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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.

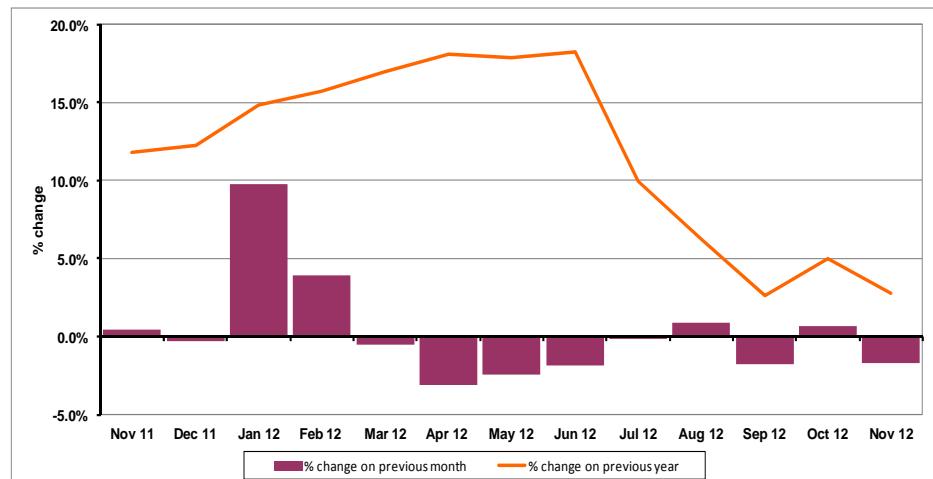
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.7% in November 2012. This was the same as the October 2012 figure. The South West rate and UK rate also remained the same as last month at 2.6% and 3.8% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.1% higher than the South West average of 2.6%, and 1.1% lower than the UK average of 3.8%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in November 2012 decreased by 171 people. The amount of people claiming in November 2012 was -1.7% lower than the number in October 2012. This compares to a 0.1% increase in the South West and a -0.8% decrease for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was 2.8% higher in November 2012 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:
November 2011 to November 2012



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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 November 2012

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in November 2012

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,335
Compared to last month:	-3.2%
Claimant rate:	3.1%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (6.7%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	3,120
Compared to last month:	-0.4%
Claimant rate:	4.1%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (8.6%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	705
Compared to last month:	+0.3%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.7%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,510
Compared to last month:	-1.7%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward	Slade (6.2%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,287
Compared to last month:	-1.5%
Claimant rate:	2.5%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford East and Cinderford West (5%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,059
Compared to last month:	-3.3%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.1%)

YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET)

At the end of November 2012 there were 801 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 5.2%.

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

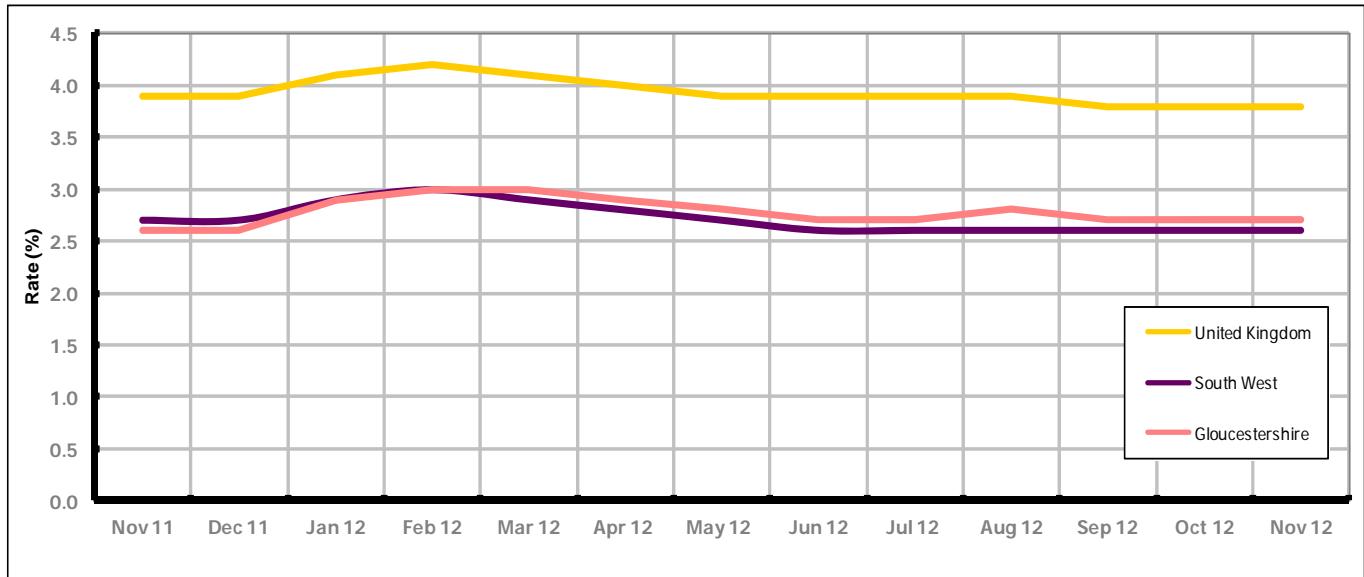


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.7% in November 2012. The rate remained lower or the same as the South West average, until March when it grew above the South West rate, it has been persistently lower by approximately 1.2% against the UK average during the same period. The November 2012 rate remained the same as last month..

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in November 2012	% change on October 2012	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	1,534,984	-0.8%	-0.3%	4
South West	85,113	+0.1%	-0.3%	0
Gloucestershire	10,016	-1.7%	-0.4%	0

Table 1 shows that in November 2012, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was -1.7% lower than the number in October 2012.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to November 2012 was -0.4%. This is 0.1% higher than the South West and UK average.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - November 2012

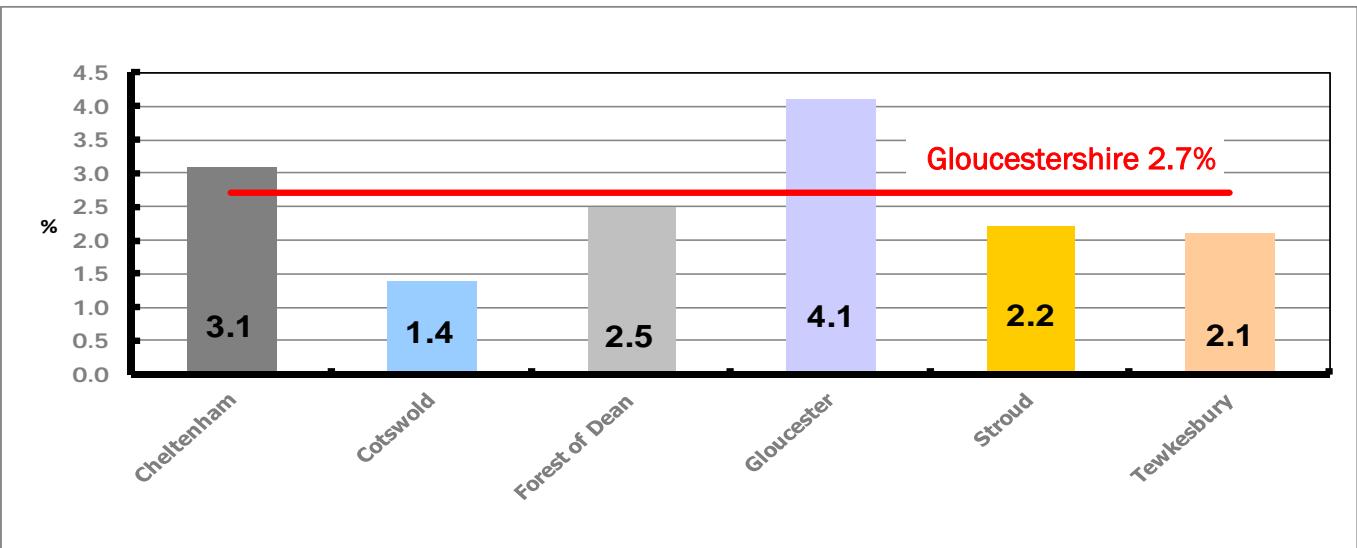


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for November 2012 in Gloucestershire. Between October 2012 and November 2012 the rate in Cheltenham and Tewkesbury declined, while the other districts remained the same.

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

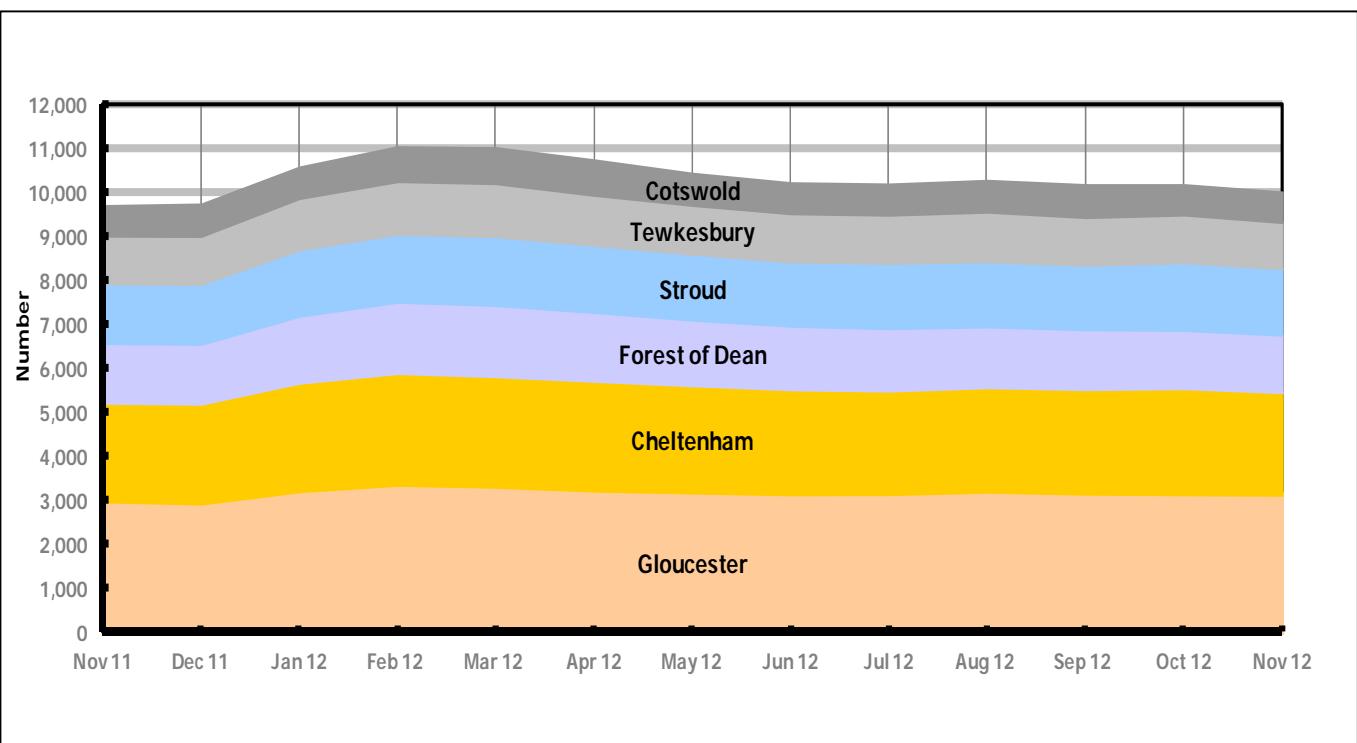


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants generally increased between November 2011 and February 2012. Since March 2012 the number of claimants has decreased, with the exception of August and October 2012, when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Nov 12 Number	Nov 12 Rate	Oct 12 Number	Oct 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	10,016	2.7	10,187	2.7	-171	-1.7%	0.0
Cheltenham	2,335	3.1	2,413	3.2	-78	-3.2%	-0.1
Cotswold	705	1.4	703	1.4	2	0.3%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,287	2.5	1,307	2.5	-20	-1.5%	0.0
Gloucester	3,120	4.1	3,133	4.1	-13	-0.4%	0.0
Stroud	1,510	2.2	1,536	2.2	-26	-1.7%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,059	2.1	1,095	2.2	-36	-3.3%	-0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in November 2012 compared to October 2012. Cotswold saw a small increase in the number of claimants, while the remaining districts experienced a decline.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Nov 12 Number	Nov 12 Rate	Oct 12 Number	Oct 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,610	3.5	6,677	3.6	-67	-1.0%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,583	4.2	1,639	4.3	-56	-3.4%	-0.1
Cotswold	470	1.9	448	1.8	22	4.9%	0.1
Forest of Dean	856	3.3	869	3.4	-13	-1.5%	-0.1
Gloucester	2,039	5.3	2,036	5.3	3	0.1%	0.0
Stroud	987	2.9	989	2.9	-2	-0.2%	0.0
Tewkesbury	675	2.7	696	2.8	-21	-3.0%	-0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in November 2012 compared to October 2012. Cotswold and Gloucester saw an increase in the number of male claimants, while the remaining districts experienced a decline.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Nov 12 Number	Nov 12 Rate	Oct 12 Number	Oct 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,406	1.8	3,510	1.9	-104	-3.0%	-0.1
Cheltenham	752	2.0	774	2.1	-22	-2.8%	-0.1
Cotswold	235	0.9	255	1.0	-20	-7.8%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	431	1.7	438	1.7	-7	-1.6%	0.0
Gloucester	1,081	2.8	1,097	2.9	-16	-1.5%	-0.1
Stroud	523	1.5	547	1.6	-24	-4.4%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	384	1.5	399	1.6	-15	-3.8%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in November 2012 compared to October 2012. All districts experienced an increase in the number of female claimants.

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

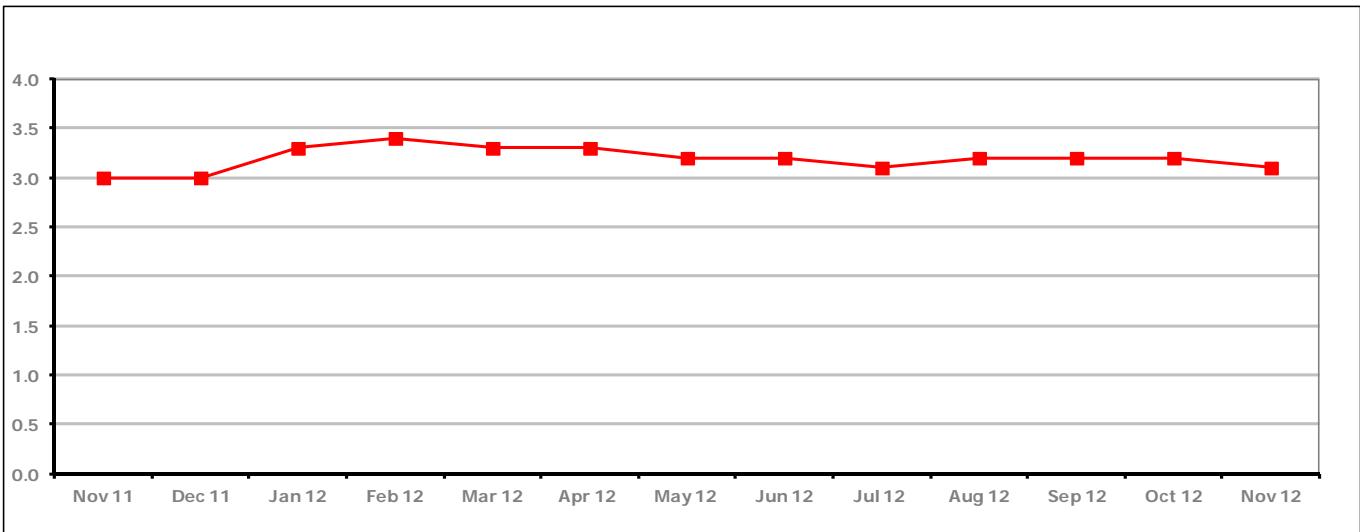


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased in November 2012 to 3.1%.

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

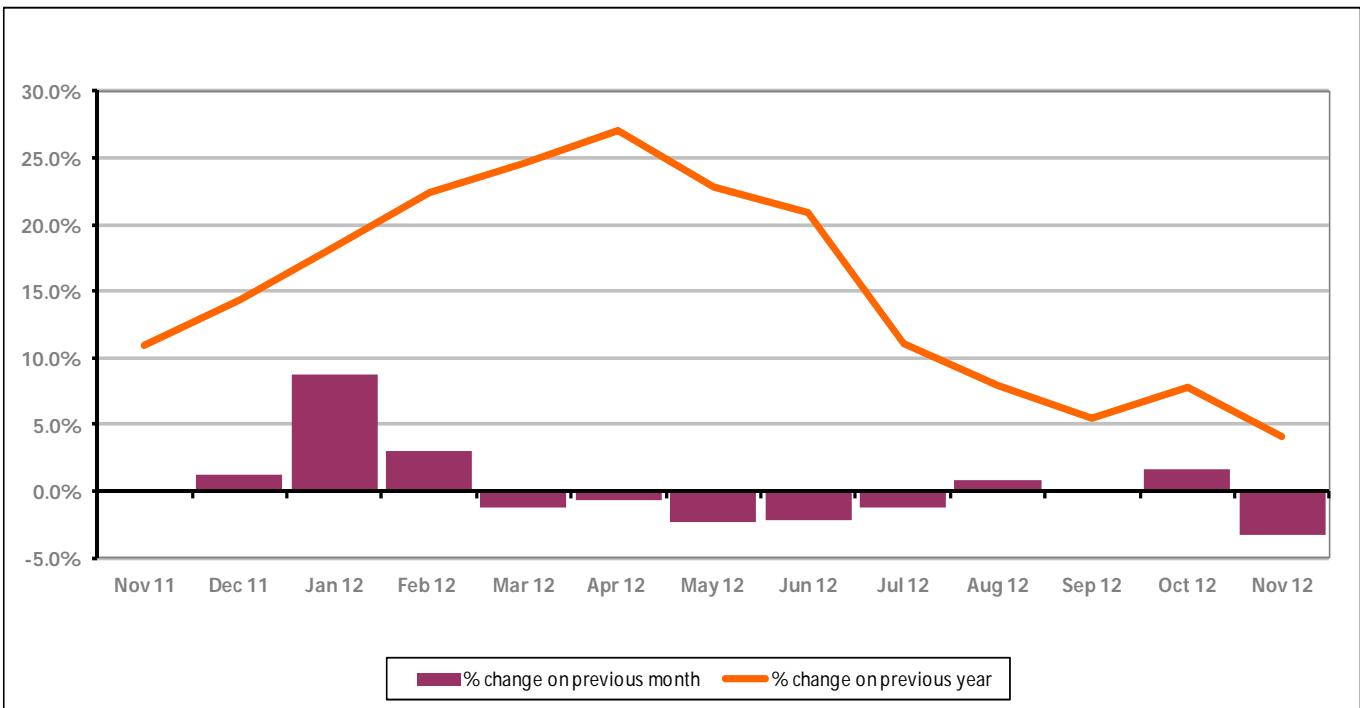


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by -3.2% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in November 2012 compared to October 2012 to +4.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - November 2012

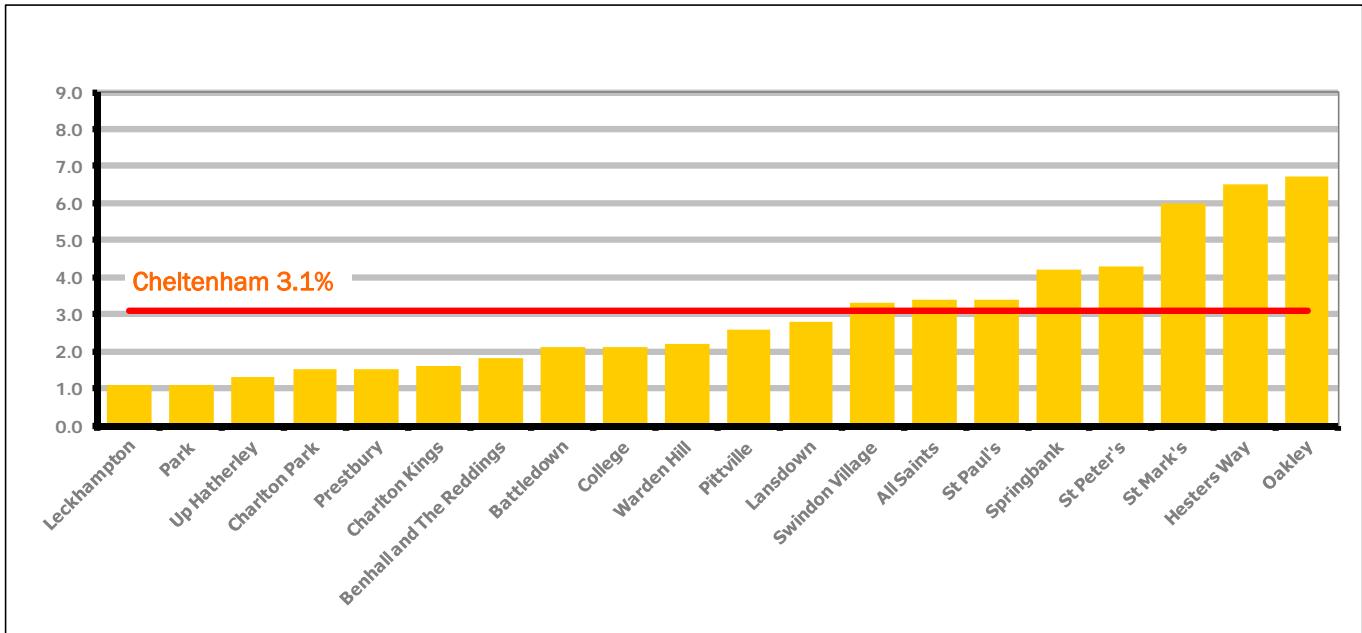
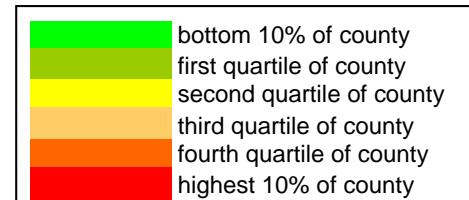


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.1%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - November 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.1	23
Cheltenham	Park	1.1	23
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.3	38
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.5	53
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.5	53
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.6	64
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.8	73
Cheltenham	Battledown	2.1	81
Cheltenham	College	2.1	81
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.2	89
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.6	101
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.8	103
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.3	116
Cheltenham	All Saints	3.4	119
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.4	119
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.2	124
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.3	125
Cheltenham	St Mark's	6.0	135
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	6.5	138
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.7	140



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

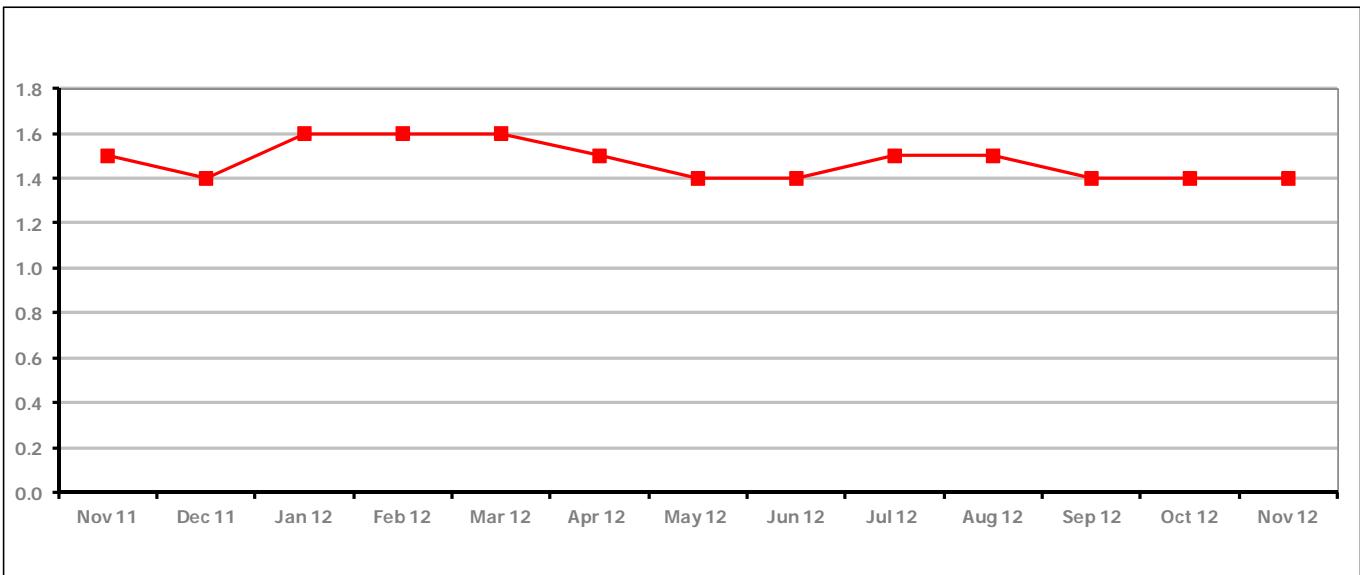
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained the same as the last two months at 1.4%

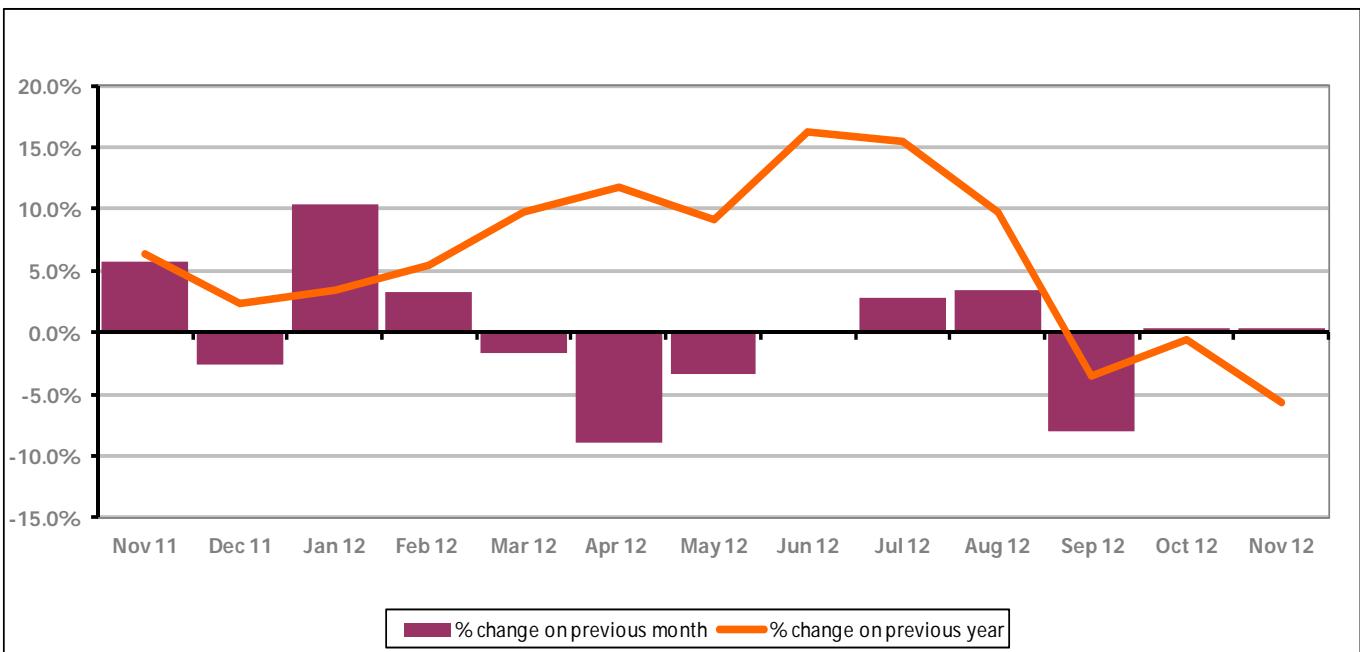
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by +0.3% since October 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased from October 2012 compared to November 2012 to -5.7%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - November 2012

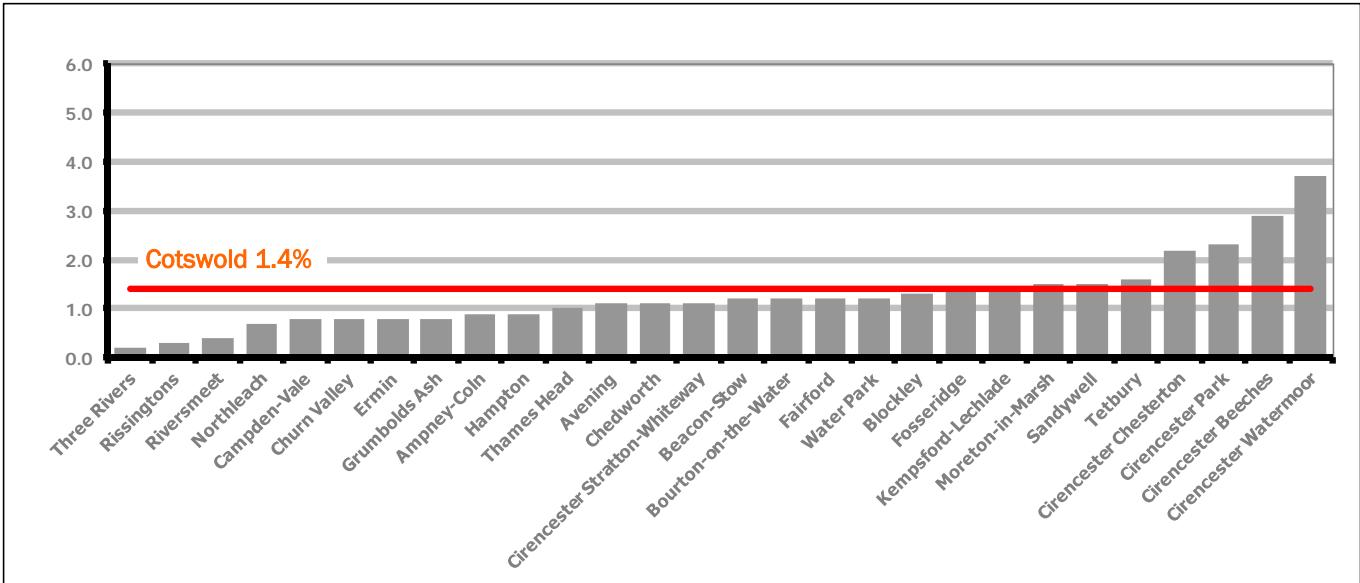
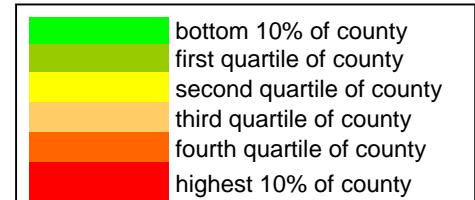


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.4%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - November 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.2	1
Cotswolds	Risingtons	0.3	2
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.4	3
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.7	7
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.8	10
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	0.8	10
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.8	10
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.8	10
Cotswolds	Ampney-Colin	0.9	15
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.9	15
Cotswolds	Thames Head	1.0	19
Cotswolds	Avening	1.1	23
Cotswolds	Chedworth	1.1	23
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.1	23
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	1.2	31
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.2	31
Cotswolds	Fairford	1.2	31
Cotswolds	Water Park	1.2	31
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.3	38
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.4	43
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.4	43
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.5	53
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.5	53
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.6	64
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.2	89
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.3	94
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	2.9	107
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.7	122



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

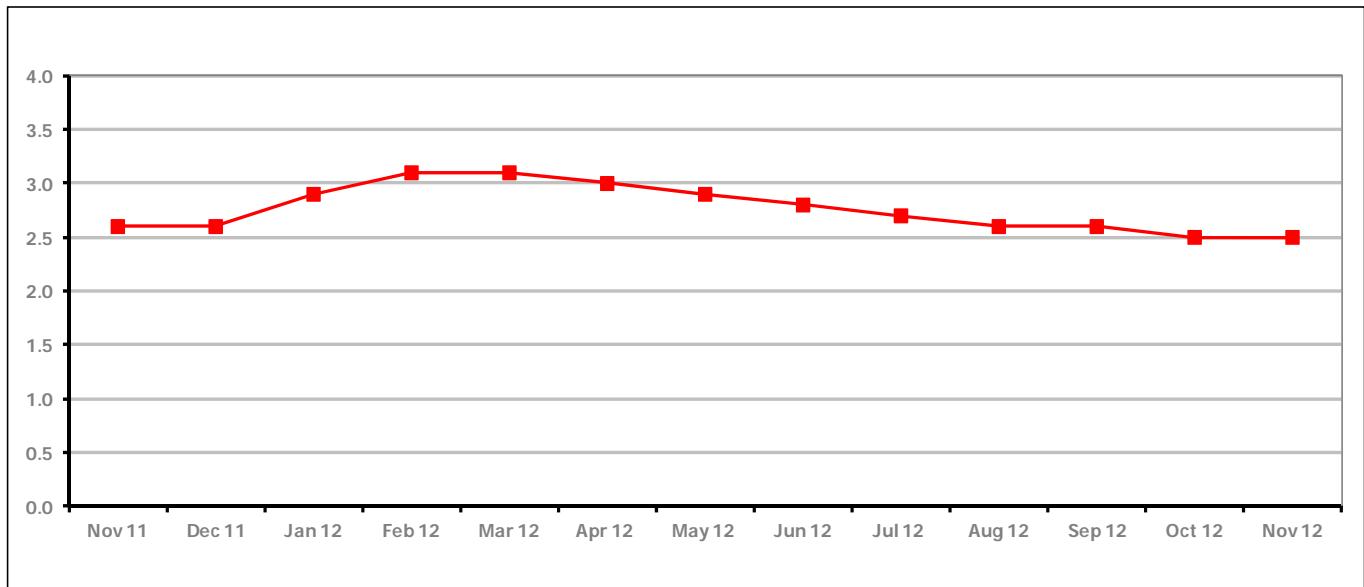
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count**

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained the same as last month at 2.5%

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

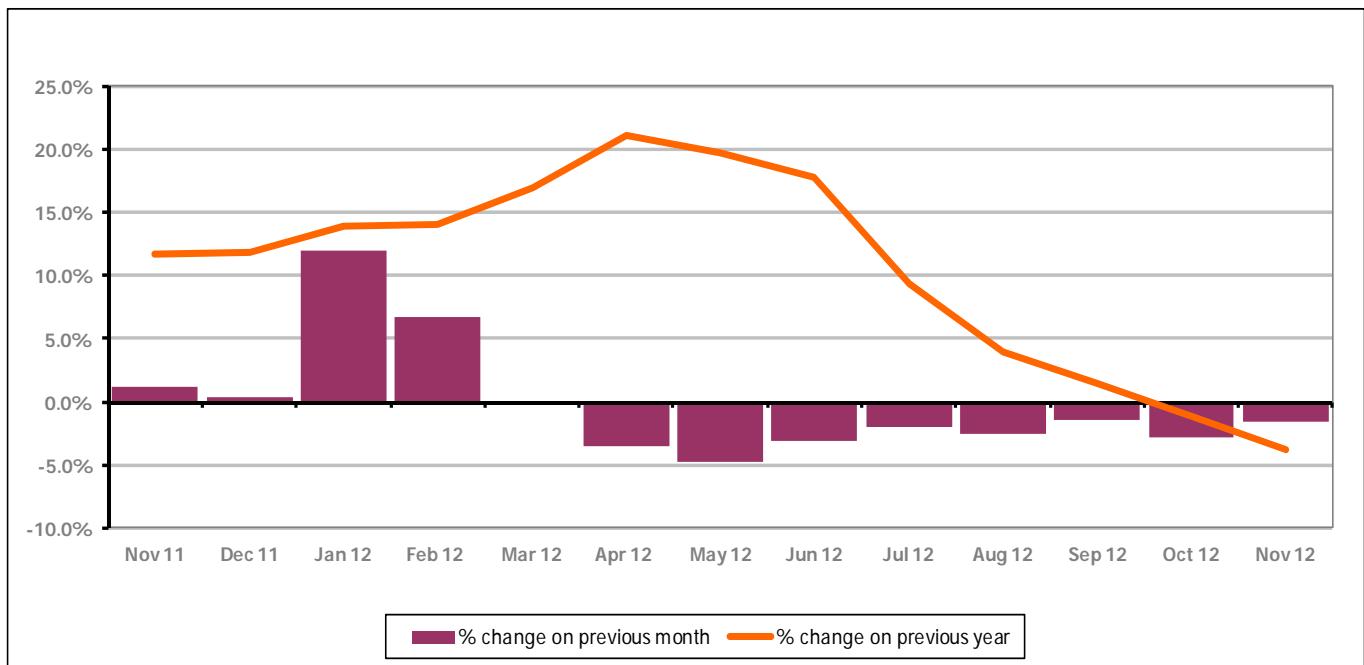


Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by -1.5% since October 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased from October 2012 compared to November 2012 to -3.8%.

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 - November 2012

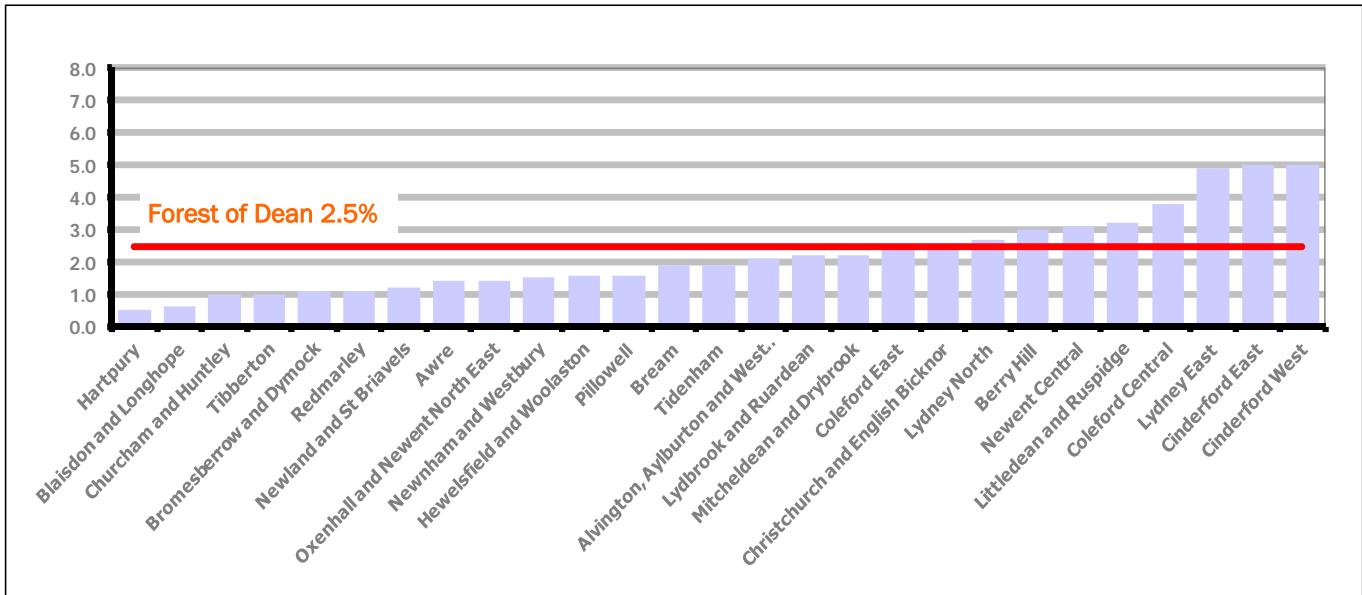


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.5 %. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - November 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.5	4
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.6	5
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	1.0	19
Forest	Tibberton	1.0	19
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.1	23
Forest	Redmarley	1.1	23
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.2	31
Forest	Awe	1.4	43
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.4	43
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.5	53
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.6	64
Forest	Pillowell	1.6	64
Forest	Bream	1.9	77
Forest	Tidenham	1.9	77
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.1	81
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.2	89
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.2	89
Forest	Coleford East	2.4	96
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	2.5	97
Forest	Lydney North	2.7	102
Forest	Berry Hill	3.0	110
Forest	Newent Central	3.1	112
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	3.2	113
Forest	Coleford Central	3.8	123
Forest	Lydney East	4.9	127
Forest	Cinderford East	5.0	129
Forest	Cinderford West	5.0	129

bottom 10% of county
 first quartile of county
 second quartile of county
 third quartile of county
 fourth quartile of county
 highest 10% of county

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

Table 7 shows overall claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

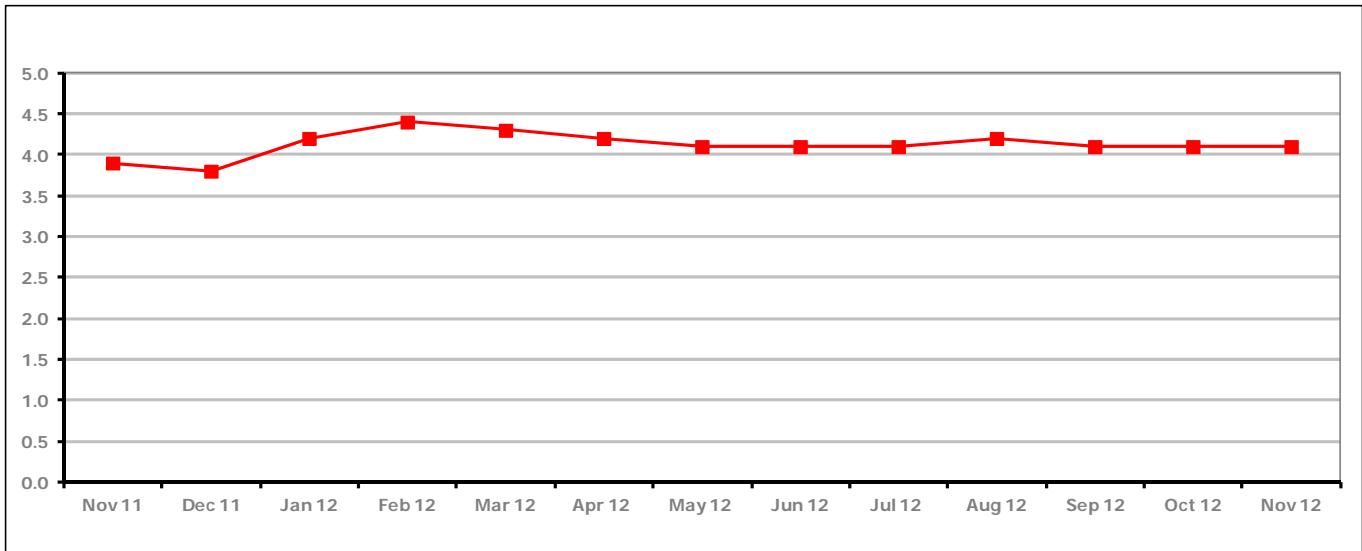
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained the last two months at 4.1%.

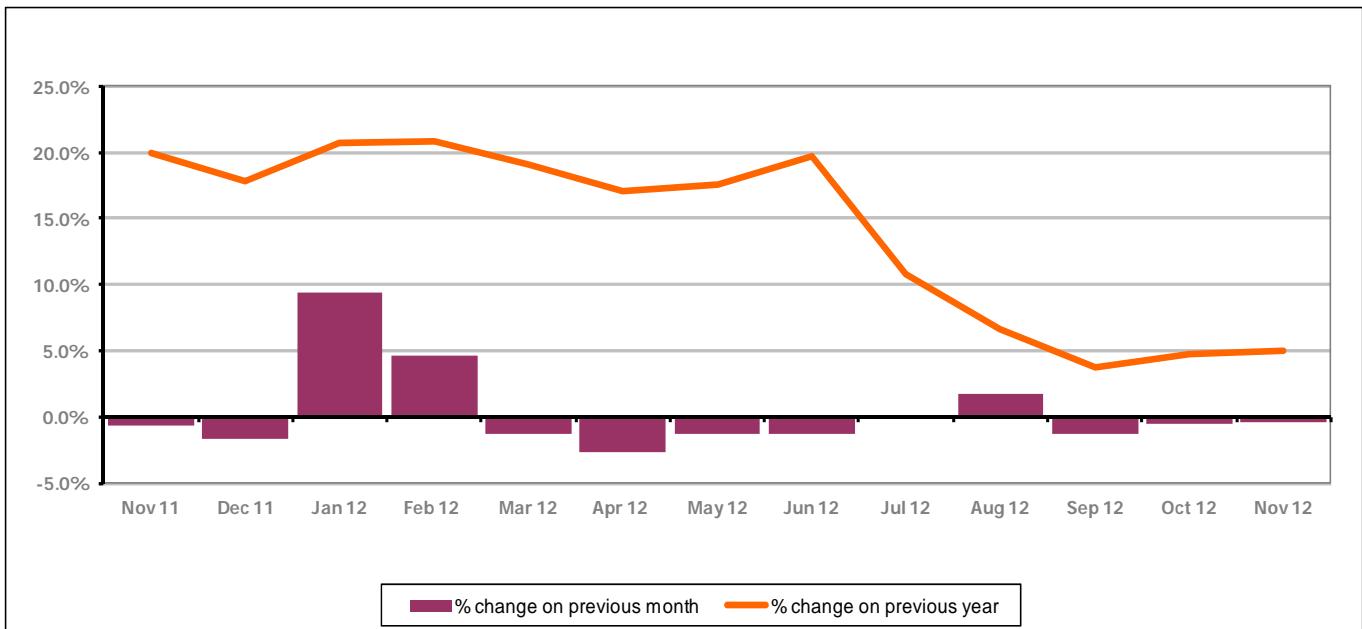
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -0.4% since October 2012. The change on the previous year has increased from October 2012 compared to November 2012 to +4.9%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - November 2012

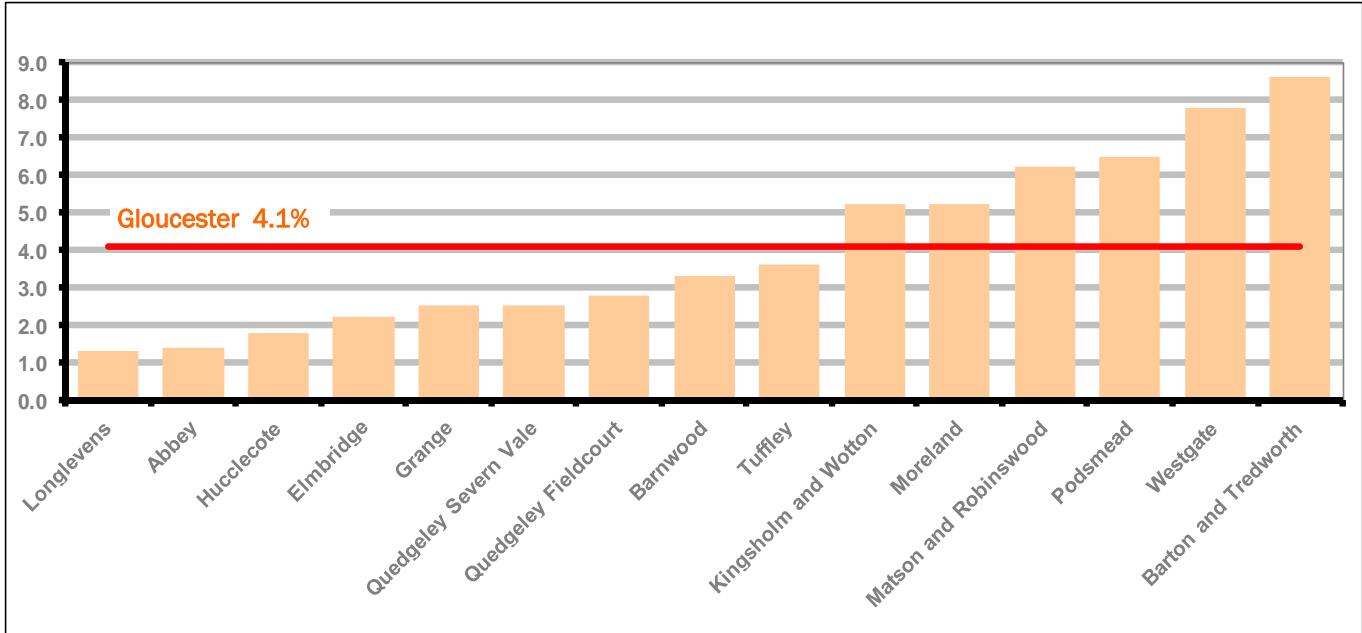
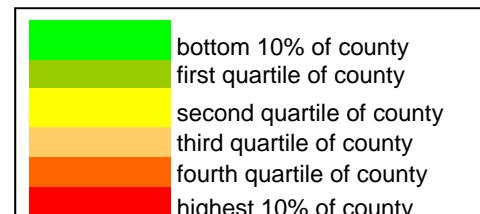


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.1%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - November 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.3	38
Gloucester	Abbey	1.4	43
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.8	73
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.2	89
Gloucester	Grange	2.5	97
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.5	97
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.8	103
Gloucester	Barnwood	3.3	116
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.6	121
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.2	133
Gloucester	Moreland	5.2	133
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.2	136
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.5	138
Gloucester	Westgate	7.8	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	8.6	142



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

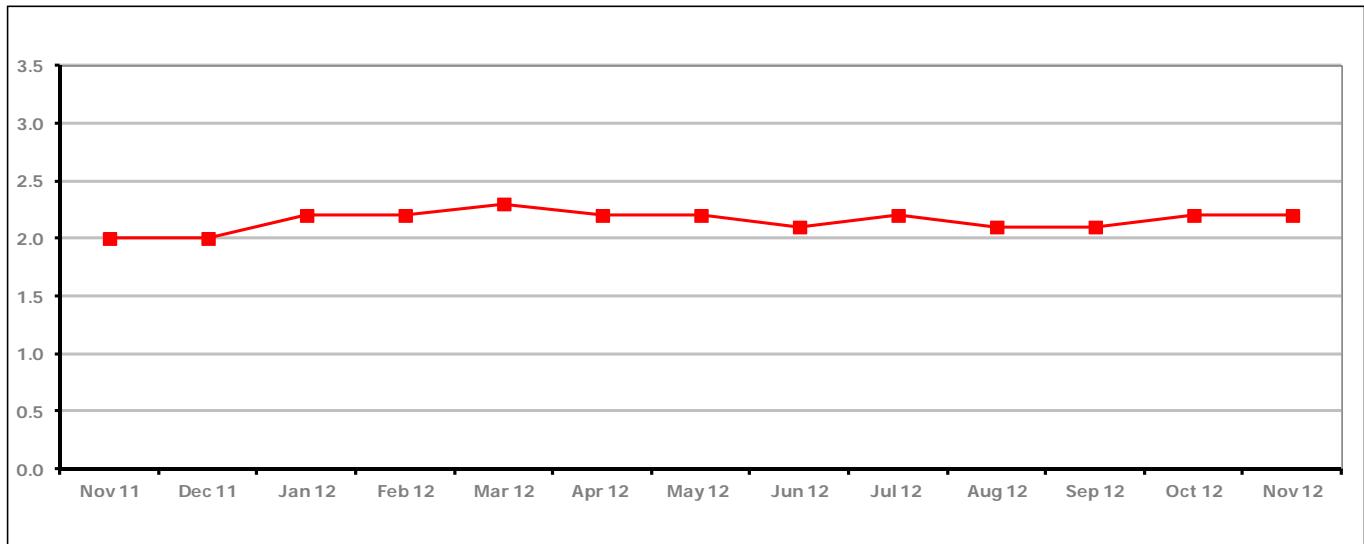
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud District remained the same as last month at 2.2%.

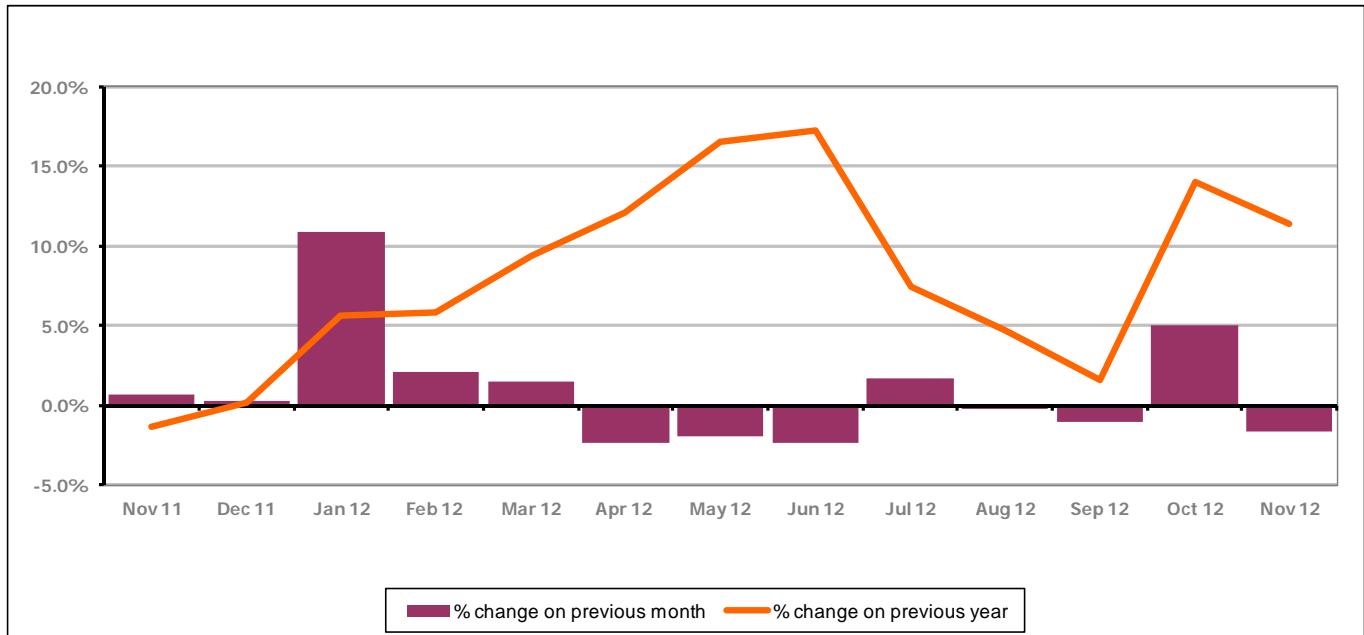
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -1.7% since October 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased between October 2012 and November 2012 to +11.4%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - November 2012

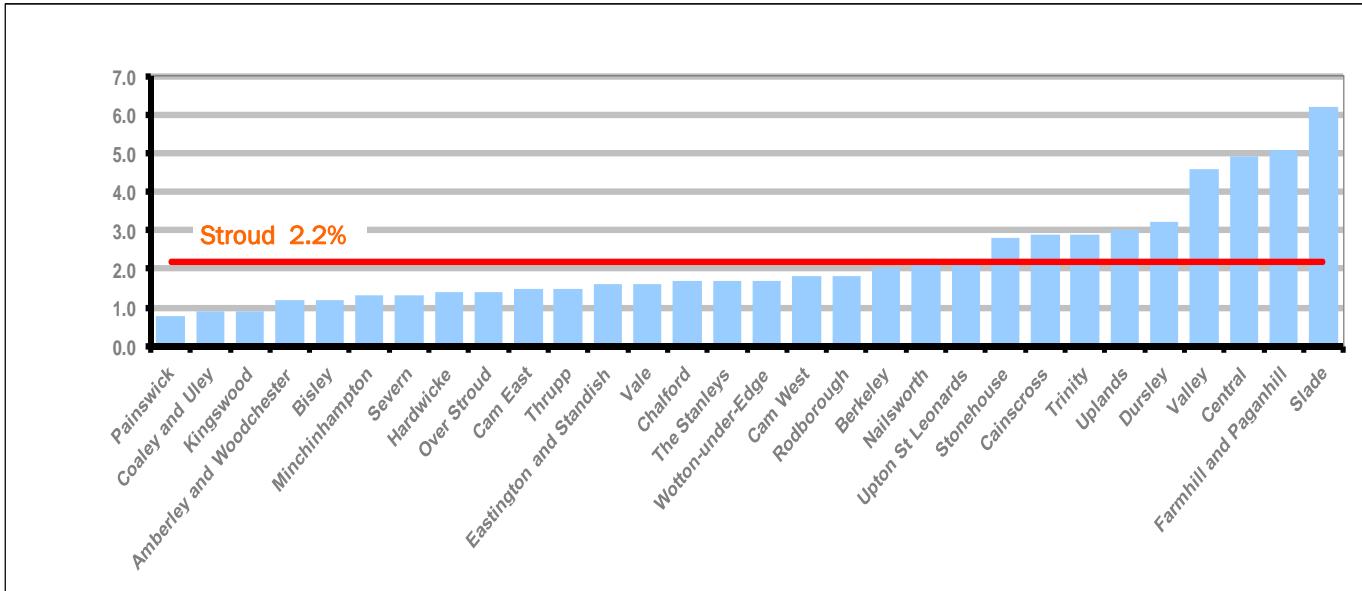
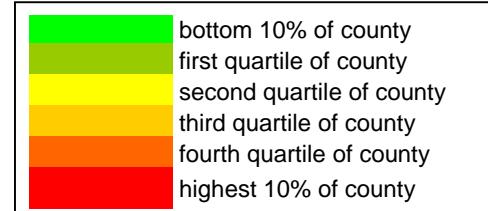


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.2%. Nine wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - November 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Painswick	0.8	10
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.9	15
Stroud	Kingswood	0.9	15
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.2	31
Stroud	Bisley	1.2	31
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.3	38
Stroud	Severn	1.3	38
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.4	43
Stroud	Over Stroud	1.4	43
Stroud	Cam East	1.5	53
Stroud	Thrupp	1.5	53
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.6	64
Stroud	Vale	1.6	64
Stroud	Chalford	1.7	70
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.7	70
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.7	70
Stroud	Cam West	1.8	73
Stroud	Rodborough	1.8	73
Stroud	Berkeley	2.0	79
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.1	81
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	2.1	81
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.8	103
Stroud	Cainscross	2.9	107
Stroud	Trinity	2.9	107
Stroud	Uplands	3.0	110
Stroud	Dursley	3.2	113
Stroud	Valley	4.6	126
Stroud	Central	4.9	127
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	5.1	131
Stroud	Slade	6.2	136



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

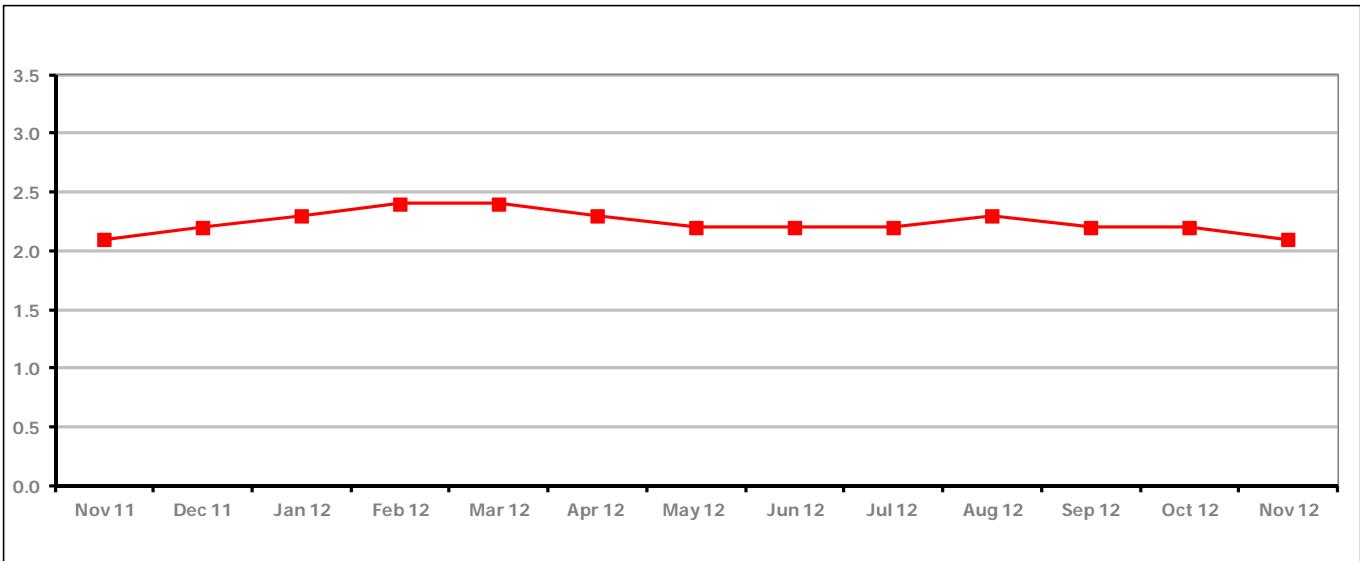
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.6 Tewkesbury District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District decreased in November 2012 to 2.1%.

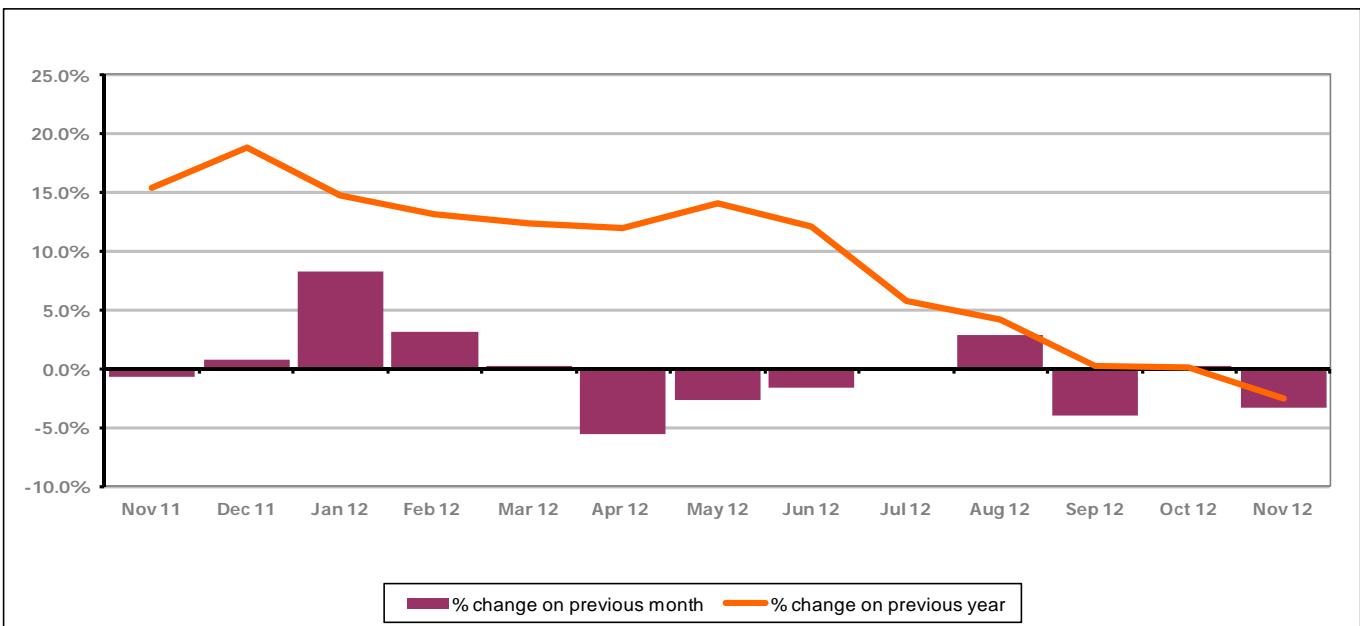
Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased in November 2012 by -3.3%. The change on the previous year decreased between October 2012 and November 2012 to -2.5%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - November 2012

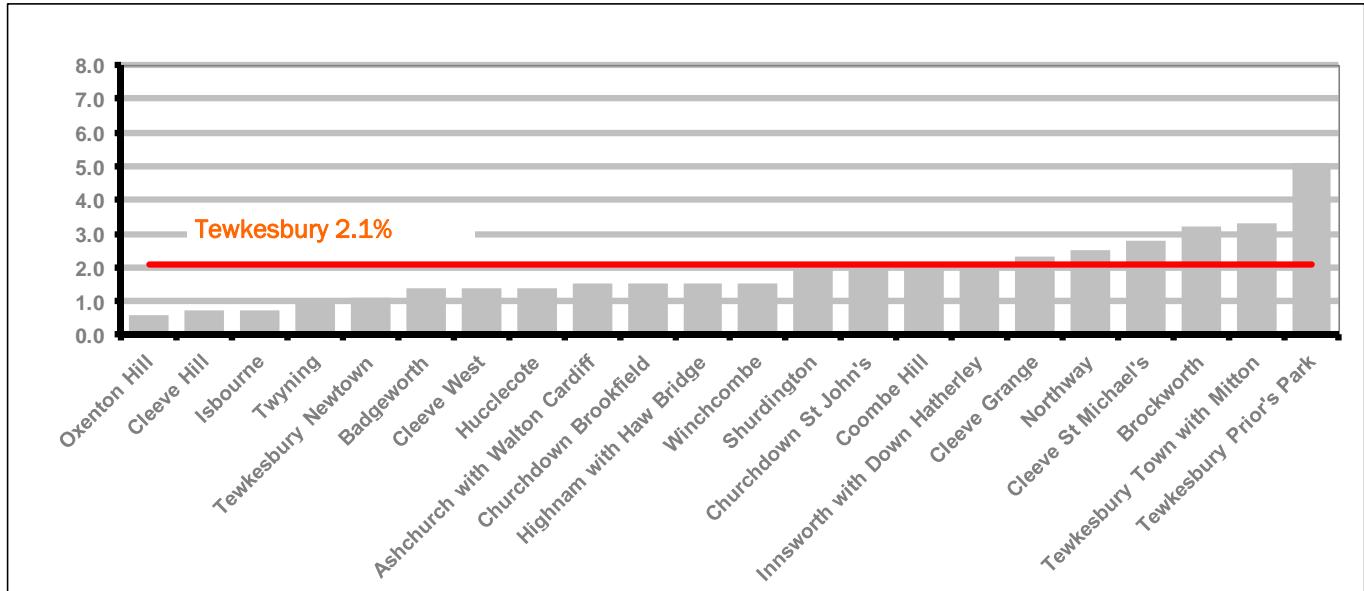
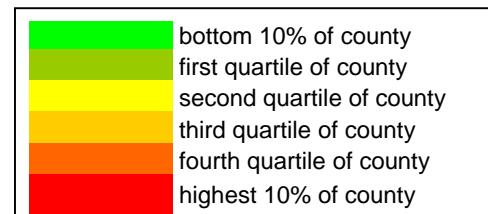


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1% and six wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - November 2012

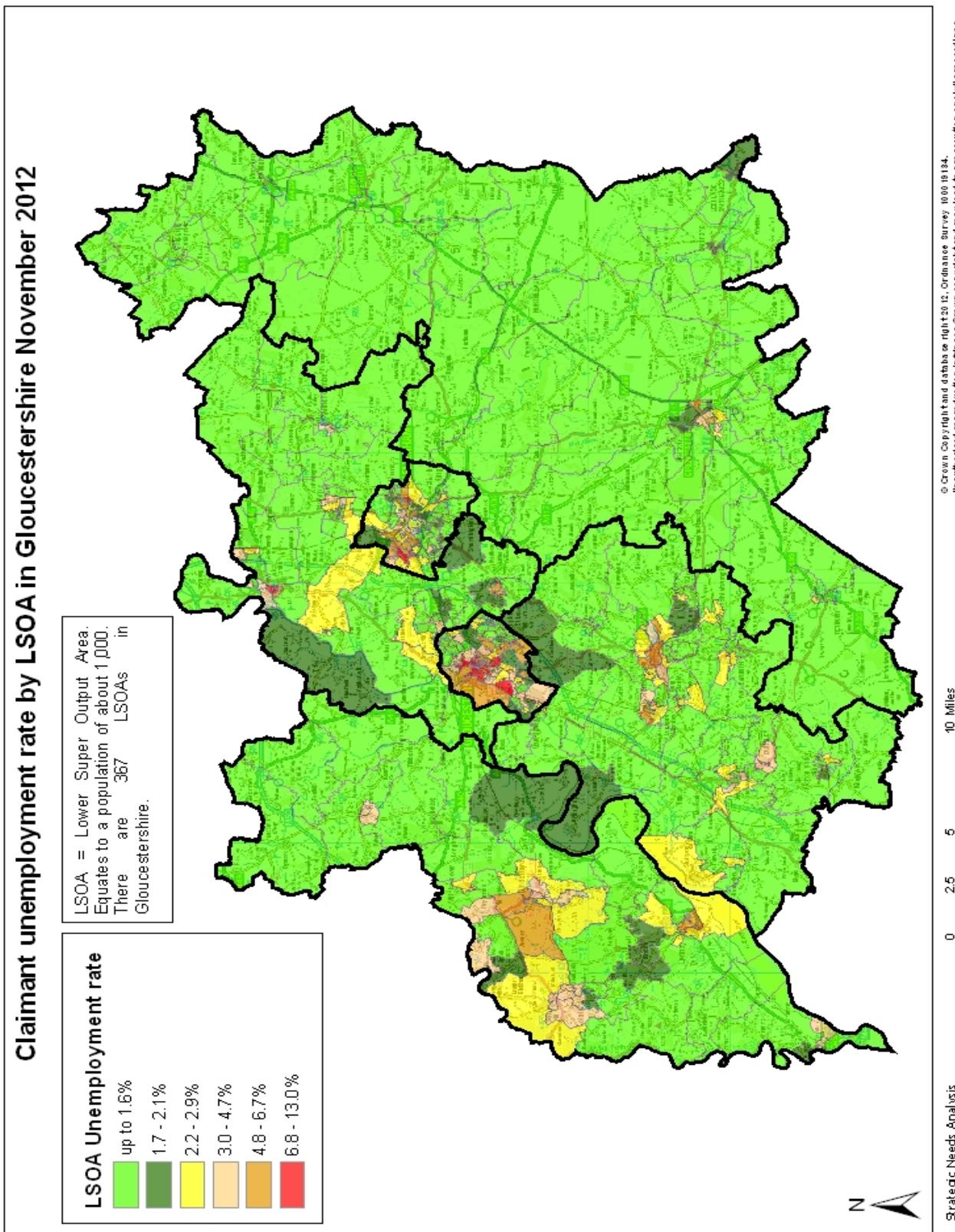
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.6	5
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.7	7
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.7	7
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.0	19
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.1	23
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.4	43
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.4	43
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.4	43
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.5	53
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	1.5	53
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.5	53
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.5	53
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.0	79
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	2.1	81
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	2.1	81
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.1	81
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.3	94
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.5	97
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.8	103
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	3.2	113
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.3	116
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.1	131



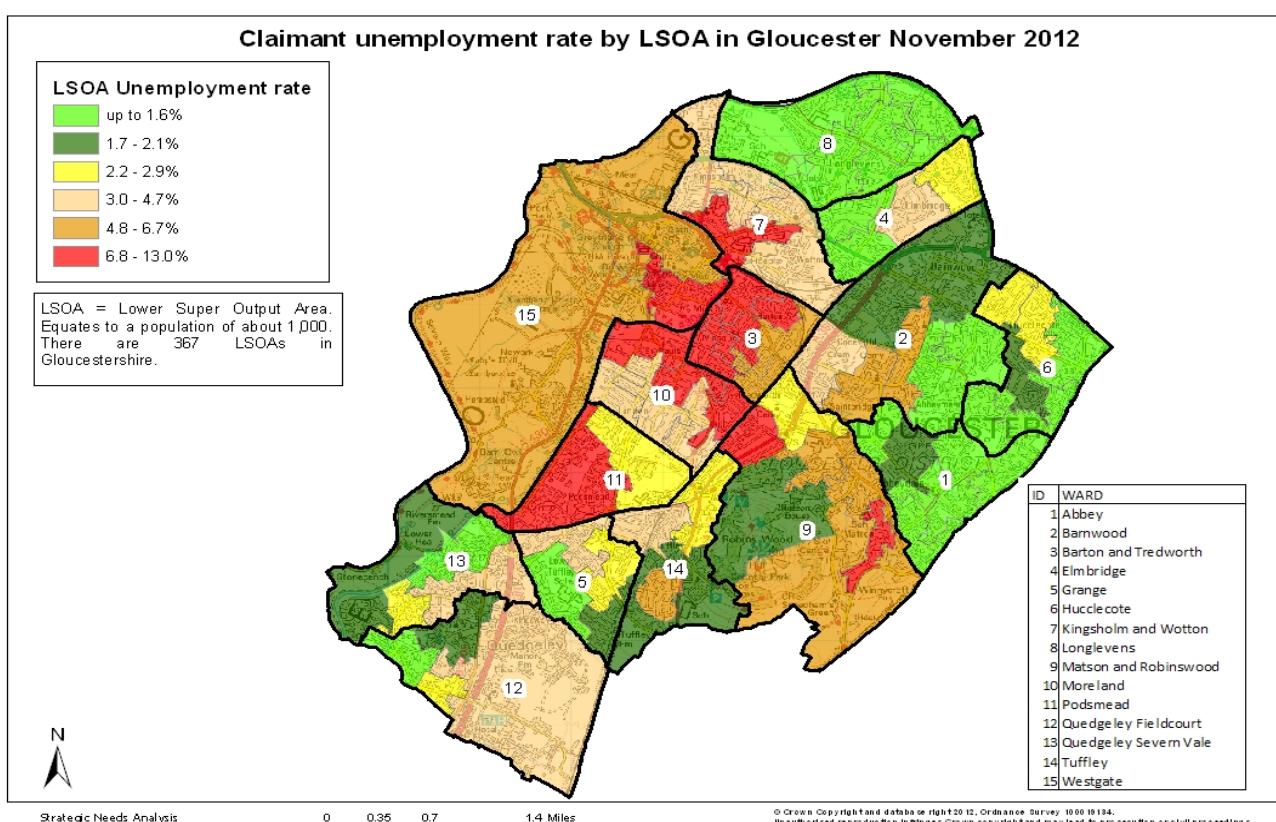
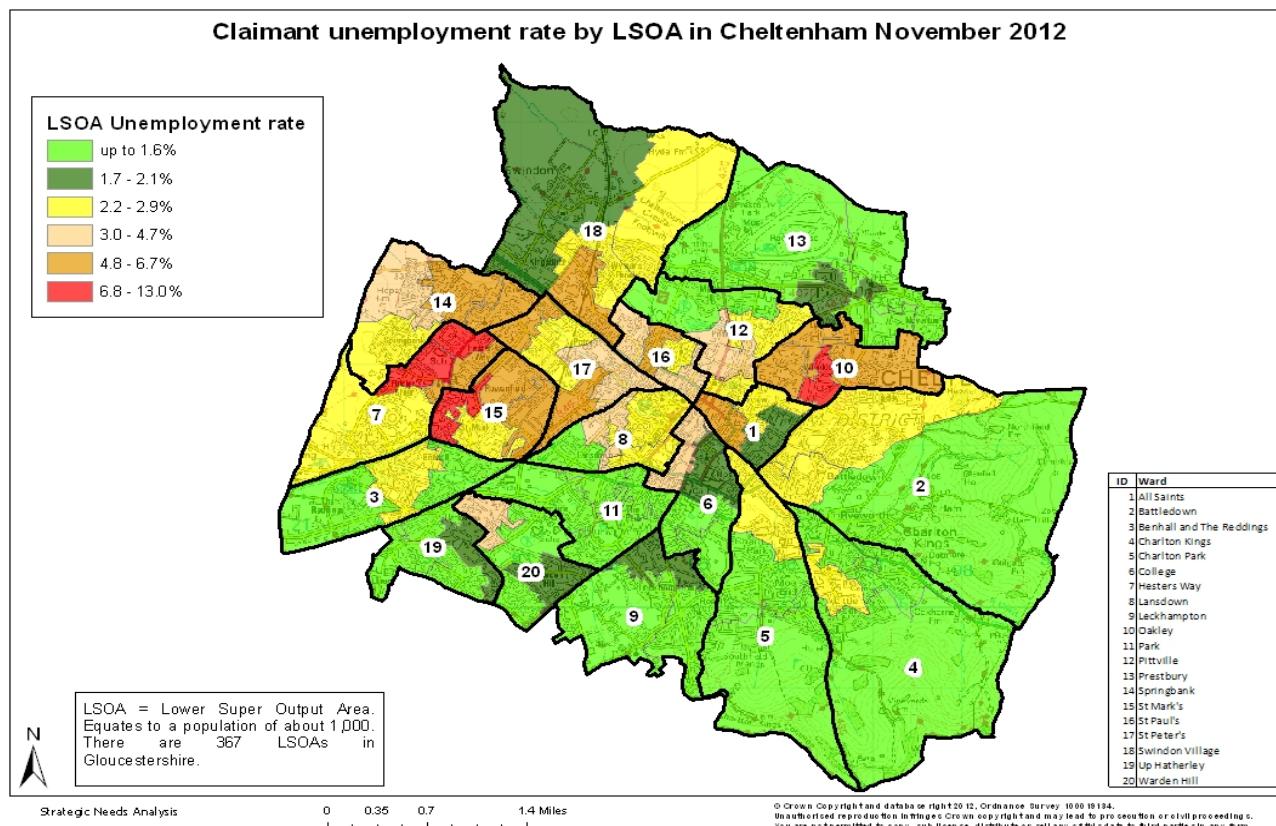
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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: YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET) IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Data provided by Prospects, the Connexions service in Gloucestershire on the situation of young people (16-18) in Gloucestershire who are not in education, employment or formal training.

Connexions Gloucestershire 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 November 2012 there were 801 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 5.2%. The total number of NEET decreased by 54 young people in November 2012 compared to October 2012. 3 districts saw a decrease in their NEET figure, one district stayed the same and 2 districts saw an increase.

Total NEET Group by District Area

November 2012 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	152	61	103	272	117	96	801
Cohort	2679	2206	2330	5165	3169	2005	17554
% NEET	5.7	2.8	4.4	5.3	3.7	4.8	5.2

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 551267.