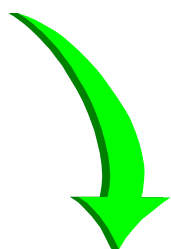


CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

May 2012

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 259 persons to 10,421, a rate of 2.8%.

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

Area	May'12 Number	May'12 Rate	Apr'12 Number	Apr'12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,590,708	3.9	1,616,849	4.0	-26,141	-1.6	-0.1
GB	1,528,998	3.9	1,554,548	4.0	-25,550	-1.6	-0.1
England & Wales	1,387,171	3.9	1,410,203	3.9	-23,032	-1.6	0.0
England	1,308,638	3.9	1,329,765	3.9	-21,127	-1.6	0.0
South West	89,347	2.7	91,790	2.8	-2,443	-2.7	-0.1
Gloucestershire	10,421	2.8	10,680	2.9	-259	-2.4	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,438	3.2	2,497	3.3	-59	-2.4	-0.1
Cotswold	718	1.4	743	1.5	-25	-3.4	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,474	2.9	1,547	3.0	-73	-4.7	-0.1
Gloucester	3,173	4.1	3,214	4.2	-41	-1.3	-0.1
Stroud	1,494	2.2	1,524	2.2	-30	-2.0	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,124	2.2	1,155	2.3	-31	-2.7	-0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 25,550 persons to **1,528,998** a rate of **3.9%**.

The County rate of unemployment has decreased to **2.8%**.

All districts showed an decrease in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **7,160 (3.8%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **3,261 (1.7%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.61 million** unemployed at a rate of **8.2 %**. 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 **1.6 million** at a rate of **4.0%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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