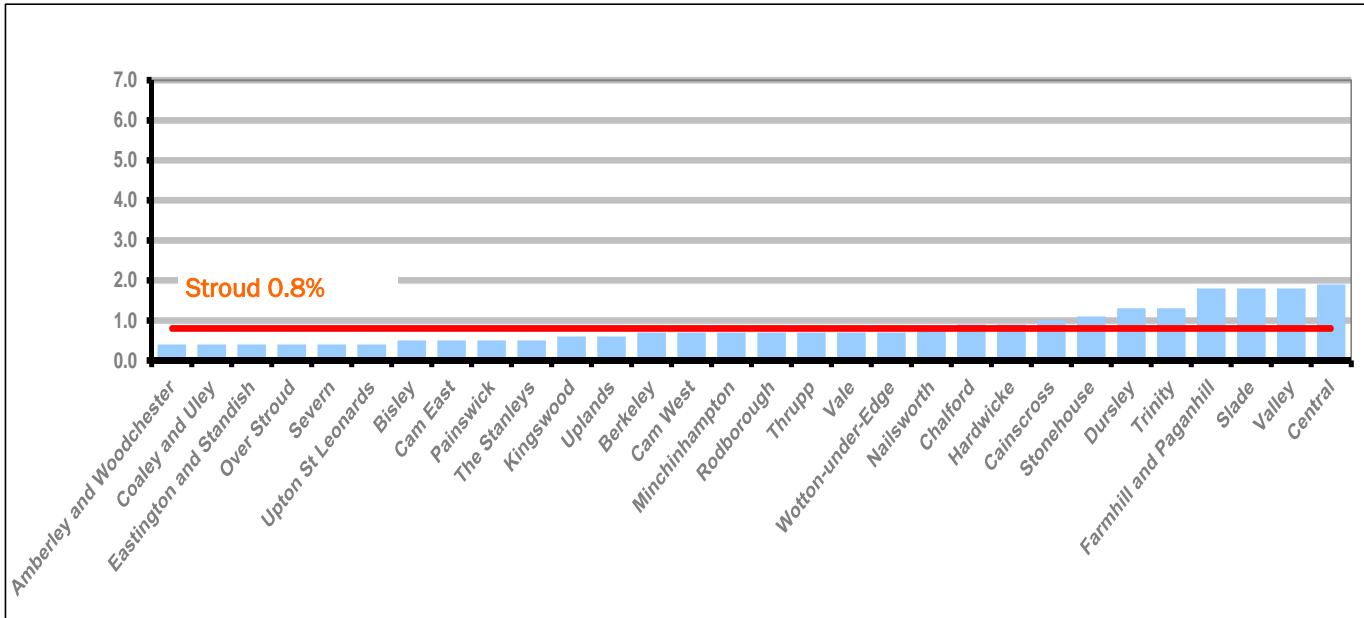
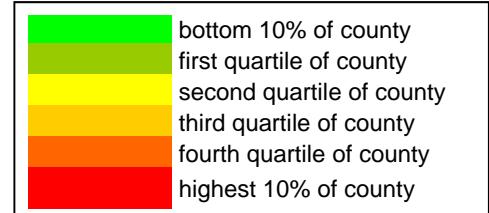


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.8%. Ten wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - December 2014

| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|----------|--------------------------|------|-------|
| Stroud | Amberley and Woodchester | 0.4 | 10 |
| Stroud | Coaley and Uley | 0.4 | 10 |
| Stroud | Eastington and Standish | 0.4 | 10 |
| Stroud | Over Stroud | 0.4 | 10 |
| Stroud | Severn | 0.4 | 10 |
| Stroud | Upton St Leonards | 0.4 | 10 |
| Stroud | Bisley | 0.5 | 23 |
| Stroud | Cam East | 0.5 | 23 |
| Stroud | Painswick | 0.5 | 23 |
| Stroud | The Stanleys | 0.5 | 23 |
| Stroud | Kingswood | 0.6 | 36 |
| Stroud | Uplands | 0.6 | 36 |
| Stroud | Berkeley | 0.7 | 48 |
| Stroud | Cam West | 0.7 | 48 |
| Stroud | Minchinhampton | 0.7 | 48 |
| Stroud | Rodborough | 0.7 | 48 |
| Stroud | Thrupp | 0.7 | 48 |
| Stroud | Vale | 0.7 | 48 |
| Stroud | Wotton-under-Edge | 0.7 | 48 |
| Stroud | Nailsworth | 0.8 | 71 |
| Stroud | Chalford | 0.9 | 82 |
| Stroud | Hardwicke | 0.9 | 82 |
| Stroud | Cainscross | 1.0 | 90 |
| Stroud | Stonehouse | 1.1 | 99 |
| Stroud | Dursley | 1.3 | 108 |
| Stroud | Trinity | 1.3 | 108 |
| Stroud | Farmhill and Paganhill | 1.8 | 124 |
| Stroud | Slade | 1.8 | 124 |
| Stroud | Valley | 1.8 | 124 |
| Stroud | Central | 1.9 | 128 |



* 1 = "best" and 128 = "worst"

Table 9 shows overall claimant rates for Stroud District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

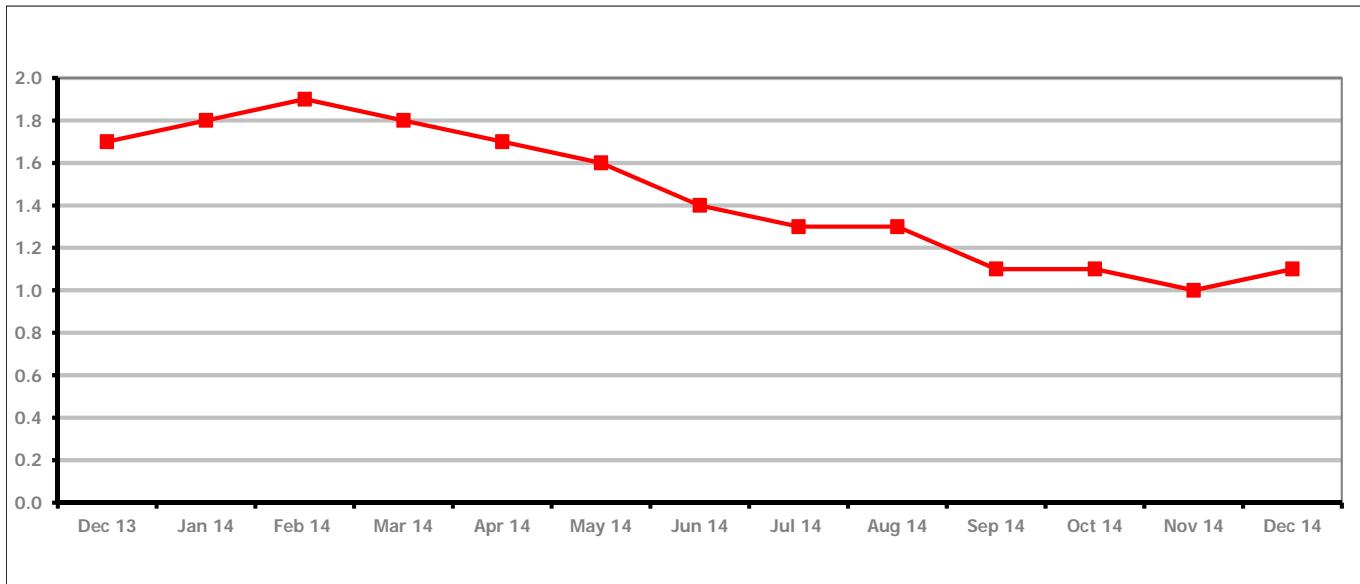
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.6 Tewkesbury District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District increased in December 2014 to 1.1%.

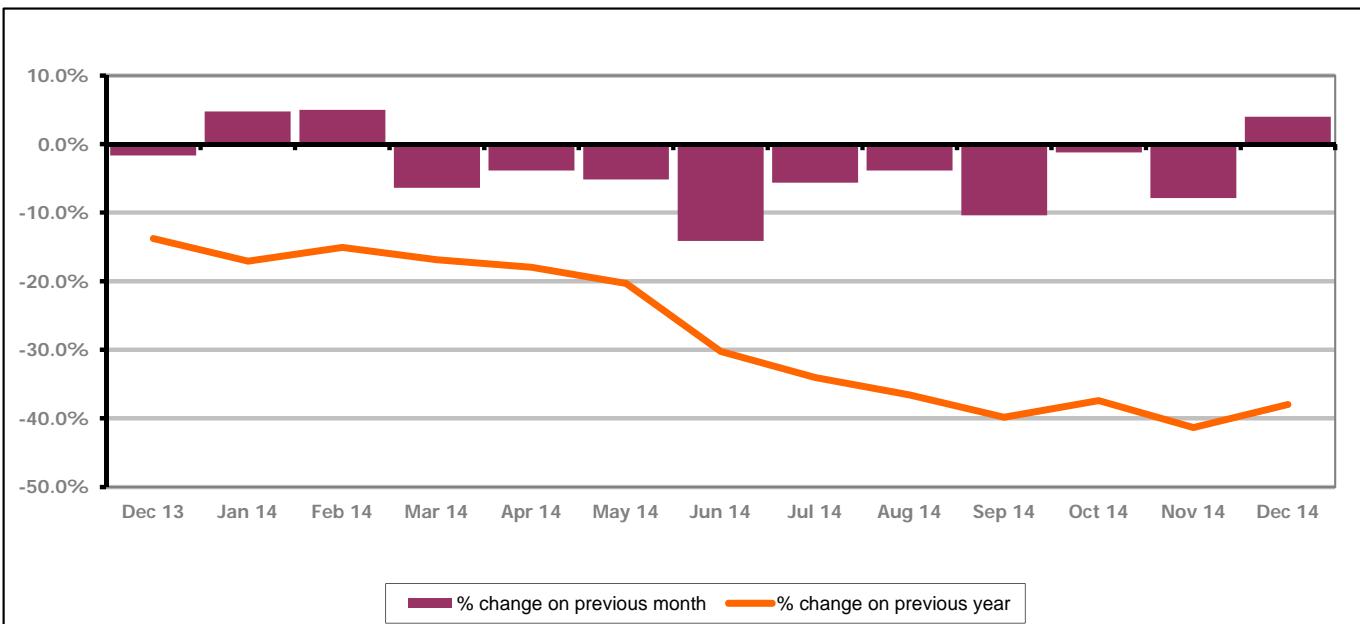
Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count increased by 4.0% since November 2014. The change on the previous year increased between November 2014 and December 2014 to -38.0%.

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4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - December 2014

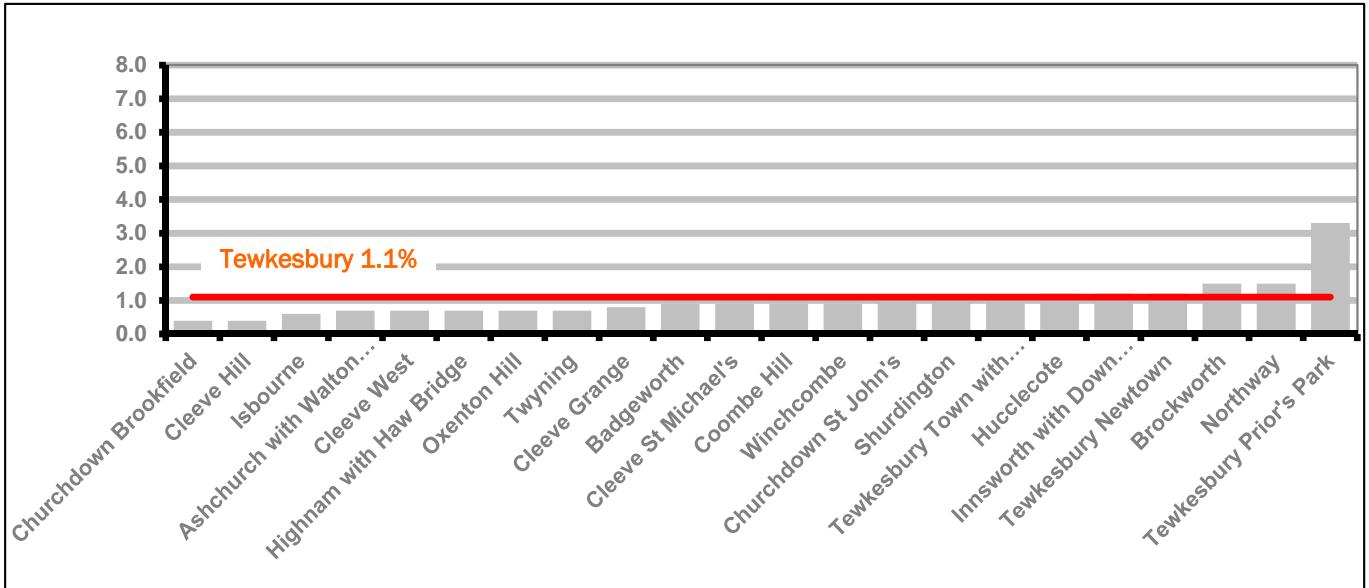
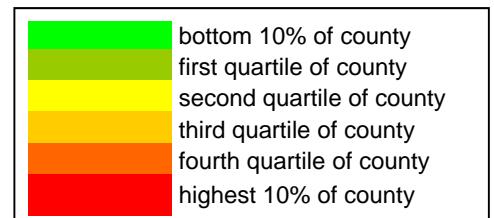


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1% and six wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - December 2014

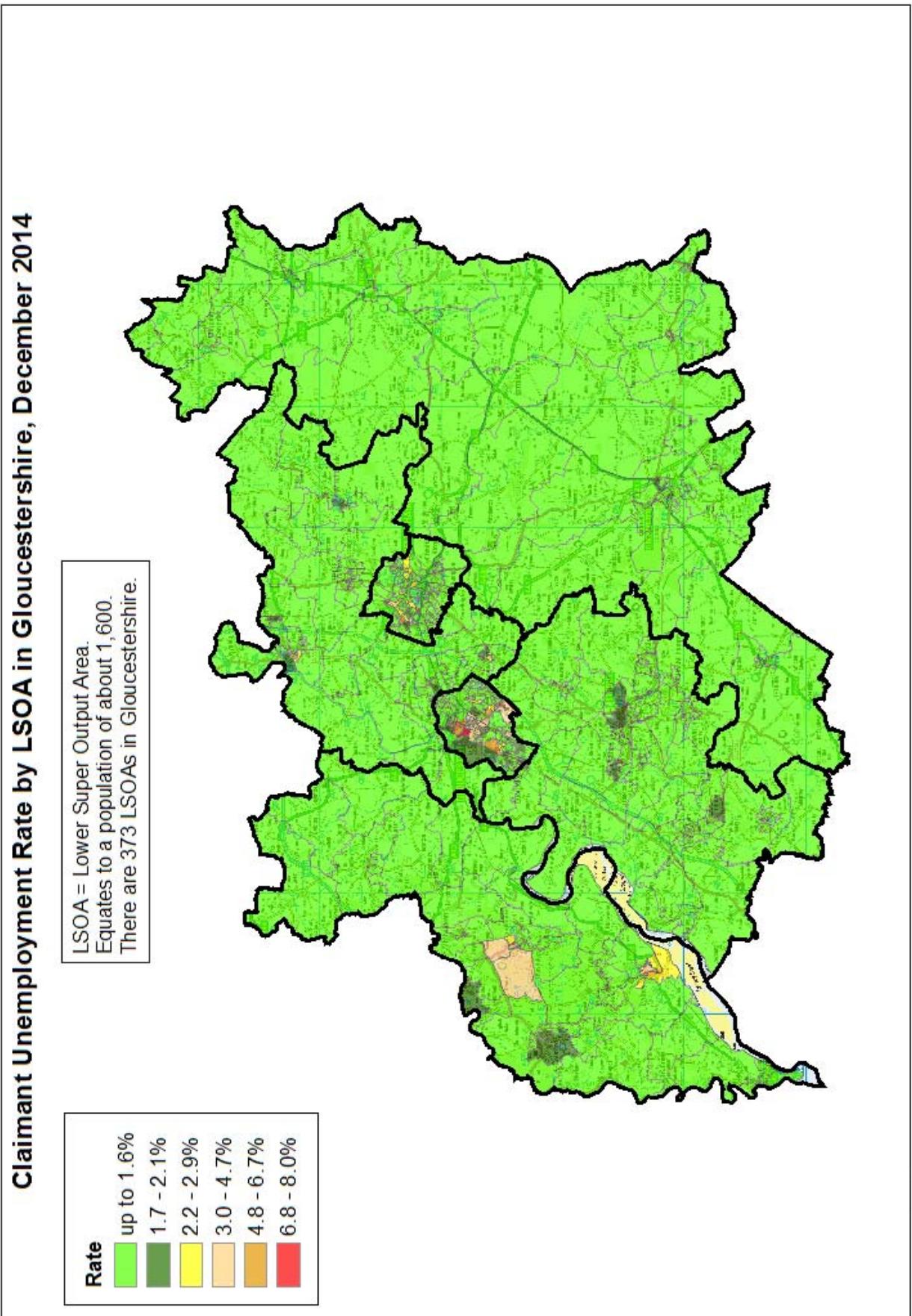
| District | Ward | Rate | Rank* |
|------------|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| Tewkesbury | Churchdown Brookfield | 0.4 | 10 |
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve Hill | 0.4 | 10 |
| Tewkesbury | Isbourne | 0.6 | 36 |
| Tewkesbury | Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff | 0.7 | 48 |
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve West | 0.7 | 48 |
| Tewkesbury | Highnam with Haw Bridge | 0.7 | 48 |
| Tewkesbury | Oxenton Hill | 0.7 | 48 |
| Tewkesbury | Twyning | 0.7 | 48 |
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve Grange | 0.8 | 71 |
| Tewkesbury | Badgeworth | 0.9 | 82 |
| Tewkesbury | Cleeve St Michael's | 0.9 | 82 |
| Tewkesbury | Coombe Hill | 0.9 | 82 |
| Tewkesbury | Winchcombe | 0.9 | 82 |
| Tewkesbury | Churchdown St John's | 1.0 | 90 |
| Tewkesbury | Shurdington | 1.0 | 90 |
| Tewkesbury | Tewkesbury Town with Mitton | 1.1 | 99 |
| Tewkesbury | Hucclecote | 1.2 | 102 |
| Tewkesbury | Innsworth with Down Hatherley | 1.2 | 102 |
| Tewkesbury | Tewkesbury Newtown | 1.2 | 102 |
| Tewkesbury | Brockworth | 1.5 | 116 |
| Tewkesbury | Northway | 1.5 | 116 |
| Tewkesbury | Tewkesbury Prior's Park | 3.3 | 139 |



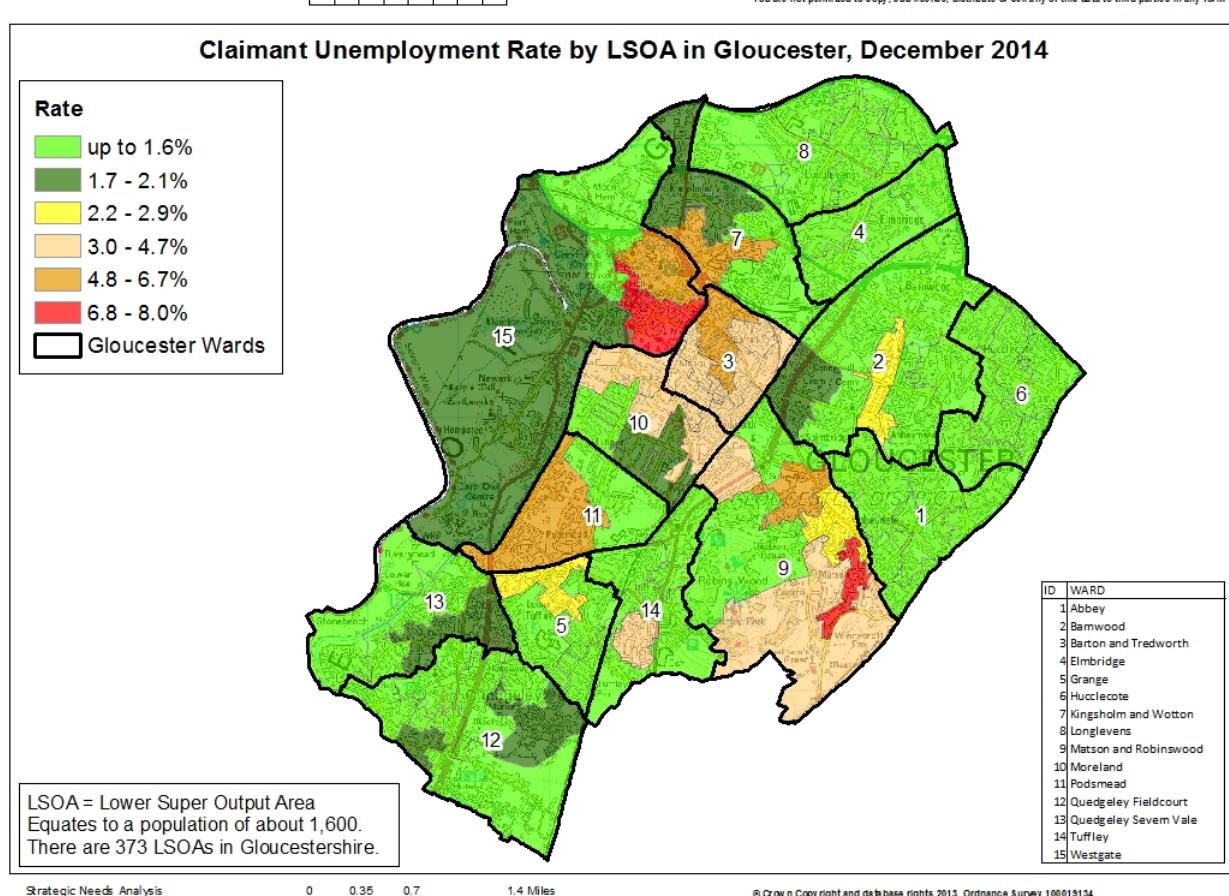
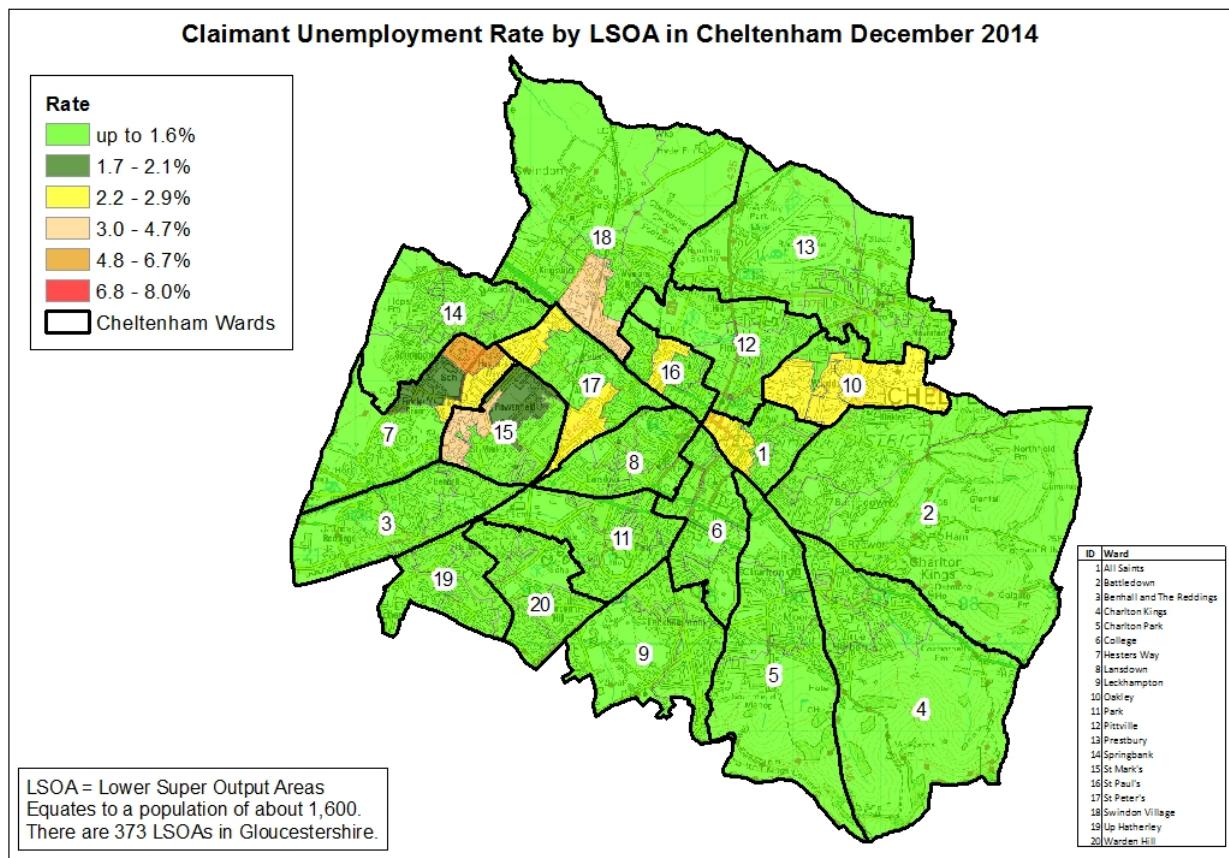
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Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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PART 6: 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

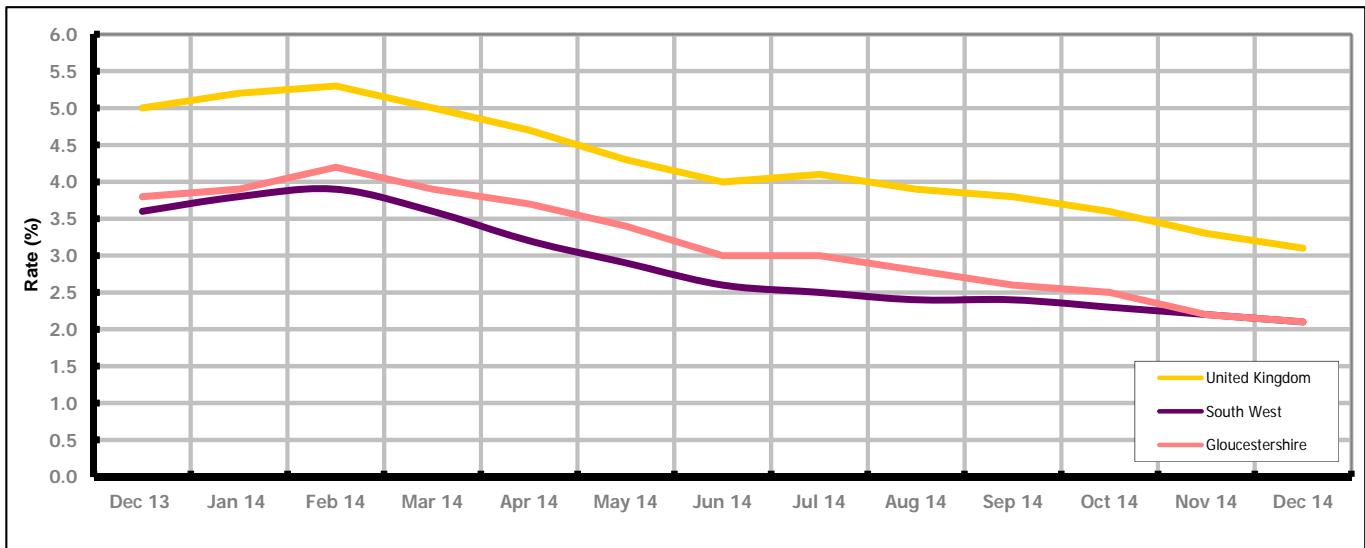


Figure 22 shows Gloucestershire's 18-24 claimant rate is the same as the South West average of 2.1%, but 1.0% lower than the UK average of 3.1%

Figure 23: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

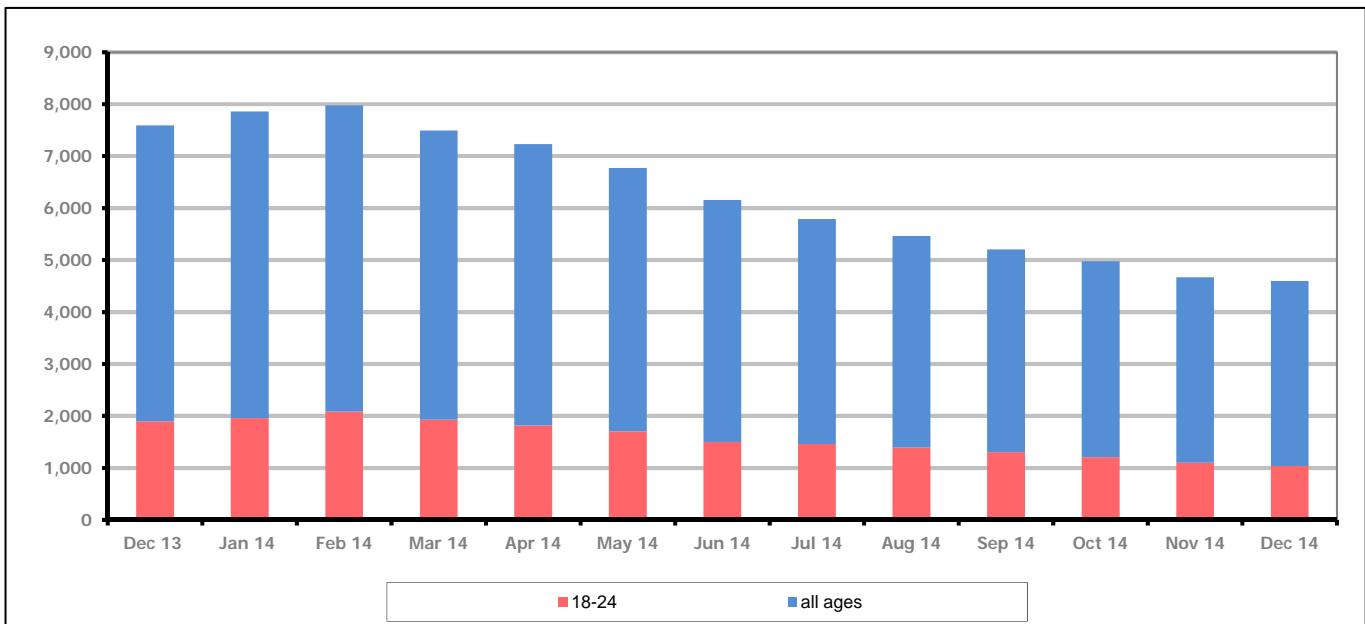


Figure 23 shows that in December 2014, 1,040 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance in Gloucestershire, this represents 22.6% of total working age claimants.

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Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

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

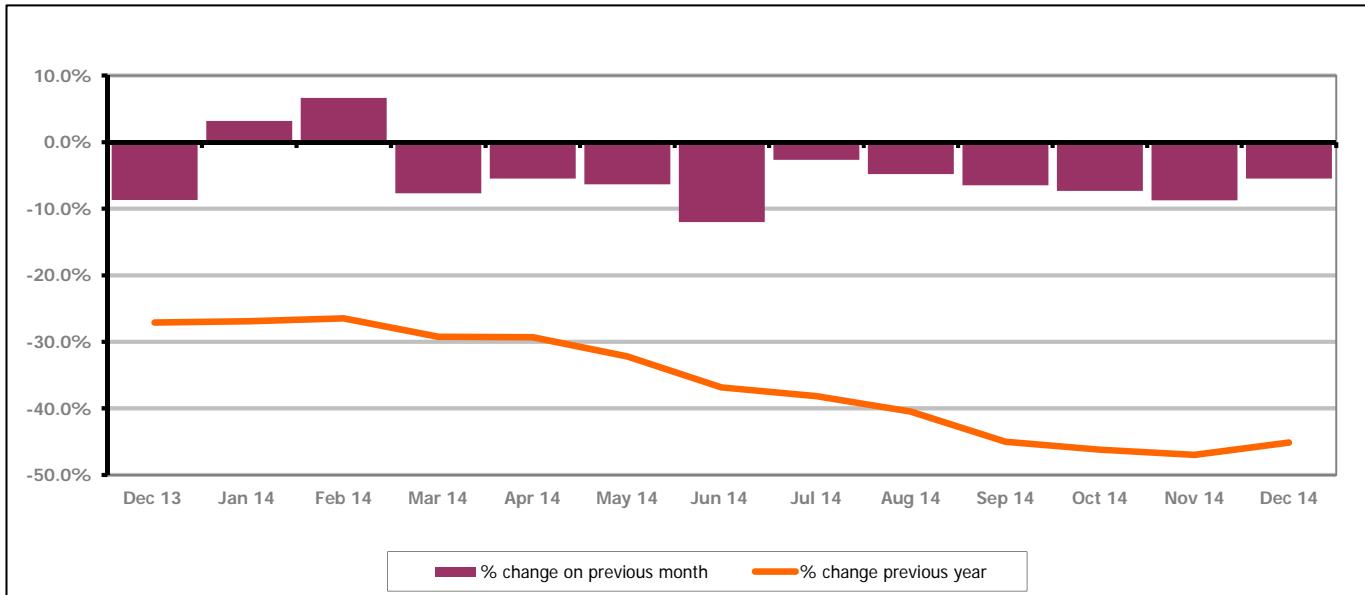


Figure 24 shows the number of young claimants decreased in December 2014 by 5.5% this represented 60 people. Over the last year the number of young claimants fell by 45.1% or 855 people.

Youth unemployment and duration of claim

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

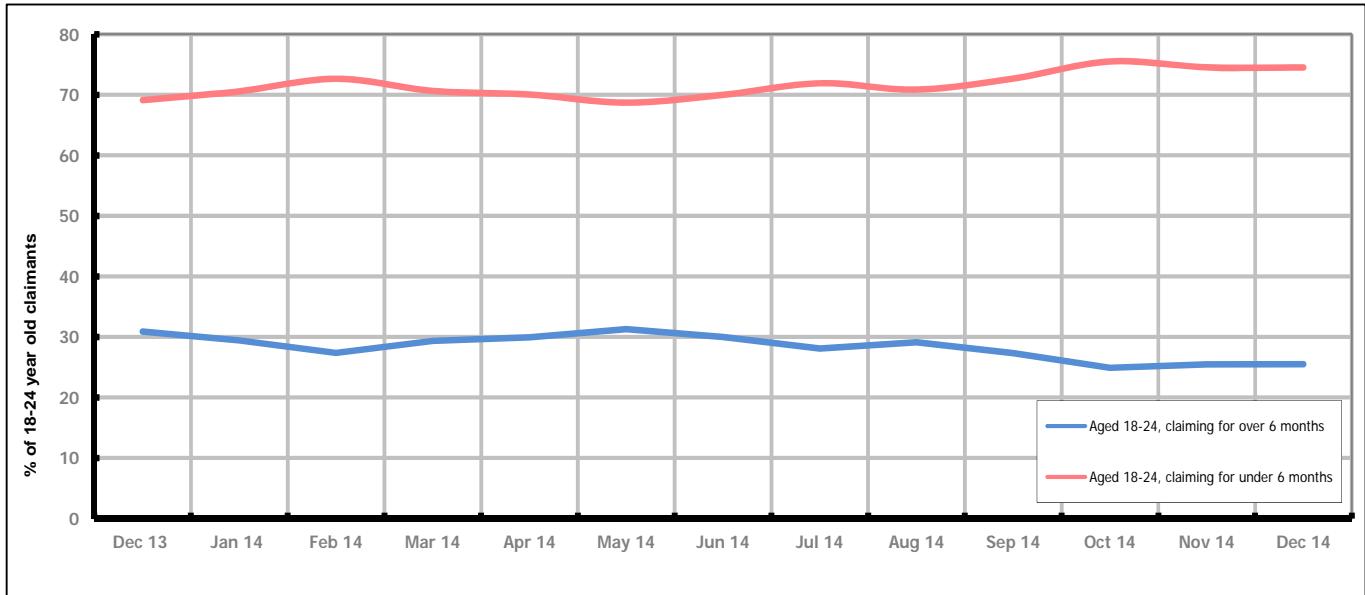


Figure 25 shows the proportion of 18-24 year olds claiming for less than six months remained the same as last month at 74.5%. During the same period those claiming for more than six months remained the same at 25.5%.

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 December 2014 there were 564 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 3.72%. The total number of NEET decreased by 39 young people in December 2014 compared to November 2014. One district had an increase in their NEET figures and five districts saw a decrease.

Total NEET Group by District Area

December 2014 NEET data

| | Cheltenham | Cotswold | Forest | Gloucester | Stroud | Tewkesbury | Total |
|------------|------------|----------|--------|------------|--------|------------|-------|
| Total NEET | 109 | 62 | 80 | 171 | 75 | 67 | 564 |
| Cohort | 2738 | 2230 | 2187 | 4792 | 3111 | 1850 | 16908 |
| % NEET | 3.98 | 2.78 | 3.66 | 3.57 | 2.41 | 3.62 | 3.72 |

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 426900.

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