

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

April 2011

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 379 persons to 9,044, a rate of 2.4%.

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

Area	Apr'11 Number	Apr'11 Rate	Mar'11 Number	Mar'11 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,520,806	3.8	1,526,946	3.8	-6,140	-0.4	0.0
GB	1,461,644	3.7	1,466,985	3.8	-5,341	-0.4	-0.1
England & Wales	1,319,267	3.7	1,321,404	3.7	-2,137	-0.2	0.0
England	1,246,163	3.7	1,246,554	3.7	-391	0.0	0.0
South West	84,335	2.6	87,673	2.7	-3,338	-3.8	-0.1
Gloucestershire	9,044	2.4	9,423	2.5	-379	-4.0	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,965	2.7	2,018	2.7	-53	-2.6	0.0
Cotswold	665	1.3	743	1.5	-78	-10.5	-0.2
Forest of Dean	1,277	2.5	1,371	2.7	-94	-6.9	-0.2
Gloucester	2,745	3.6	2,774	3.6	-29	-1.0	0.0
Stroud	1,360	2.0	1,427	2.1	-67	-4.7	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,032	2.1	1,090	2.2	-58	-5.3	-0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 5,341 persons to **1,461,644** a rate of **3.7%**.

The County rate of unemployment has decreased to **2.4%**.

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

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **6,092 (3.3%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **2,952 (1.6%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.46 million** unemployed at a rate of **7.7%**. 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 **1.47 million** at a rate of **3.7%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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