

Unemployment Bulletin

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The Claimant Count is a measure of the number of people who are unemployed and claiming benefits. From 1996 until the recent introduction of Universal Credit, this was based on the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. However, since its introduction some unemployment benefit claimants will be claiming Universal Credit instead. **To reflect this change, the Claimant Count has been expanded to include people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit and who are searching for work.**

Gloucestershire is in the process of transitioning to full Universal Credit. This means a broader span of claimants will be required to look for work than previously under Jobseekers Allowance. As more people are brought within the coverage of Universal Credit, the Claimant Count is set to rise noticeably over time. This will happen irrespective of how the economy performs and is a feature of the design of Universal Credit which brings additional groups of people into 'Searching for Work' conditionality (and therefore the Claimant Count), to help encourage and support these claimants into work.

For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](https://www.ons.gov.uk/universal-credit).

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 Data & Analysis Team in the County Council's Planning, Performance and Change function. The data are sourced from the Office for National Statistics via Nomis (www.nomis.co.uk). All data are rounded to the nearest 5 and may not precisely add to the sum of the number of people claiming JSA, and the number of people claiming Universal Credit required to seek work, due to independent rounding.

PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.6% in December 2018. The South West rate remained at 1.8% but the UK rate increased to 2.4%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.2% lower than the South West average of 1.8%, and 0.8% lower than the UK average of 2.4%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in December 2018 increased by 130 people. The amount of people claiming in December 2018 was 2.1% higher than the number in November 2018. This compares to a 3.8% increase in the South West and a 2.0% increase for the UK.

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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 and Universal Credit who are not in work in December 2018

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in December 2018

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,215
Compared to last month:	1.7%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward	Hester's Way (3.6%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,905
Compared to last month:	3.8%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming wards	Matson and Robinswood (4.4%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	615
Compared to last month:	4.2%
Claimant rate:	1.2%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (3.5%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	835
Compared to last month:	1.2%
Claimant rate:	1.2%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (3.2%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,005
Compared to last month:	2.0%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (3.9%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	745
Compared to last month:	-0.7%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (3.3%)

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

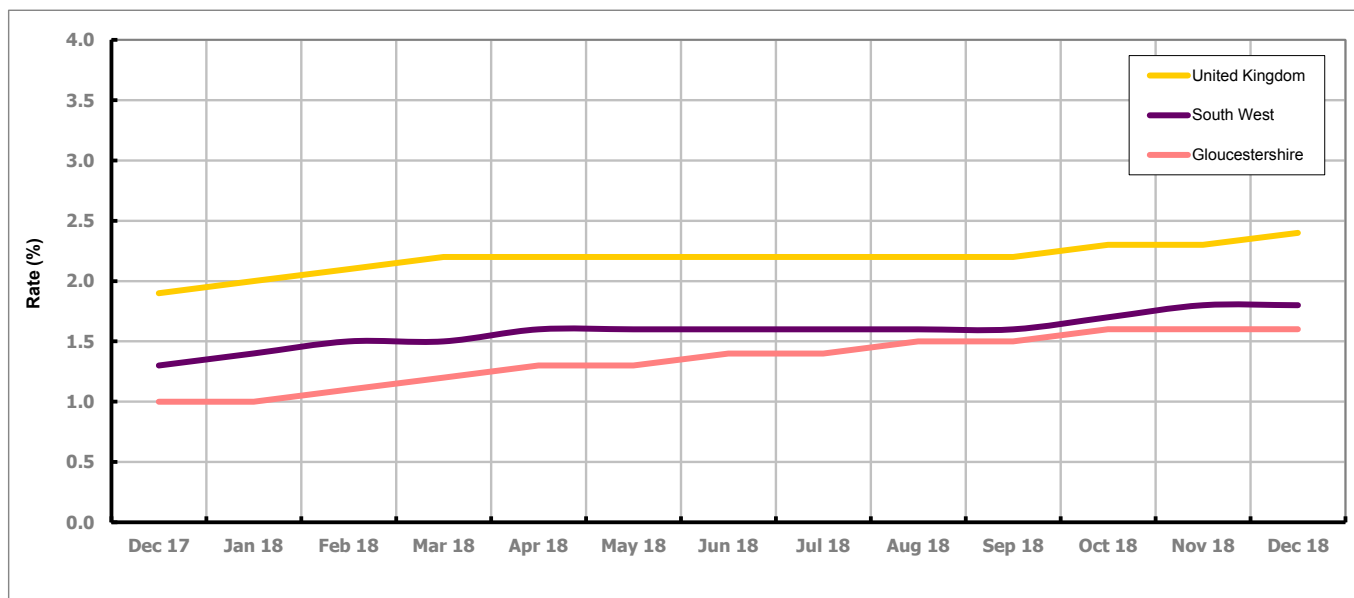


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.6% in December 2018. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.8% against the UK average.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in December 2018	% change on November 2018	Consecutive months increasing
UK	985,510	2.0%	5
South West	61,250	3.8%	5
Gloucestershire	6,315	2.1%	12

Table 1 shows that in December 2018, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 2.1% higher than the number in November 2018.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - December 2018

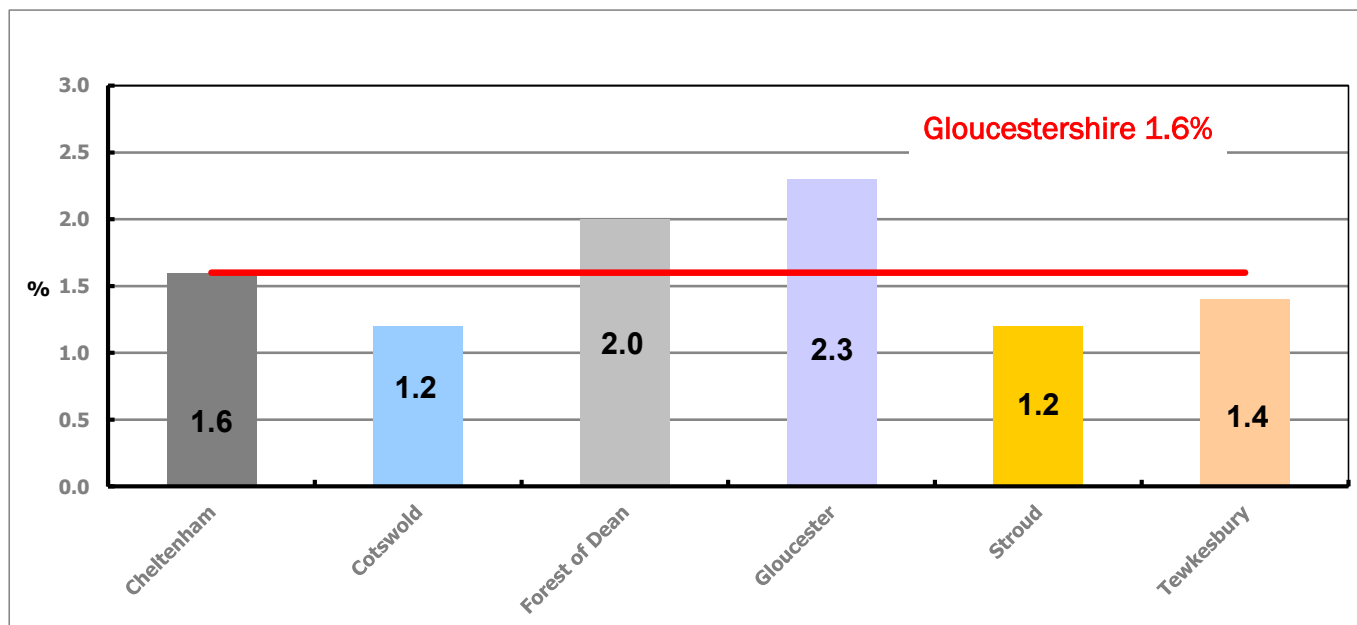


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for December 2018 in Gloucestershire. Between November and December 2018, the rate increased in the Forest of Dean and Gloucester, whereas the rates in all other districts stayed the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Dec 18 Number	Dec 18 Rate	Nov 18 Number	Nov 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,315	1.6	6,185	1.6	130	2.1%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,215	1.6	1,195	1.6	20	1.7%	0.0
Cotswold	615	1.2	590	1.2	25	4.2%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,005	2.0	985	1.9	20	2.0%	0.1
Gloucester	1,905	2.3	1,835	2.2	70	3.8%	0.1
Stroud	835	1.2	825	1.2	10	1.2%	0.0
Tewkesbury	745	1.4	750	1.4	-5	-0.7%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in December 2018 compared to November 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants, except Tewkesbury which saw a decrease.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Dec 18 Number	Dec 18 Rate	Nov 18 Number	Nov 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,675	1.9	3,575	1.9	100	2.8%	0.0
Cheltenham	740	2.0	725	1.9	15	2.1%	0.1
Cotswold	345	1.4	320	1.3	25	7.8%	0.1
Forest of Dean	580	2.3	560	2.2	20	3.6%	0.1
Gloucester	1,135	2.8	1,085	2.6	50	4.6%	0.2
Stroud	460	1.3	470	1.3	-10	-2.1%	0.0
Tewkesbury	420	1.6	420	1.6	0	0.0%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in December 2018 compared to November 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants, except Stroud which saw a decrease, and Tewkesbury which stayed the same.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Dec 18 Number	Dec 18 Rate	Nov 18 Number	Nov 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,640	1.4	2,610	1.4	30	1.1%	0.0
Cheltenham	475	1.3	475	1.3	0	0.0%	0.0
Cotswold	270	1.0	270	1.0	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	425	1.7	425	1.6	0	0.0%	0.1
Gloucester	770	1.9	750	1.8	20	2.7%	0.1
Stroud	375	1.1	360	1.0	15	4.2%	0.1
Tewkesbury	325	1.2	335	1.2	-10	-3.0%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in December 2018 compared to November 2018. Gloucester and Stroud saw an increase in the number of female claimants, while Tewkesbury saw a decrease. All other districts stayed the same.

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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

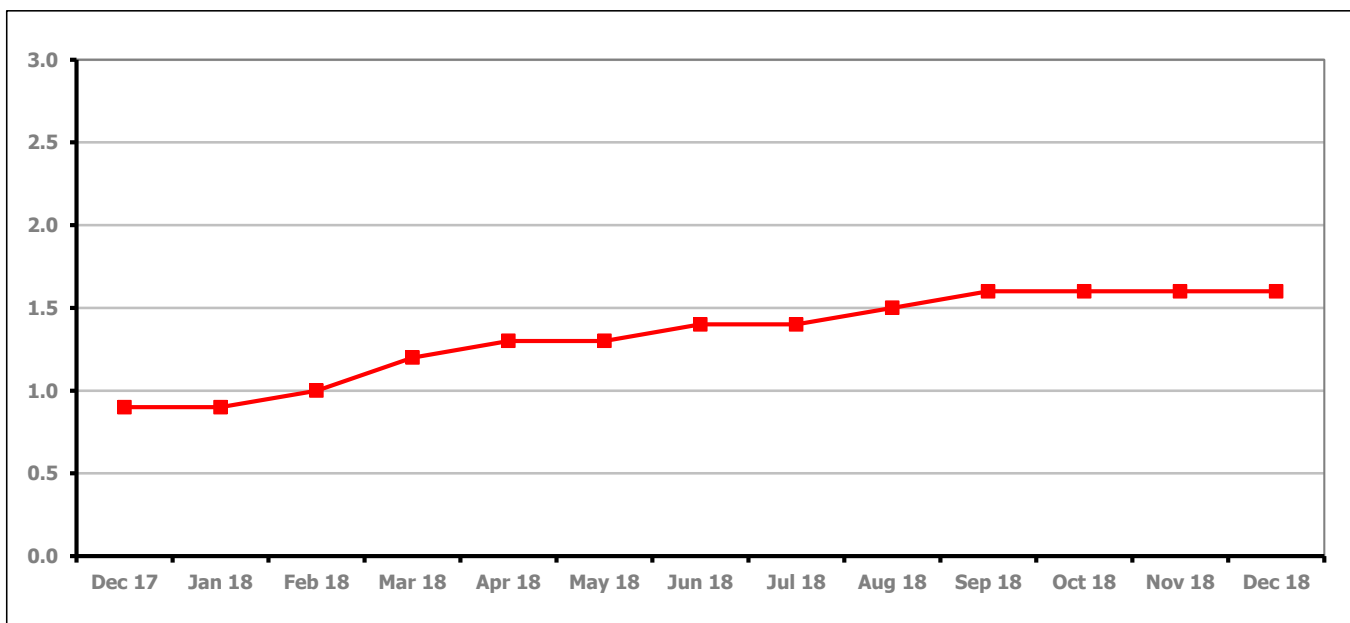


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham stayed the same as last month at 1.6%.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - December 2018

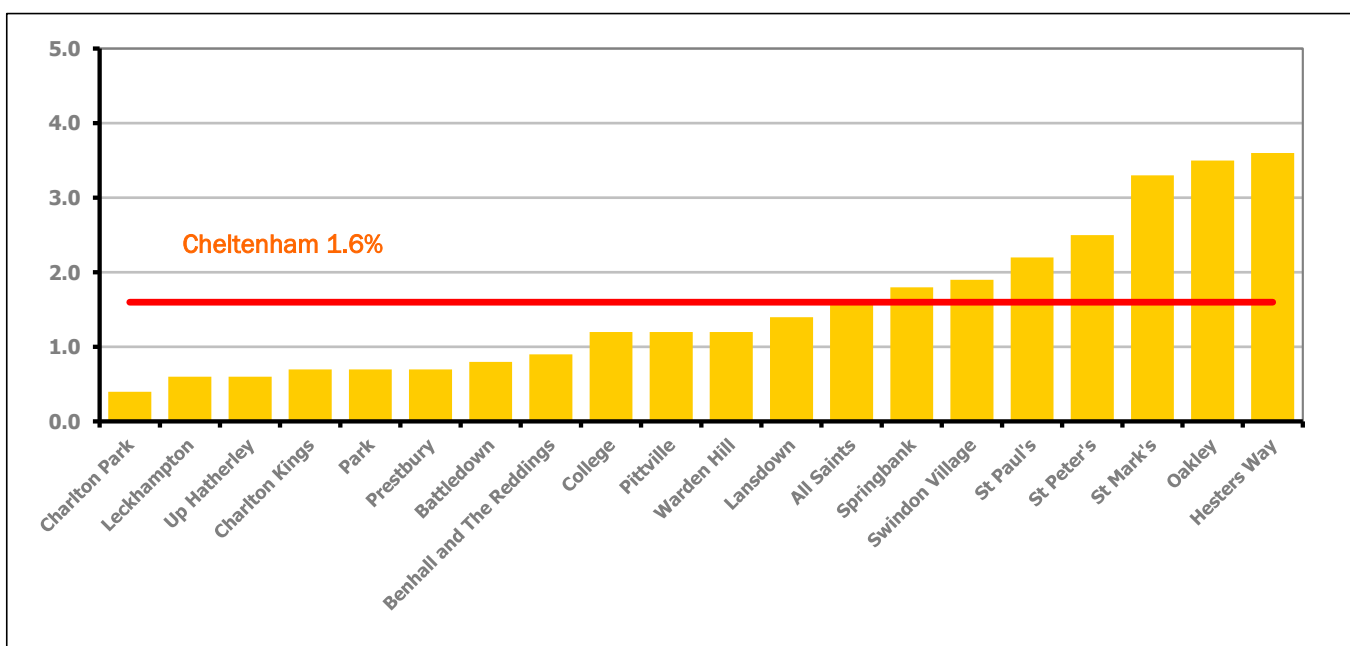


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.6%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - December 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.4	2
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.6	10
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.6	10
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.7	17
Cheltenham	Park	0.7	17
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.7	17
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.8	30
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.9	42
Cheltenham	College	1.2	71
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.2	71
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.2	71
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.4	92
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.6	99
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.8	111
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.9	113
Cheltenham	St Paul's	2.2	122
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.5	126
Cheltenham	St Mark's	3.3	133
Cheltenham	Oakley	3.5	136
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	3.6	140

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

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

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4.2 Cotswold District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

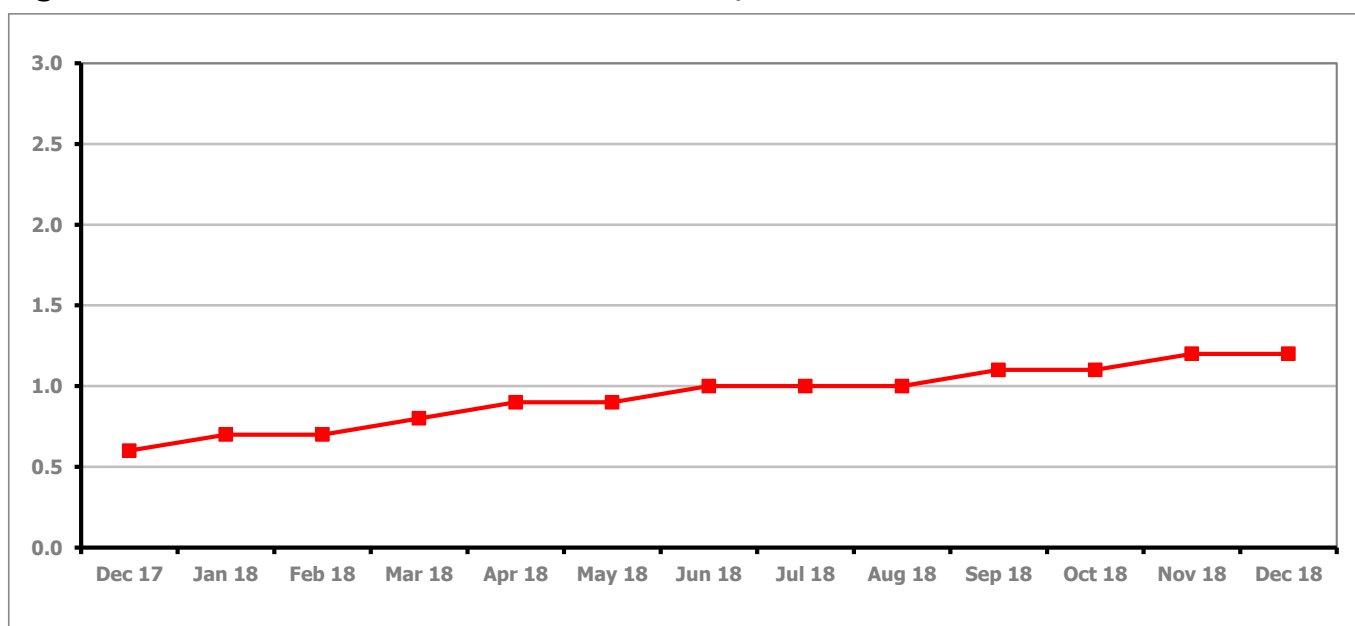


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District stayed the same as last month at 1.2%.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - December 2018

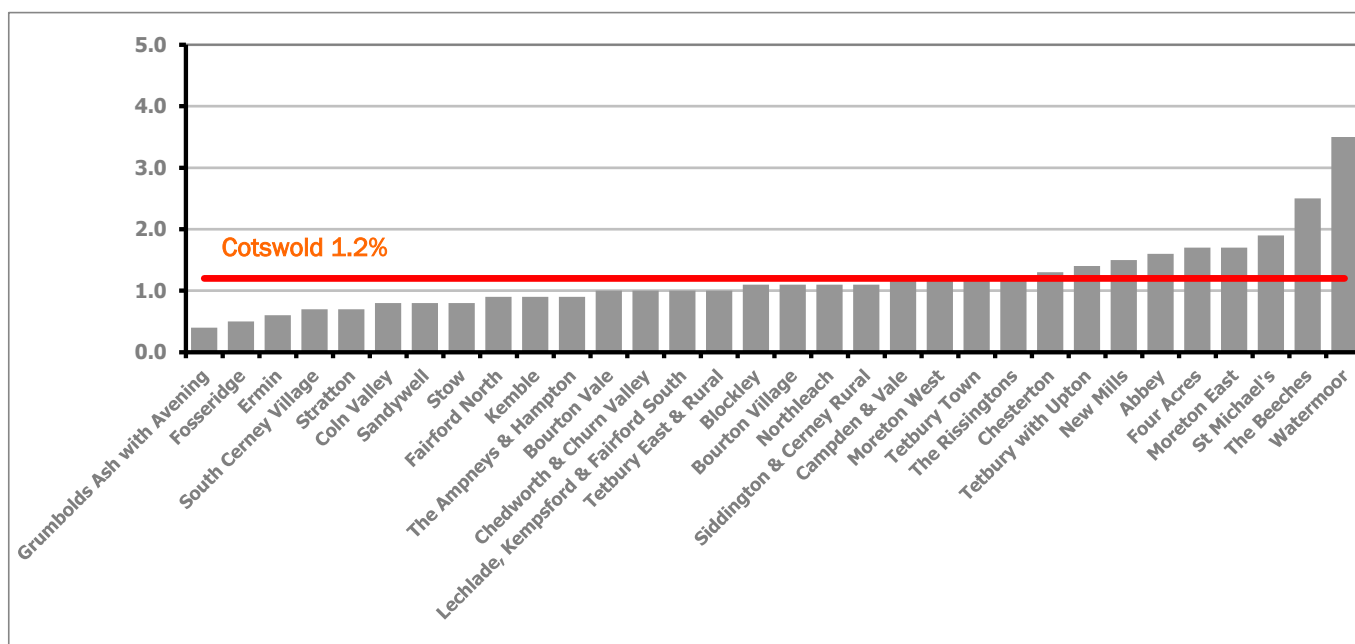


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.2%. Nine wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - December 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.4	2
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.5	6
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.6	10
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	0.7	17
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.7	17
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.8	30
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.8	30
Cotswolds	Stow	0.8	30
Cotswolds	Fairford North	0.9	42
Cotswolds	Kemble	0.9	42
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	0.9	42
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	1.0	50
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.0	50
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	1.0	50
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	1.0	50
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.1	57
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	1.1	57
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.1	57
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.1	57
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	1.2	71
Cotswolds	Moreton West	1.2	71
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.2	71
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.2	71
Cotswolds	Chesterton	1.3	84
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	1.4	92
Cotswolds	New Mills	1.5	96
Cotswolds	Abbey	1.6	99
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.7	104
Cotswolds	Moreton East	1.7	104
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.9	113
Cotswolds	The Beeches	2.5	126
Cotswolds	Watermoor	3.5	136

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

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4.3 Forest of Dean District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

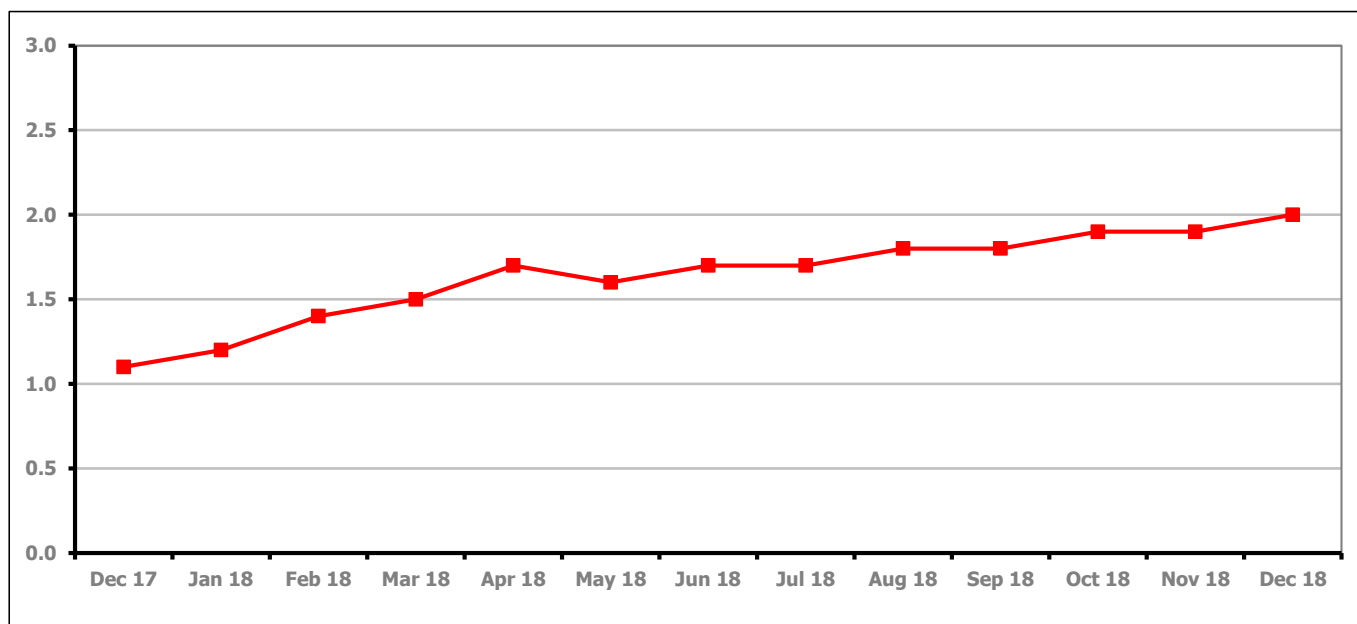


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased in December 2018 to 2.0%.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - December 2018

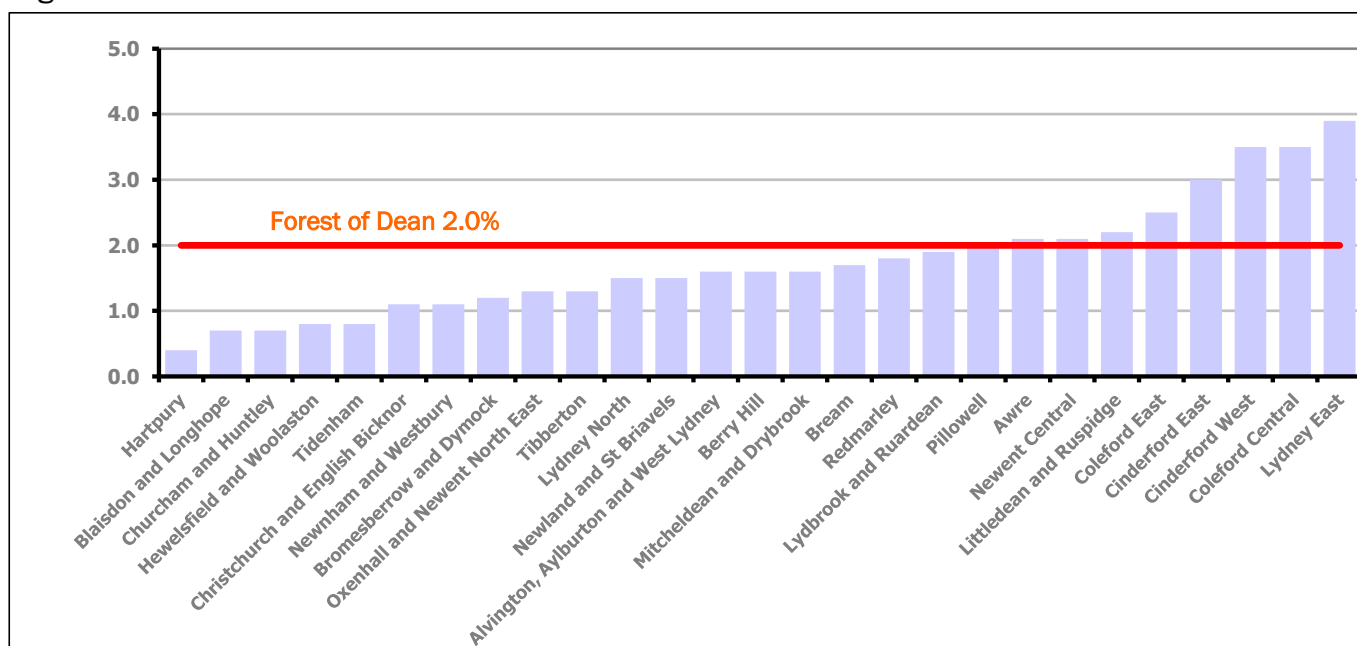


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.3 Forest of Dean District continued...

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - December 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.4	2
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.7	17
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.7	17
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.8	30
Forest	Tidenham	0.8	30
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.1	57
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.1	57
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.2	71
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.3	84
Forest	Tibberton	1.3	84
Forest	Lydney North	1.5	96
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.5	96
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.6	99
Forest	Berry Hill	1.6	99
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.6	99
Forest	Bream	1.7	104
Forest	Redmarley	1.8	111
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.9	113
Forest	Pillowell	2.0	117
Forest	Awre	2.1	120
Forest	Newent Central	2.1	120
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	2.2	122
Forest	Coleford East	2.5	126
Forest	Cinderford East	3.0	131
Forest	Cinderford West	3.5	136
Forest	Coleford Central	3.5	136
Forest	Lydney East	3.9	141

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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.

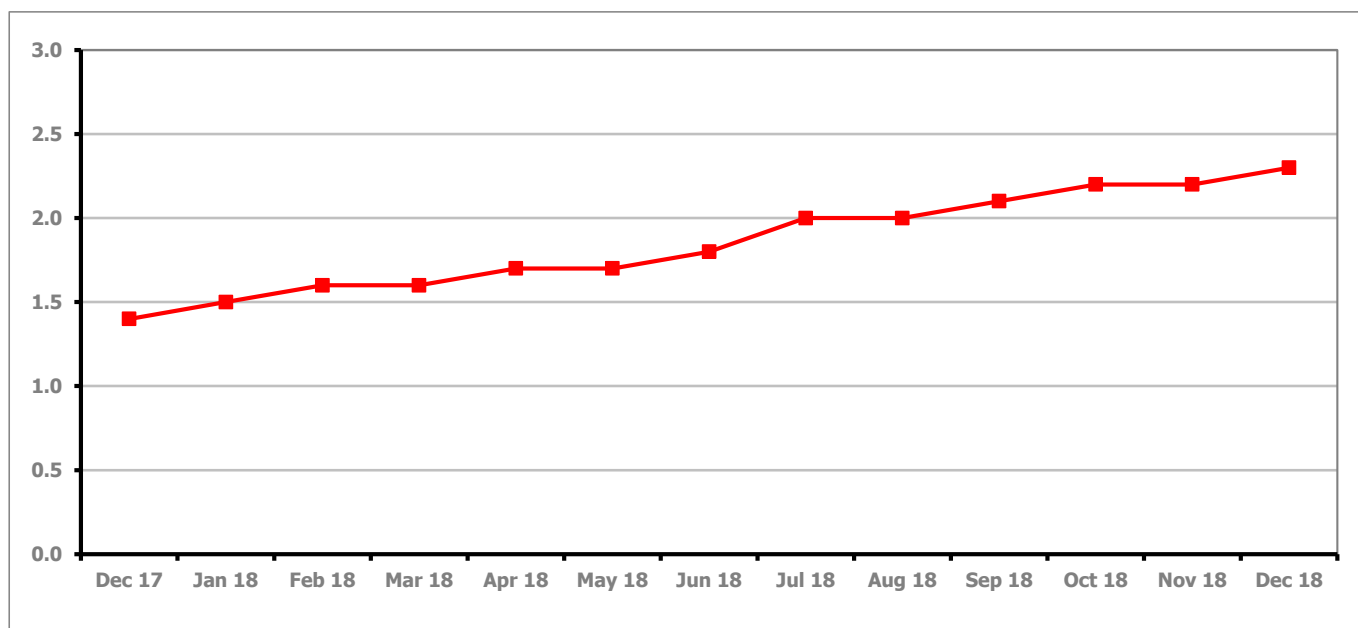
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased in December 2018 to 2.3%.

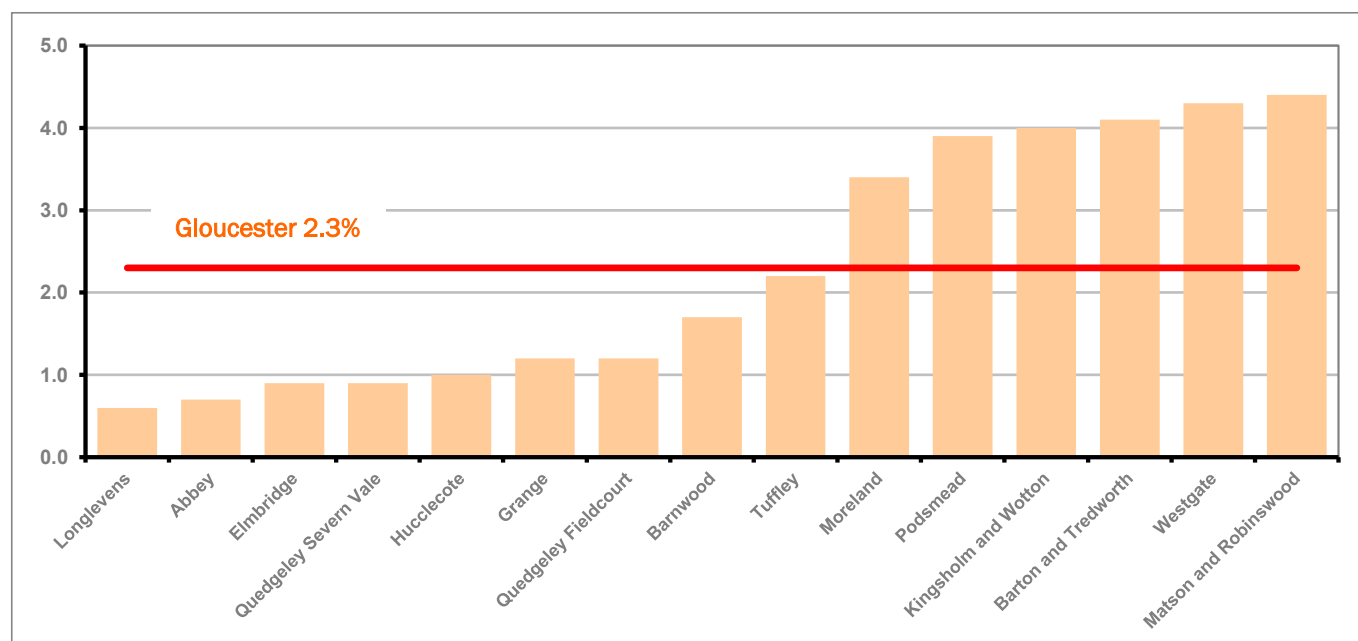
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - December 2018

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.3%. Six wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - December 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.6	10
Gloucester	Abbey	0.7	17
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.9	42
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	0.9	42
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.0	50
Gloucester	Grange	1.2	71
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.2	71
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.7	104
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.2	122
Gloucester	Moreland	3.4	135
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.9	141
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.0	143
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	4.1	144
Gloucester	Westgate	4.3	145
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	4.4	146

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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 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year

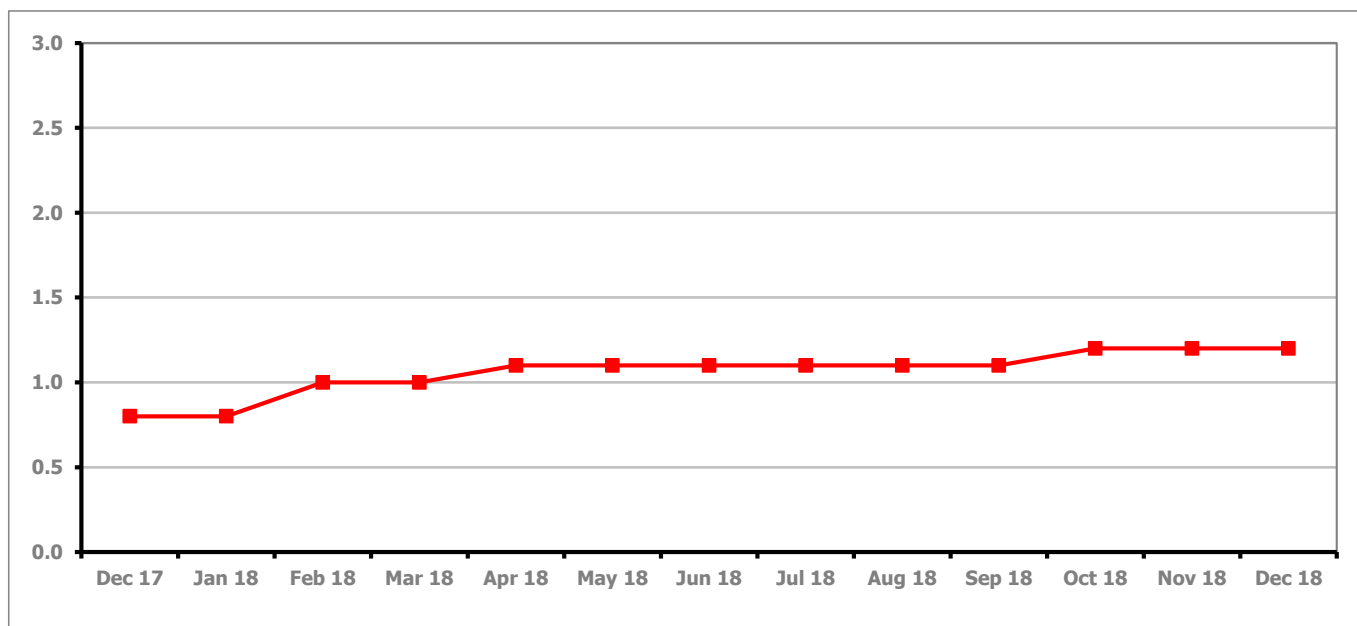


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud stayed the same as last month at 1.2%.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - December 2018

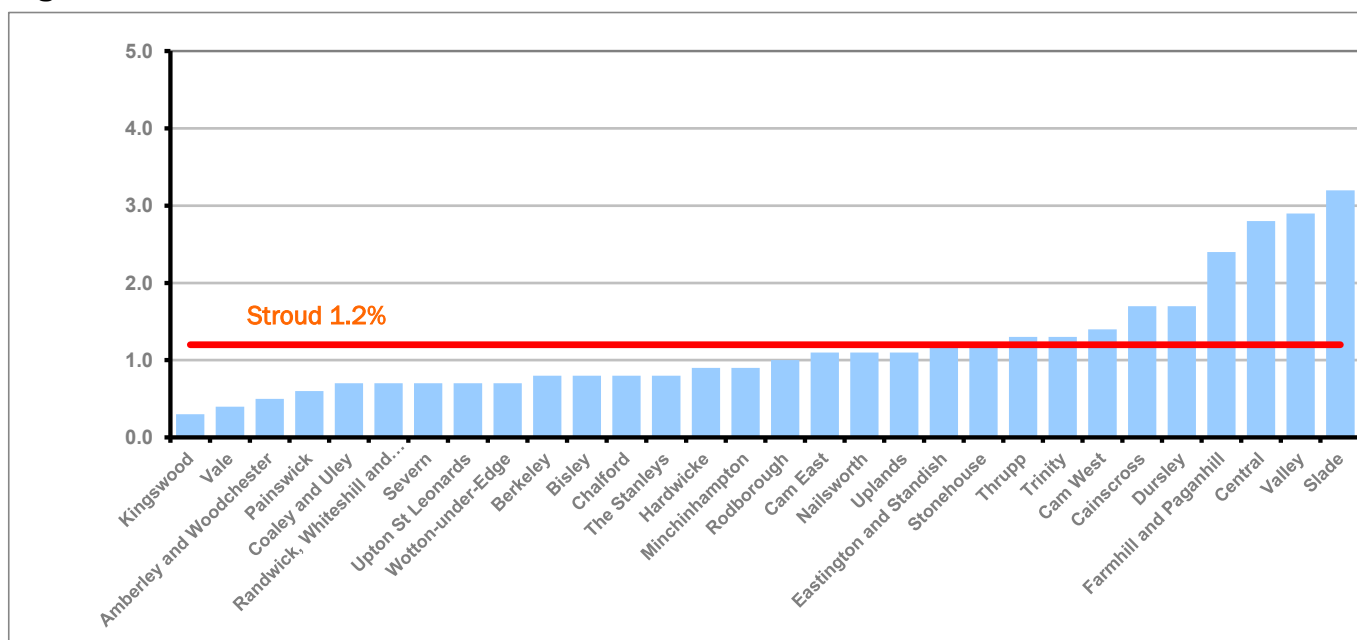


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.2%. Nine wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - December 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Kingswood	0.3	1
Stroud	Vale	0.4	2
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.5	6
Stroud	Painswick	0.6	10
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.7	17
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.7	17
Stroud	Severn	0.7	17
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.7	17
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.7	17
Stroud	Berkeley	0.8	30
Stroud	Bisley	0.8	30
Stroud	Chalford	0.8	30
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.8	30
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.9	42
Stroud	Minchinhampton	0.9	42
Stroud	Rodborough	1.0	50
Stroud	Cam East	1.1	57
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.1	57
Stroud	Uplands	1.1	57
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.2	71
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.2	71
Stroud	Thrupp	1.3	84
Stroud	Trinity	1.3	84
Stroud	Cam West	1.4	92
Stroud	Cainscross	1.7	104
Stroud	Dursley	1.7	104
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	2.4	125
Stroud	Central	2.8	129
Stroud	Valley	2.9	130
Stroud	Slade	3.2	132

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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 13: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

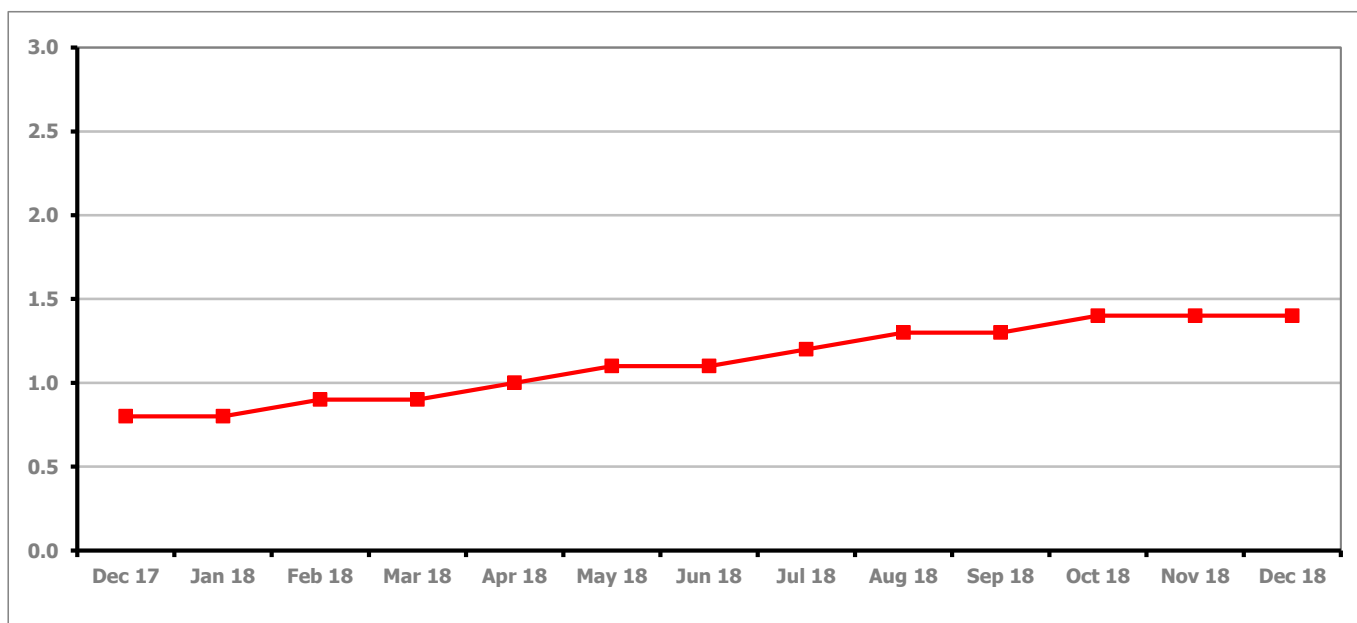


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District stayed the same as last month at 1.4%.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - December 2018

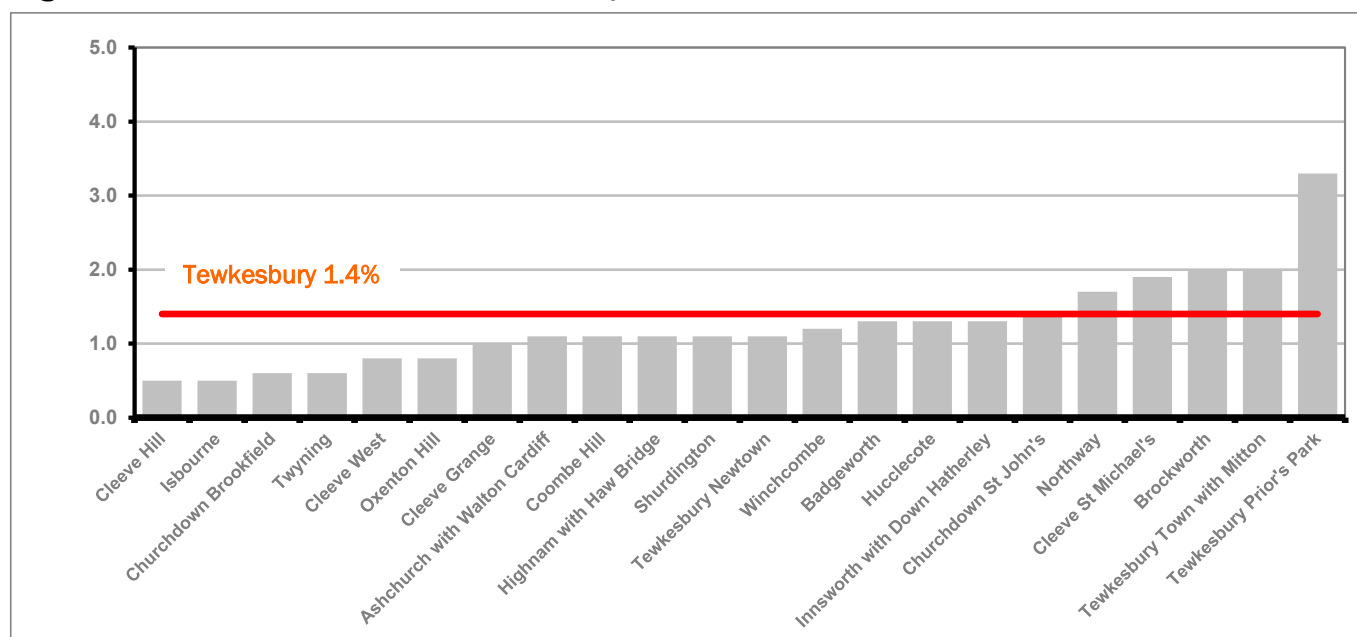


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.4%. Five wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - December 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.5	6
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.5	6
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.6	10
Tewkesbury	Twynning	0.6	10
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.8	30
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.8	30
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.0	50
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.1	57
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.1	57
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.1	57
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.1	57
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.1	57
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.2	71
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.3	84
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.3	84
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.3	84
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.4	92
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.7	104
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.9	113
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	2.0	117
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	2.0	117
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	3.3	133

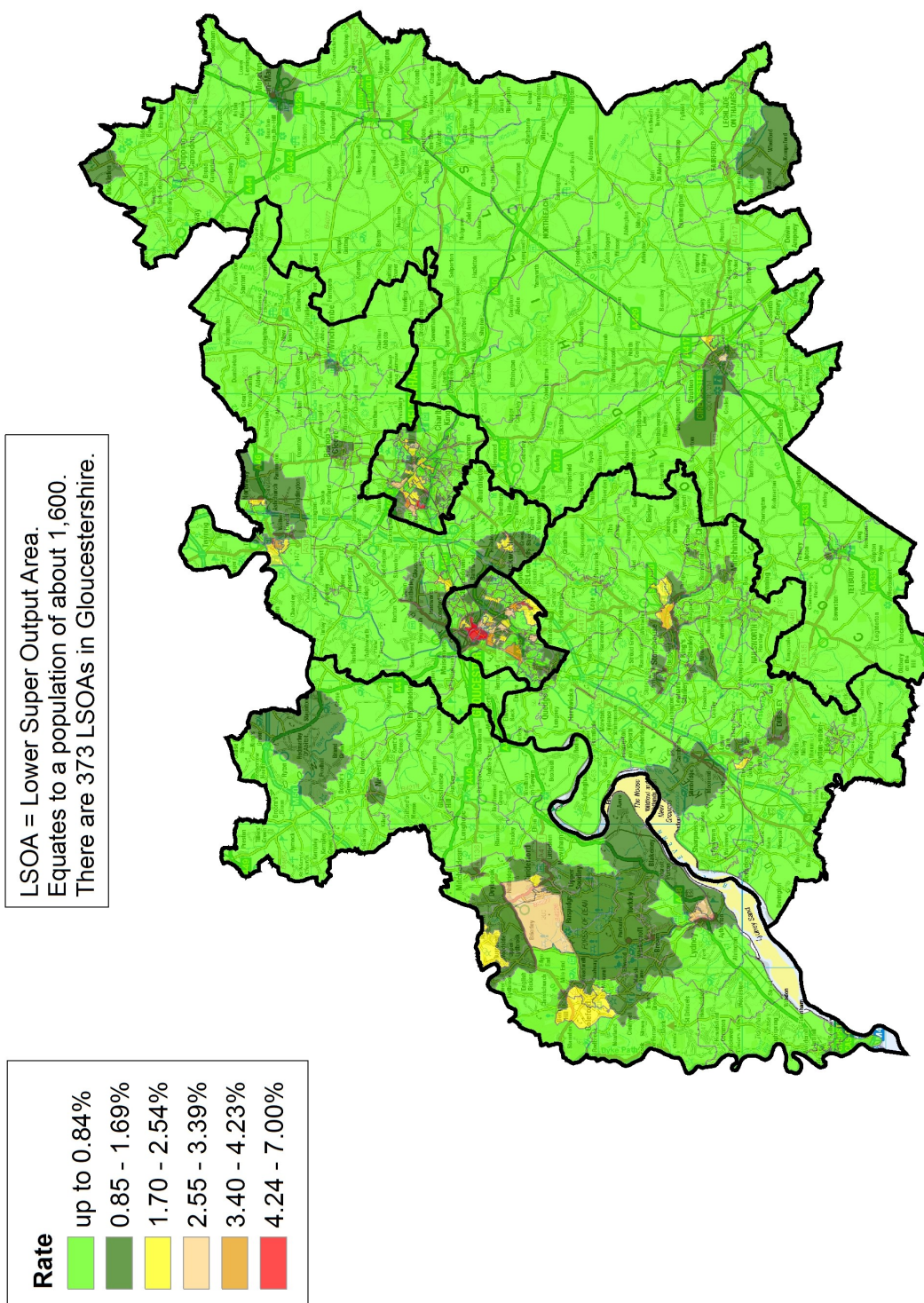
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Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, December 2018

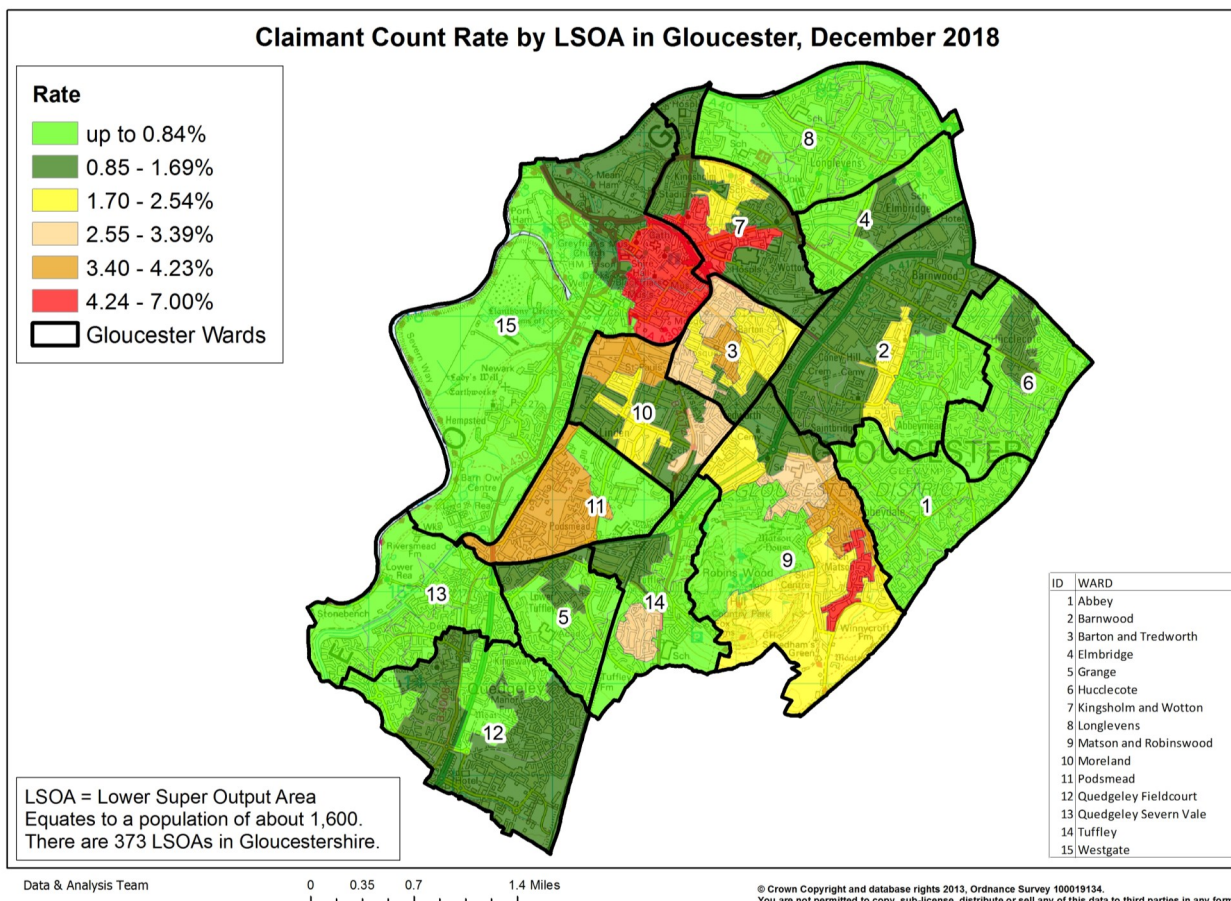
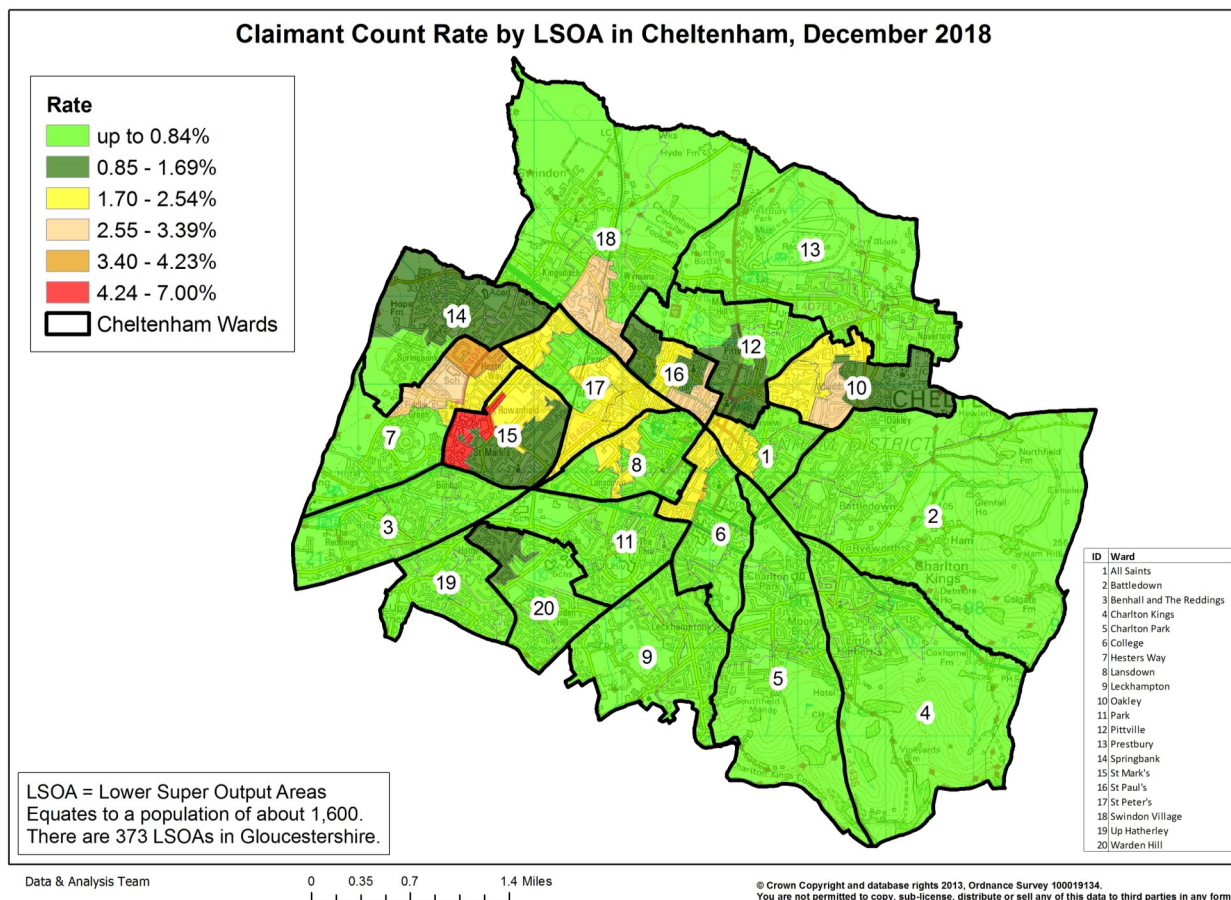


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PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



PART 6: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT(18-24 year olds)

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

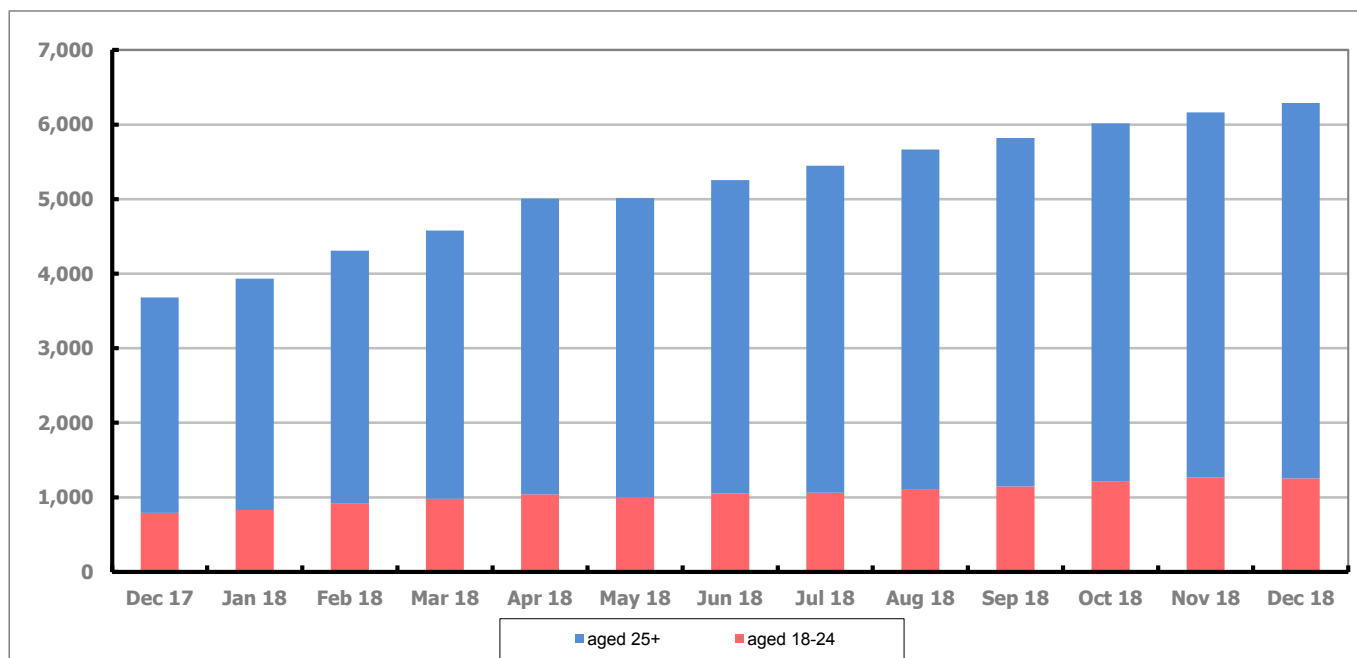


Figure 15 shows that in December 2018, 1,255 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.9% of total working age claimants.

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 2018 there were 398 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 2.54%. The total number of NEET young people decreased by 6 in December 2018 compared to November 2018, four districts saw an decrease in their figures, one district saw an increase and one district stayed the same.

Total NEET Group by District Area

December 2018 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	82	28	70	122	56	40	398
Cohort	2829	2277	2230	3990	3397	2376	17099
% NEET	2.90	1.23	3.14	3.06	1.65	1.68	2.54*

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact Ruth.Critchlow@Prospects.co.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.