

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

December 2011

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 26 persons to 9,717, a rate of 2.6%.

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

Area	Dec'11 Number	Dec'11 Rate	Nov'11 Number	Nov'11 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,568,849	3.9	1,558,756	3.9	10,093	0.6	0.0
GB	1,509,736	3.9	1,499,383	3.8	10,353	0.7	0.1
England & Wales	1,370,602	3.8	1,361,355	3.8	9,247	0.7	0.0
England	1,293,890	3.8	1,285,145	3.8	8,745	0.7	0.0
South West	89,343	2.7	87,966	2.7	1,377	1.6	0.0
Gloucestershire	9,717	2.6	9,743	2.6	-26	-0.3	0.0
Cheltenham	2,271	3.0	2,242	3.0	29	1.3	0.0
Cotswold	728	1.4	748	1.5	-20	-2.7	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,342	2.6	1,338	2.6	4	0.3	0.0
Gloucester	2,923	3.8	2,973	3.9	-50	-1.7	-0.1
Stroud	1,359	2.0	1,356	2.0	3	0.2	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,094	2.2	1,086	2.1	8	0.7	0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **increased** by 10,353 persons to **1,509,736** a rate of **3.9%**.

The County rate of unemployment has remained the same as last month at 2.6%.

Cotswold and Gloucester showed a decrease in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County increased to **6,547 (3.5%)**. The number of females unemployed stands at **3,170 (1.7%)** representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.68 million** unemployed at a rate of **8.4 %**. 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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