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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.

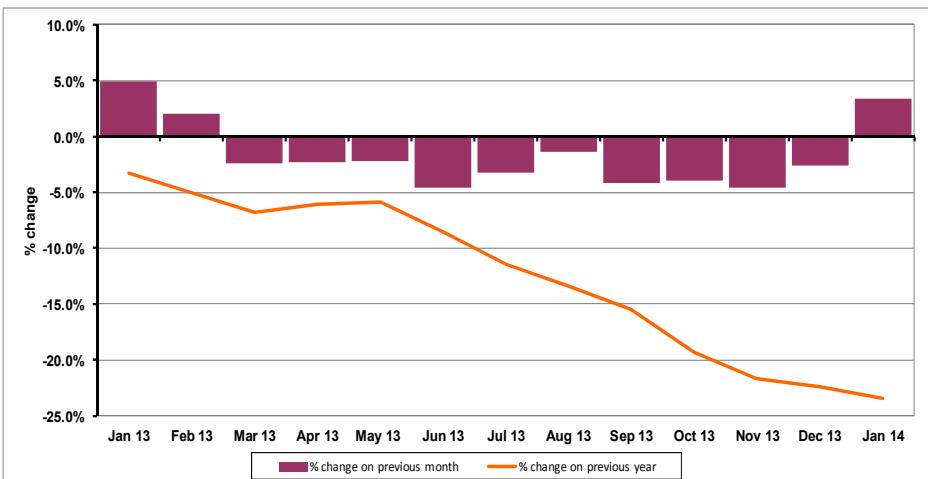
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.1% in January 2014. This was an increase of 0.1% on the December 2013 figure. The UK rate increased to 3.0% and the South West rate remained the same as last month at 2.0%. Gloucestershire's rate is 0.1% above the South West average of 2.0%, and 0.9% lower than the UK average of 3.0%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in January 2014 increased by 260 people. The amount of people claiming in January 2014 was 3.4% higher than the number in December 2013. This compares to a 4.6% increase in the South West and a 3.4% increase for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was 23.5% lower in January 2014 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:
January 2013 to January 2014



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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 January 2014

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in January 2014

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,748
Compared to last month:	+4.4%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (4.9%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	2,529
Compared to last month:	+4.2%
Claimant rate:	3.2%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (7.5%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	572
Compared to last month:	+0.2%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.1%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,077
Compared to last month:	+3.6%
Claimant rate:	1.5%
Highest claiming ward	Central (3.9%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,042
Compared to last month:	+0.5%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (4.1%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	924
Compared to last month:	+4.8%
Claimant rate:	1.8%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.0%)

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

At the end of January 2014 there were 646 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 4.56%.

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

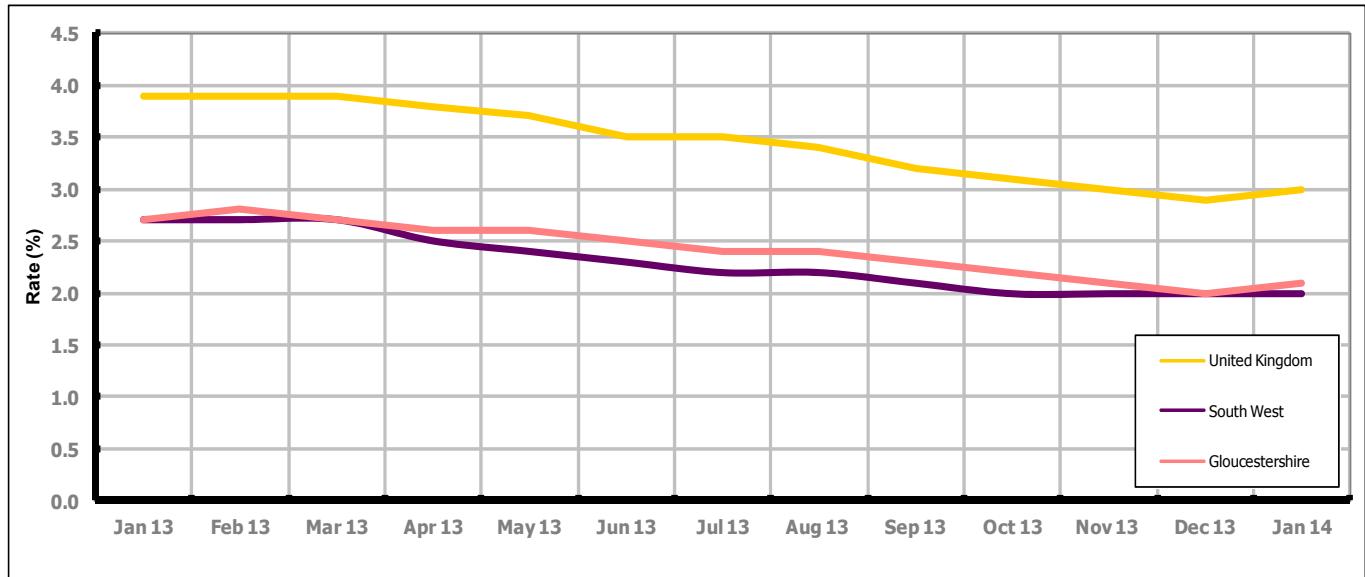


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.1% in January 2014. With the exception of January, March and December 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average. The January 2014 rate represented a 0.1% increase on December 2013.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in January 2014	% change on December 2013	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,242,912	+3.4%	-1.8%	0
South West	67,677	+4.6%	-1.1%	0
Gloucestershire	7,892	+3.4%	-2.0%	0

Table 1 shows that in January 2014, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 3.4% higher than the number in December 2013.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to January 2014 was -2.0%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - January 2014

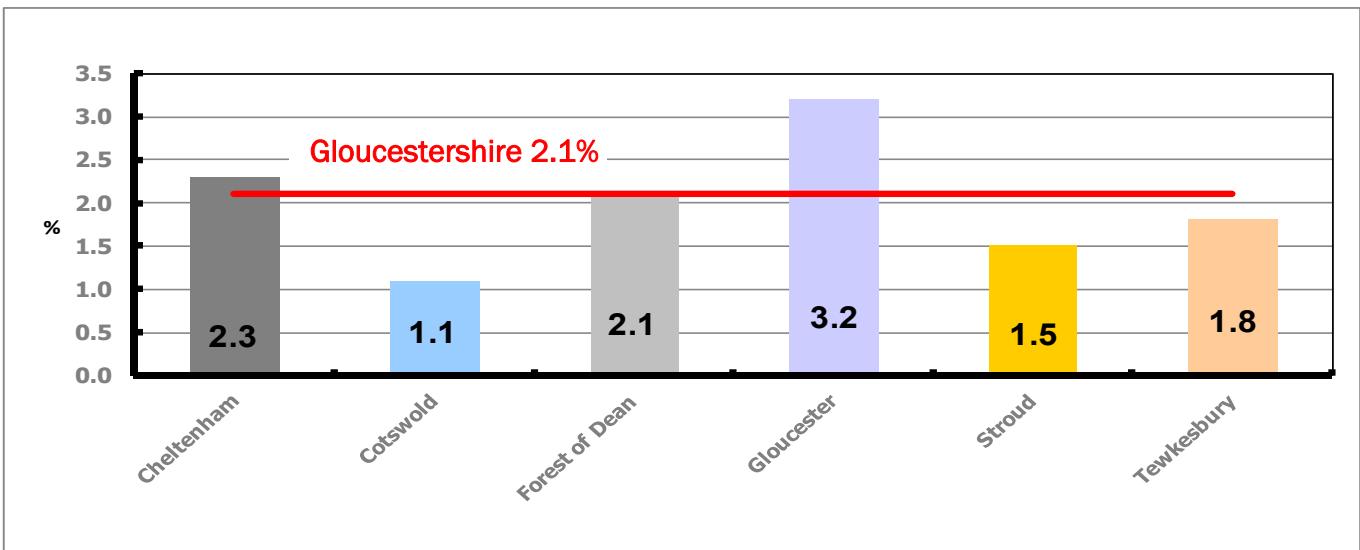


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for January 2014 in Gloucestershire. Between December 2013 and January 2014 the rate in Cheltenham, the Forest of Dean, Gloucester and Tewkesbury increased, the rate in the Cotswold and Stroud remained the same.

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

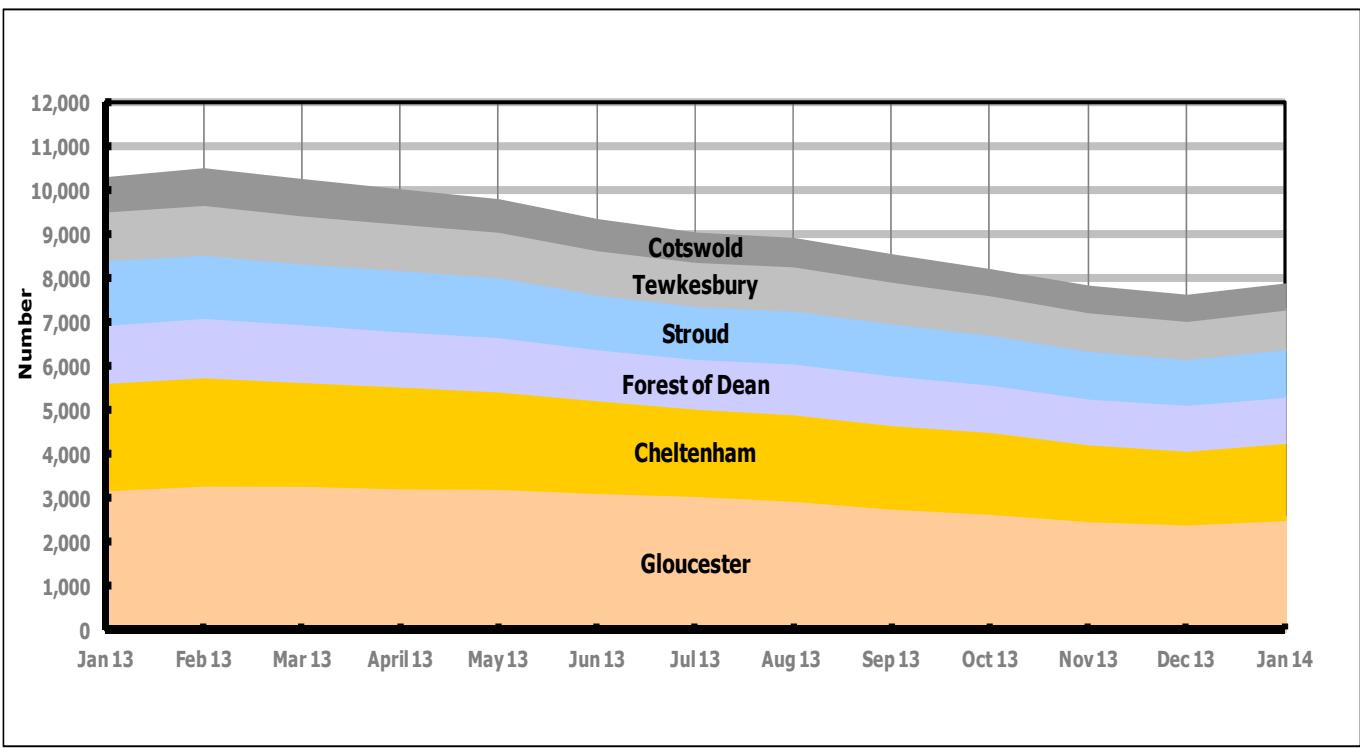


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants increased between January and February 2013. Since March the number of claimants decreased until January 2014 when they increased again.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jan 14 Number	Jan 14 Rate	Dec 13 Number	Dec 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	7,892	2.1	7,632	2.0	260	3.4%	0.1
Cheltenham	1,748	2.3	1,674	2.2	74	4.4%	0.1
Cotswold	572	1.1	571	1.1	1	0.2%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,042	2.1	1,037	2.0	5	0.5%	0.1
Gloucester	2,529	3.2	2,428	3.0	101	4.2%	0.2
Stroud	1,077	1.5	1,040	1.5	37	3.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	924	1.8	882	1.7	42	4.8%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in January 2014 compared to December 2013. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jan 14 Number	Jan 14 Rate	Dec 13 Number	Dec 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,215	2.8	5,061	2.7	154	3.0%	0.1
Cheltenham	1,178	3.1	1,132	3.0	46	4.1%	0.1
Cotswold	372	1.5	378	1.5	-6	-1.6%	0.0
Forest of Dean	686	2.7	699	2.8	-13	-1.9%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,673	4.2	1,577	3.9	96	6.1%	0.3
Stroud	725	2.1	698	2.0	27	3.9%	0.1
Tewkesbury	581	2.3	577	2.3	4	0.7%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in January 2014 compared to December 2013. Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of male claimants, while the remaining districts experienced a decrease.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jan 14 Number	Jan 14 Rate	Dec 13 Number	Dec 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,677	1.4	2,571	1.4	106	4.1%	0.0
Cheltenham	570	1.5	542	1.4	28	5.2%	0.1
Cotswold	200	0.8	193	0.8	7	3.6%	0.0
Forest of Dean	356	1.4	338	1.3	18	5.3%	0.1
Gloucester	856	2.1	851	2.1	5	0.6%	0.0
Stroud	352	1.0	342	1.0	10	2.9%	0.0
Tewkesbury	343	1.3	305	1.2	38	12.5%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in January 2014 compared to December 2013. All districts saw 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

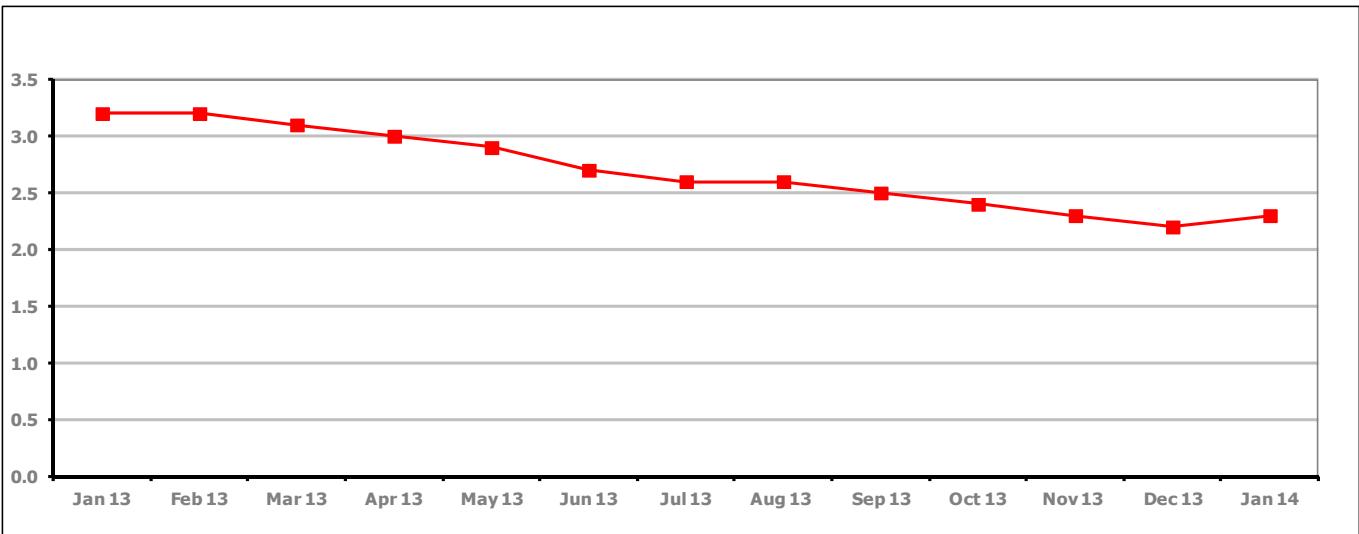


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased in January 2014 to 2.3% .

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

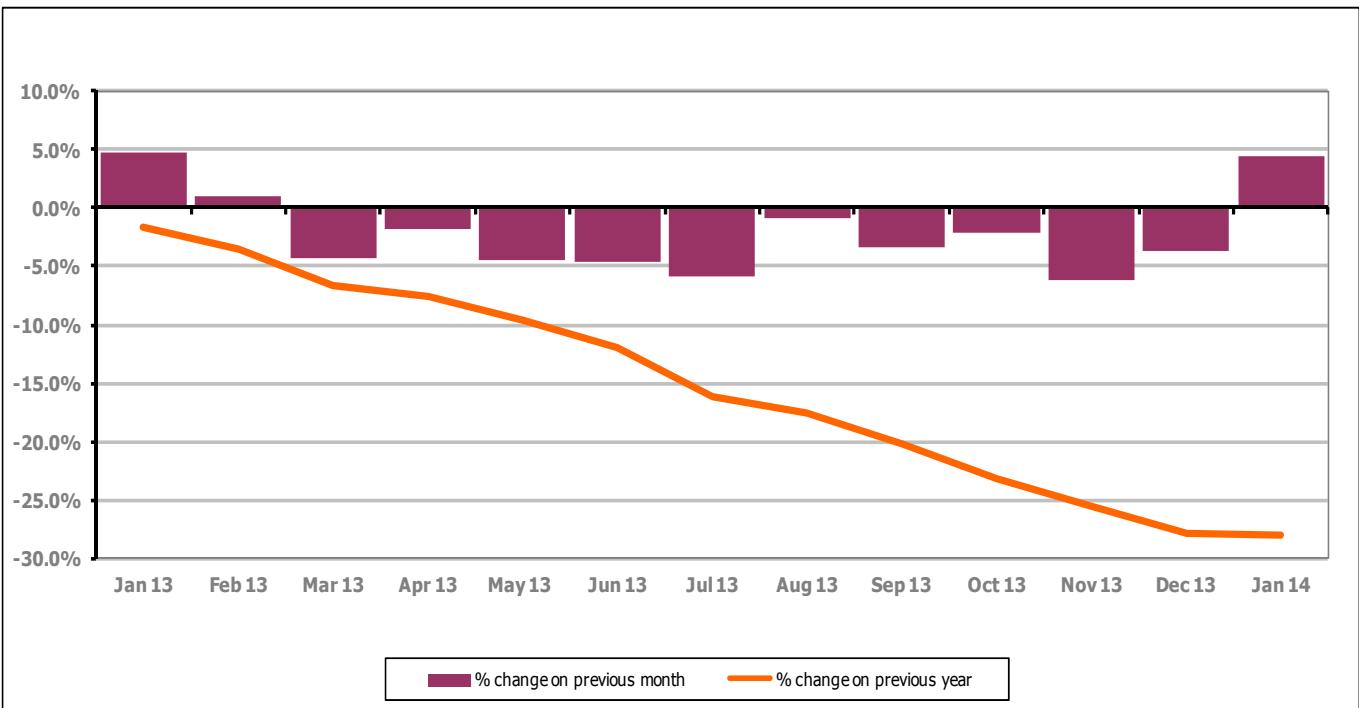


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by 4.4% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in January 2014 compared to December 2013 to -28.0%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - January 2014

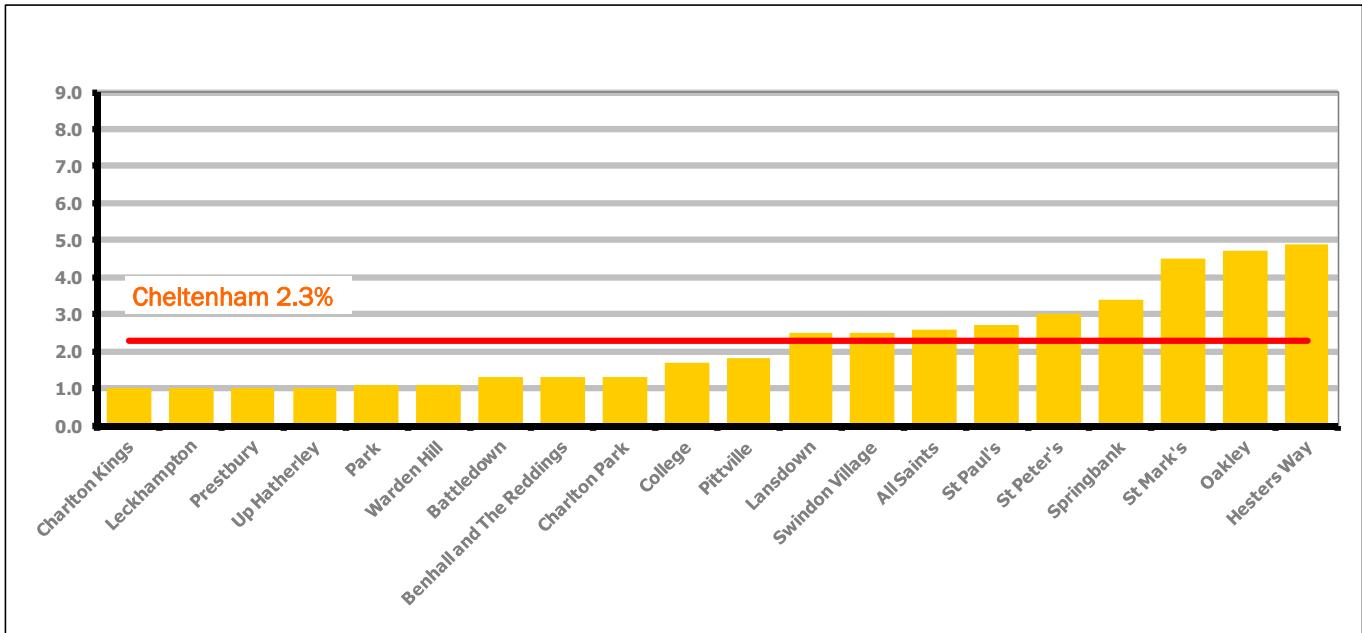
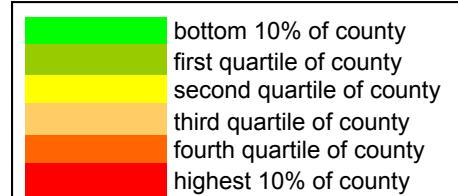


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.3%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - January 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.0	35
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.0	35
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.0	35
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.0	35
Cheltenham	Park	1.1	51
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.1	51
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.3	62
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.3	62
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.3	62
Cheltenham	College	1.7	89
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.8	93
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.5	113
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.5	113
Cheltenham	All Saints	2.6	116
Cheltenham	St Paul's	2.7	118
Cheltenham	St Peter's	3.0	121
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.4	125
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.5	135
Cheltenham	Oakley	4.7	136
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	4.9	138



* 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 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

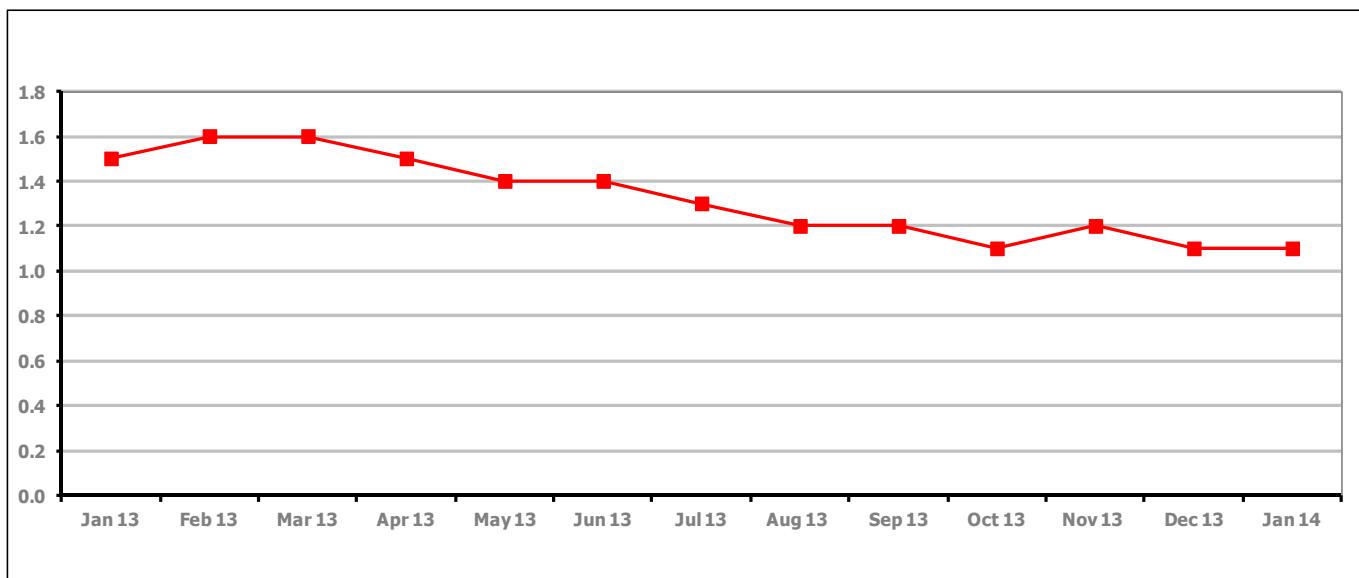


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained the same as last month at 1.1%.

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

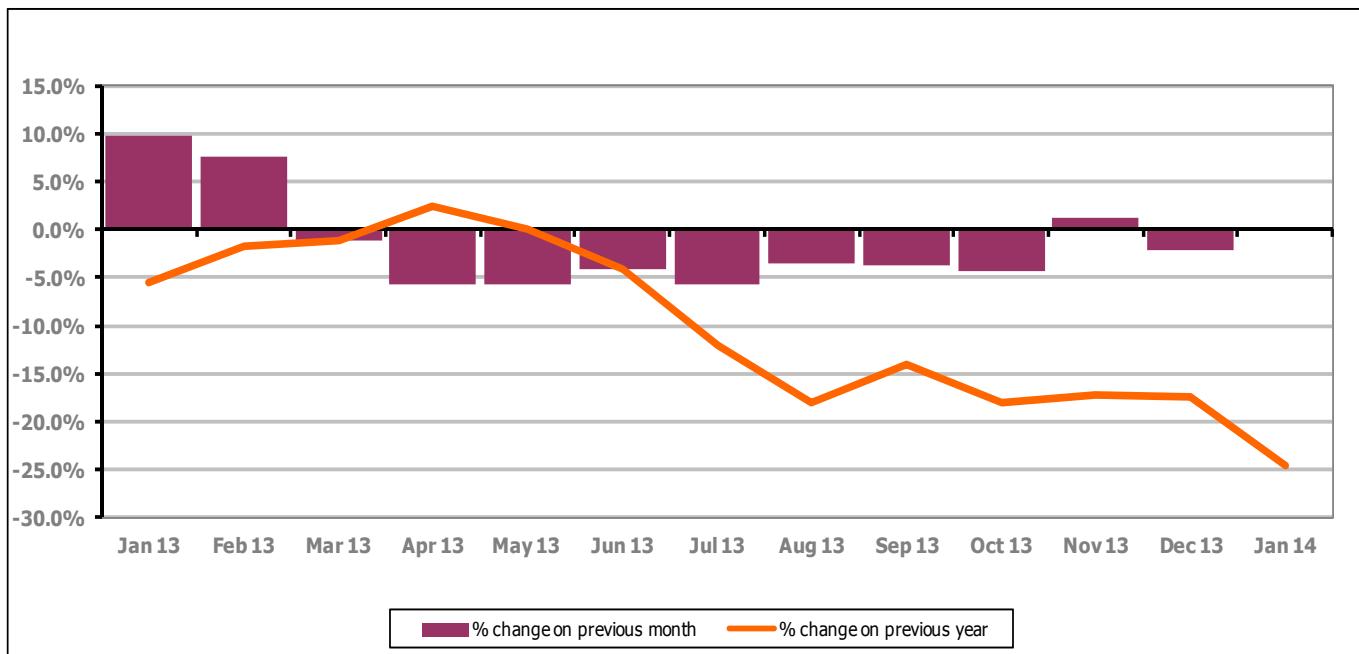


Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by 0.2% since December 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from December 2013 compared to January 2014 to -24.6%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - January 2014

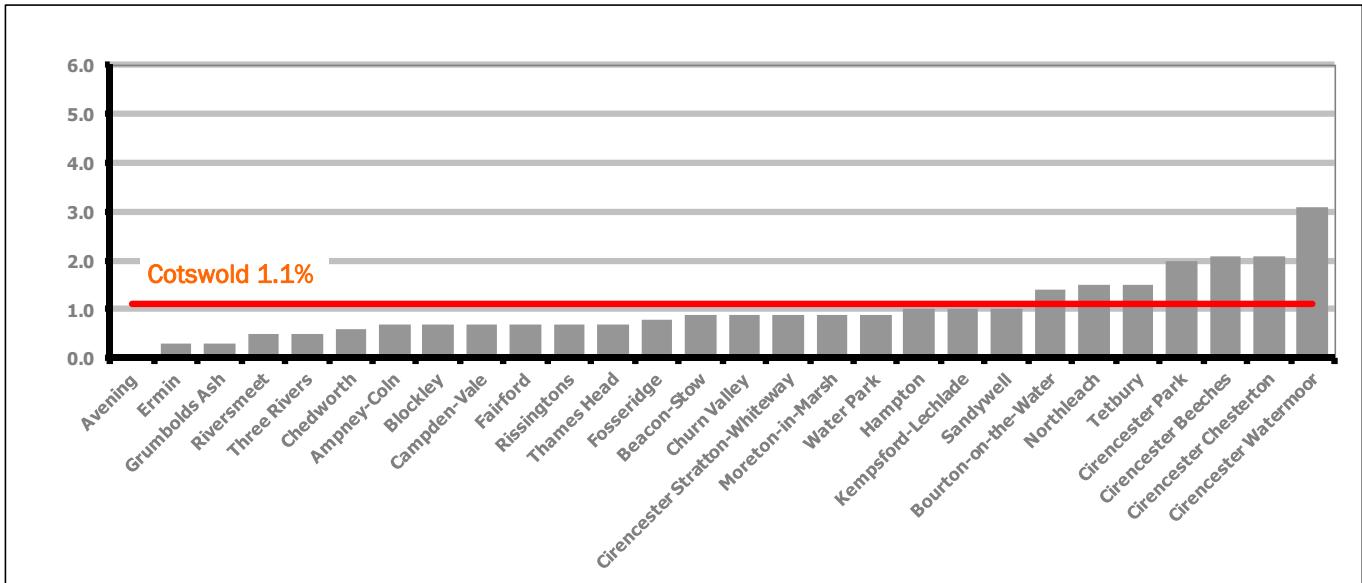


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - January 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Avening	0.0	1
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.3	2
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.3	2
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.5	6
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.5	6
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.6	11
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coin	0.7	14
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.7	14
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.7	14
Cotswolds	Fairford	0.7	14
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.7	14
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.7	14
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.8	23
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Water Park	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Hampton	1.0	35
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.0	35
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.0	35
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.4	69
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.5	78
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.5	78
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.0	97
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	2.1	102
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.1	102
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.1	123

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 123 = "worst"

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

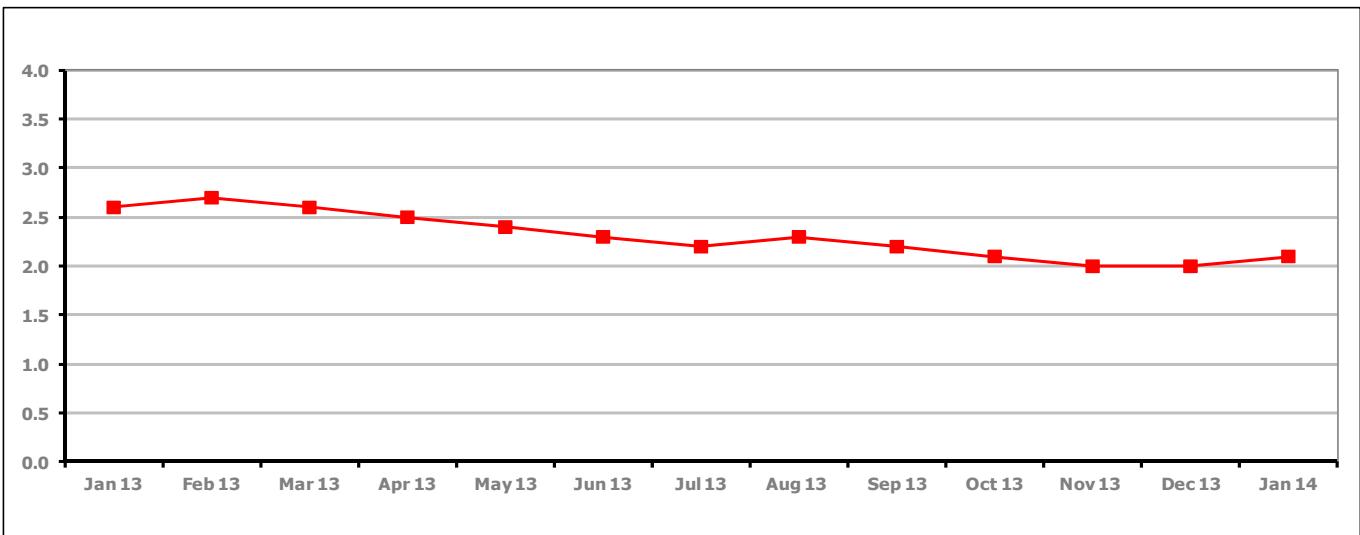
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased in January 2014 to 2.1%.

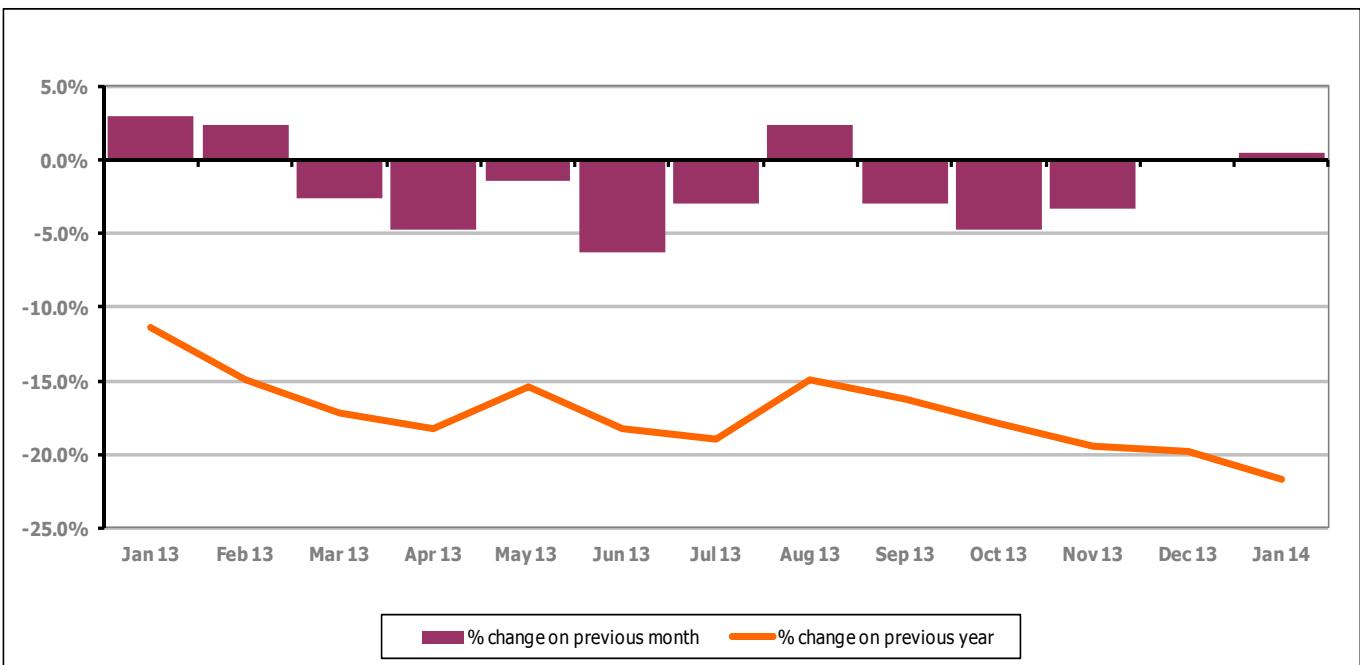
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count increased by 0.5% since December 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from December 2014 compared to January 2014 to -21.7%.

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 - January 2014

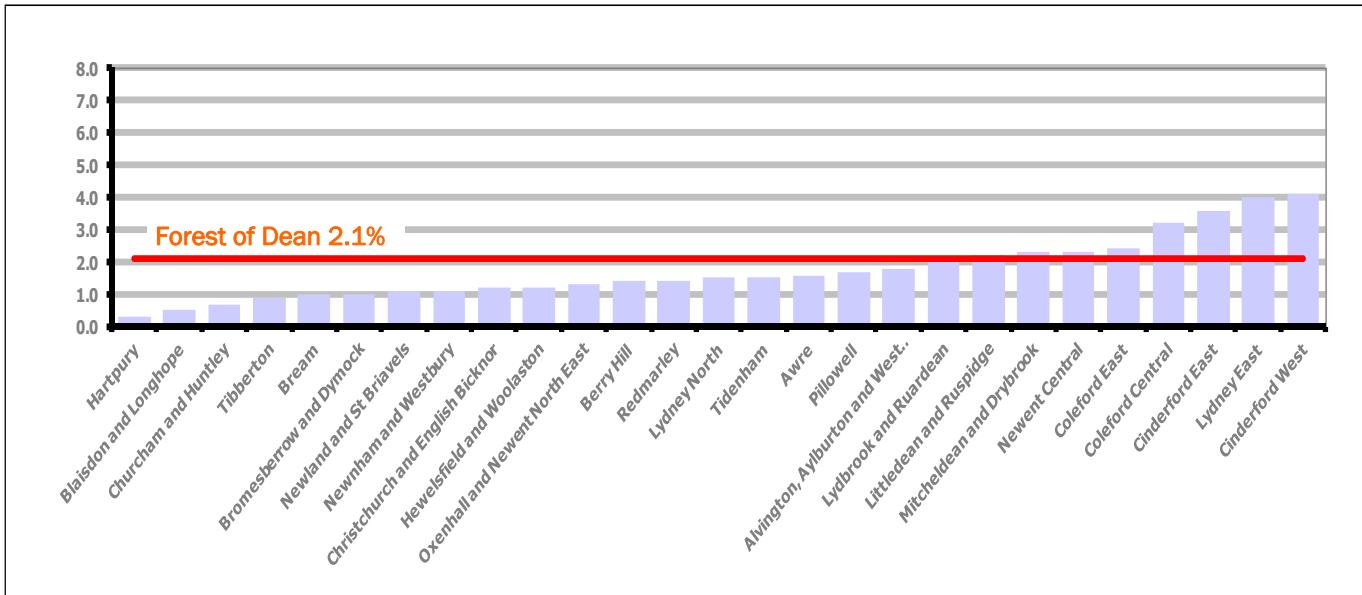
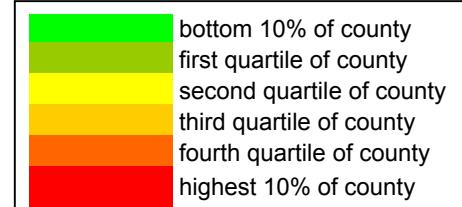


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1 %. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - January 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.3	2
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.5	6
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.7	14
Forest	Tibberton	0.9	27
Forest	Bream	1.0	35
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.0	35
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.1	51
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.1	51
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.2	59
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.2	59
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.3	62
Forest	Berry Hill	1.4	69
Forest	Redmarley	1.4	69
Forest	Lydney North	1.5	78
Forest	Tidenham	1.5	78
Forest	Awre	1.6	86
Forest	Pillowell	1.7	89
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.8	93
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.0	97
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	2.2	106
Forest	Mitcheledean and Drybrook	2.3	109
Forest	Newent Central	2.3	109
Forest	Coleford East	2.4	111
Forest	Coleford Central	3.2	124
Forest	Cinderford East	3.6	127
Forest	Lydney East	4.0	131
Forest	Cinderford West	4.1	132



* 1 = "best" and 132 = "worst"

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

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4.4 Gloucester City

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

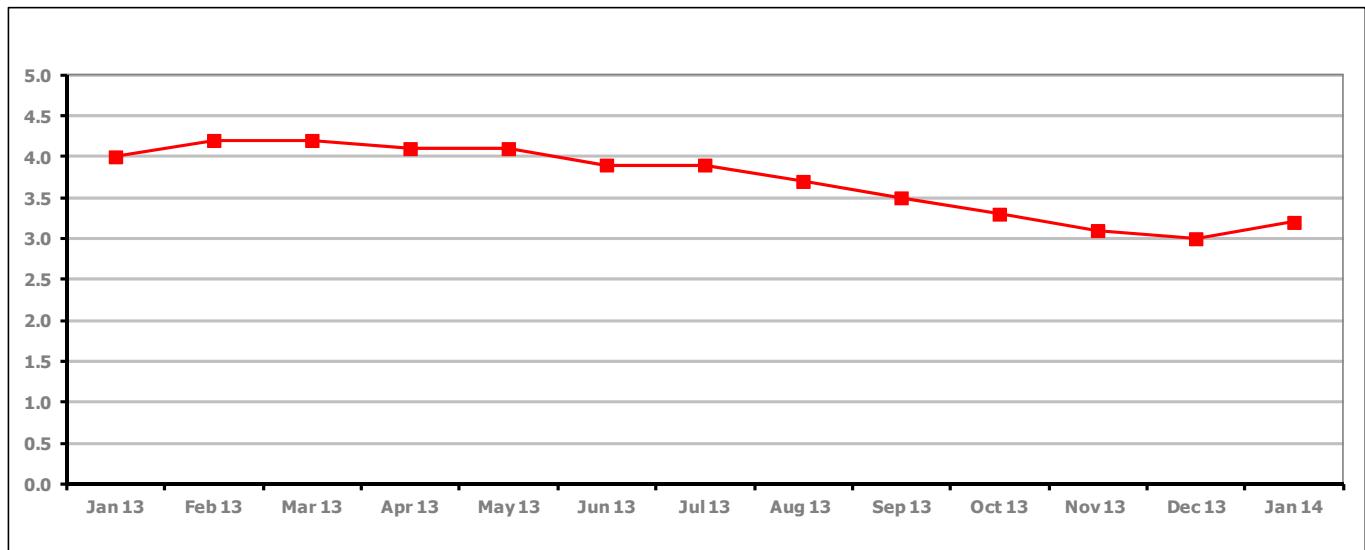


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased in January 2014 to 3.2%.

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

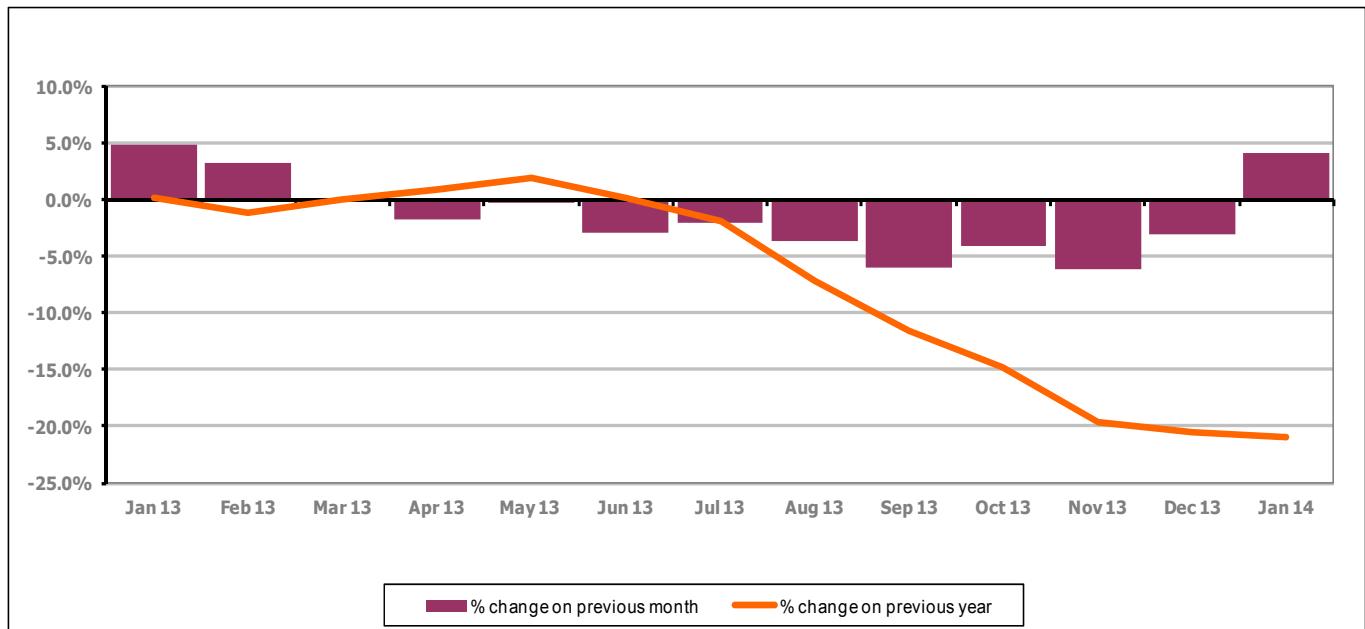


Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count increased by 4.2% since December 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from December 2013 compared to January 2014 to -21.0%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - January 2014

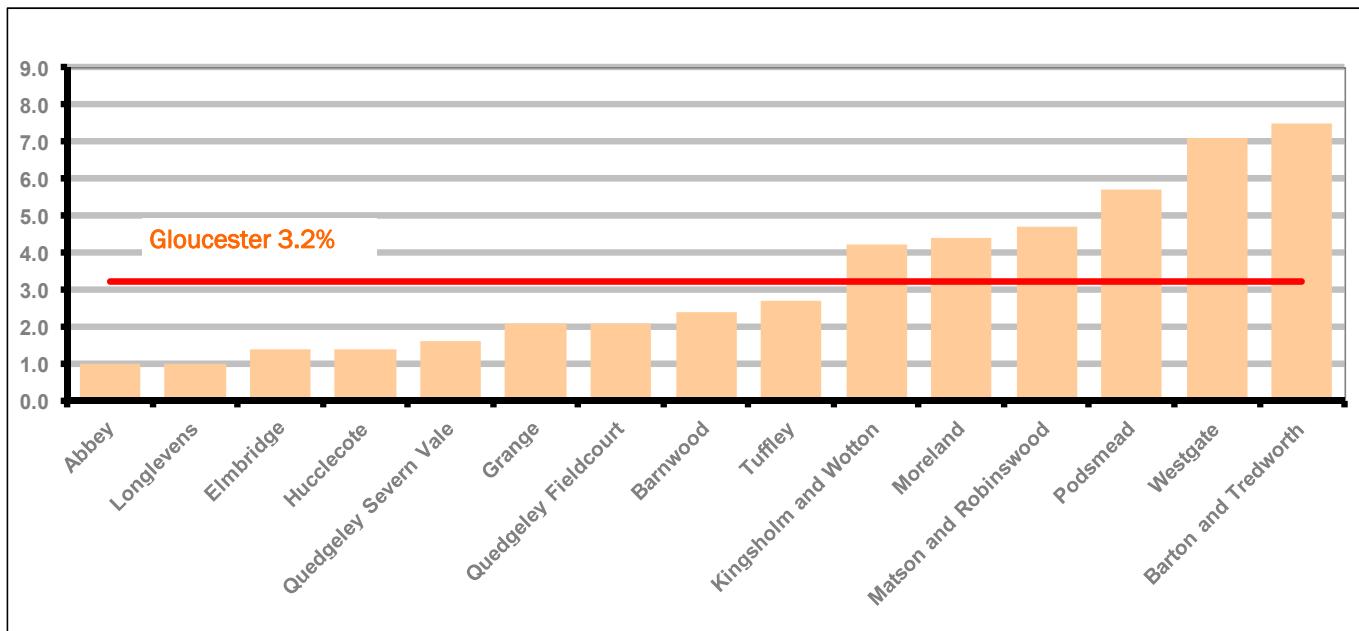
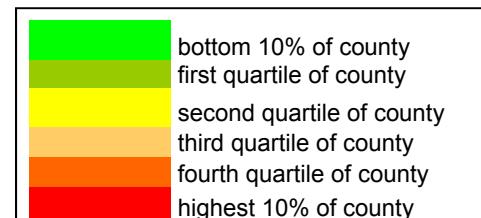


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.2%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - January 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	1.0	35
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.0	35
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.4	69
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.4	69
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.6	86
Gloucester	Grange	2.1	102
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.1	102
Gloucester	Barnwood	2.4	111
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.7	118
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.2	133
Gloucester	Moreland	4.4	134
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	4.7	136
Gloucester	Podsmead	5.7	140
Gloucester	Westgate	7.1	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	7.5	142



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

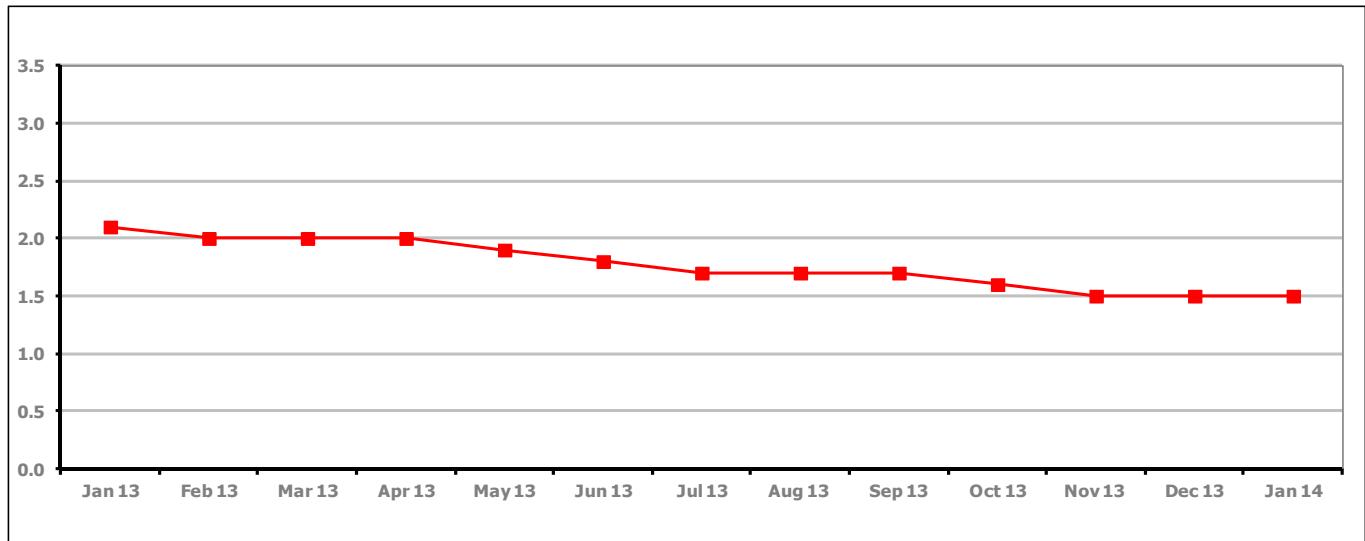
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained the same as December 2013 at 1.5%.

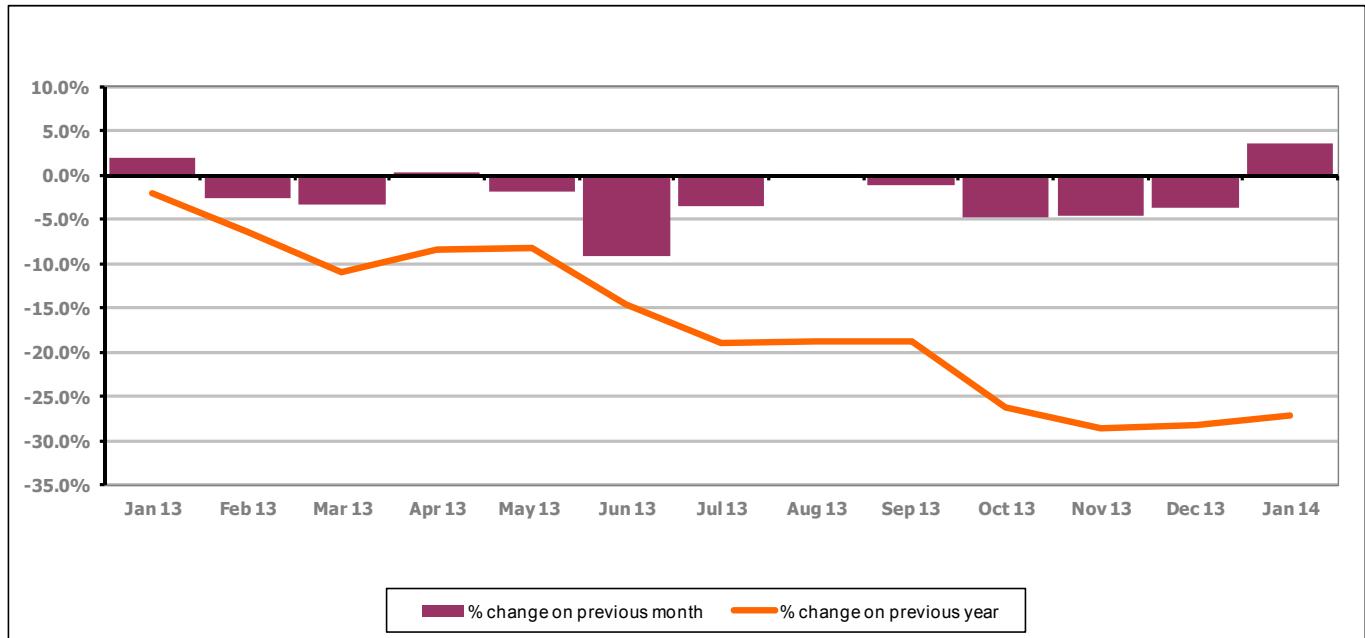
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count increased by 3.6% since December 2013. The change on the previous year has increased between December 2013 and January 2014 to -27.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - January 2014

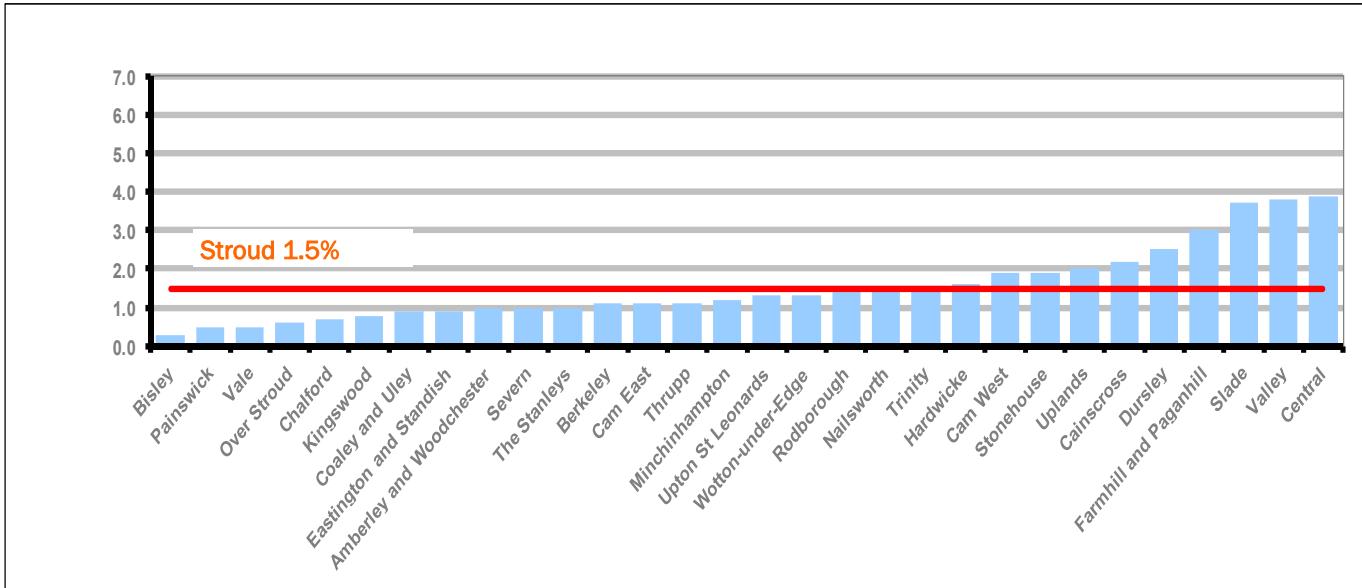
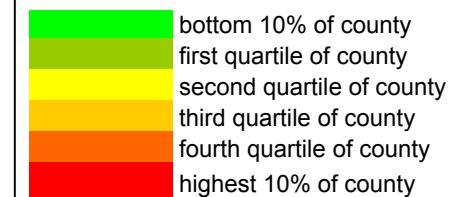


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.5%. Ten wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - January 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	0.3	2
Stroud	Painswick	0.5	6
Stroud	Vale	0.5	6
Stroud	Over Stroud	0.6	11
Stroud	Chalford	0.7	14
Stroud	Kingswood	0.8	23
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.9	27
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.9	27
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.0	35
Stroud	Severn	1.0	35
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.0	35
Stroud	Berkeley	1.1	51
Stroud	Cam East	1.1	51
Stroud	Thrupp	1.1	51
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.2	59
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	1.3	62
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.3	62
Stroud	Rodborough	1.4	69
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.5	78
Stroud	Trinity	1.5	78
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.6	86
Stroud	Cam West	1.9	95
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.9	95
Stroud	Uplands	2.0	97
Stroud	Cainscross	2.2	106
Stroud	Dursley	2.5	113
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	3.0	121
Stroud	Slade	3.7	128
Stroud	Valley	3.8	129
Stroud	Central	3.9	130



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

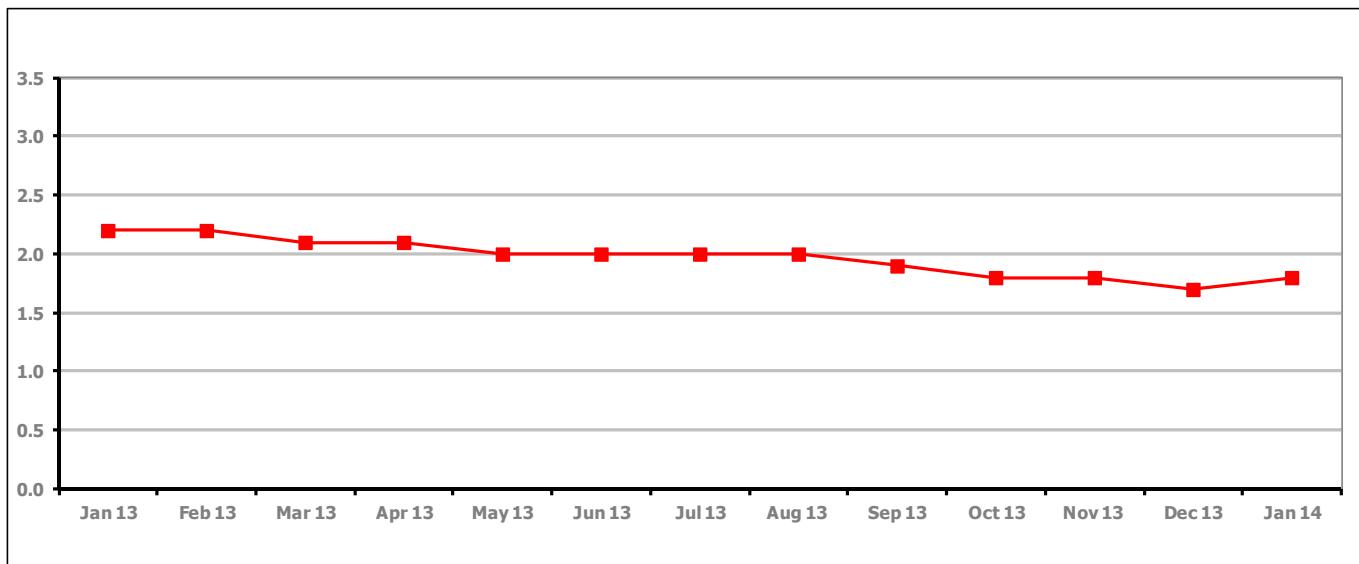
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.6 Tewkesbury District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District increased in January 2014 to 1.8%

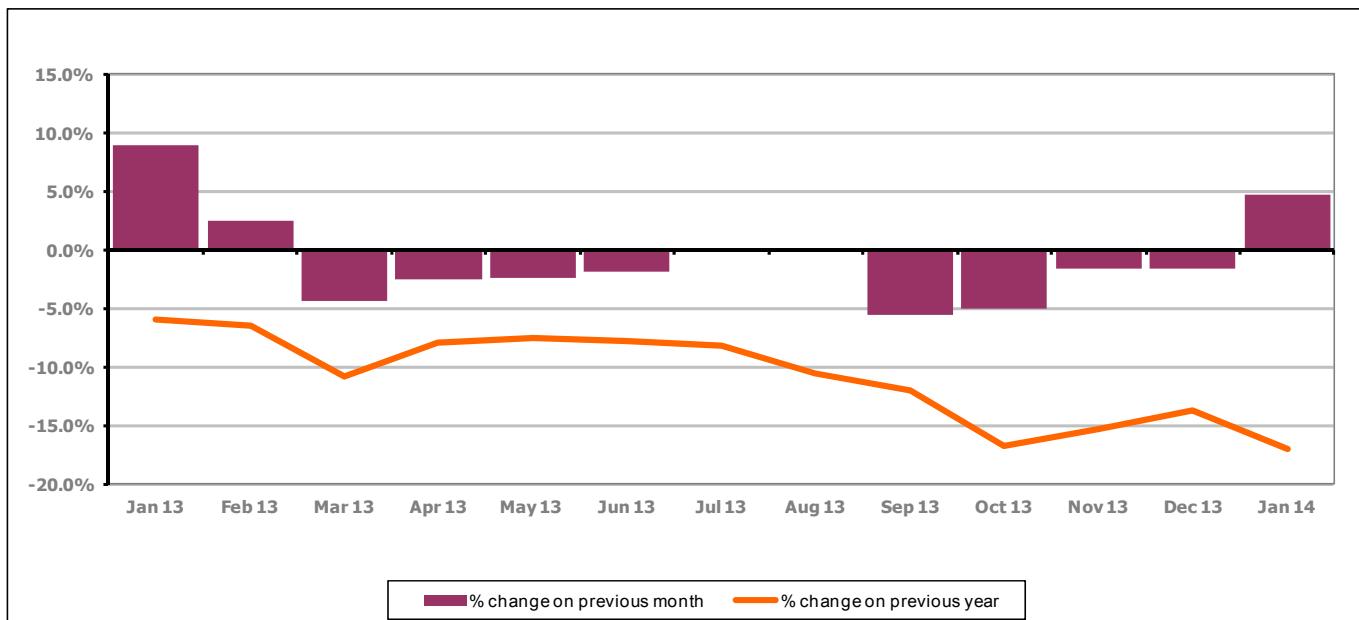
Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count increased by 4.8% since December 2013. The change on the previous year decreased between December 2013 and January 2014 to -17.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - January 2014

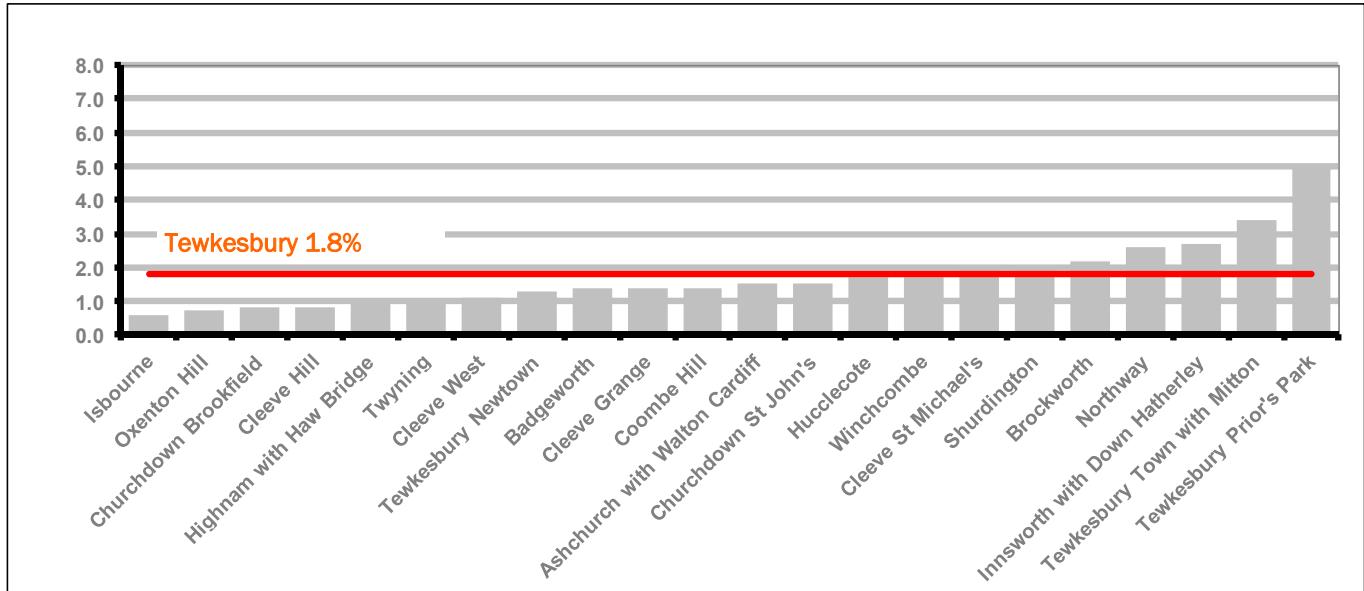
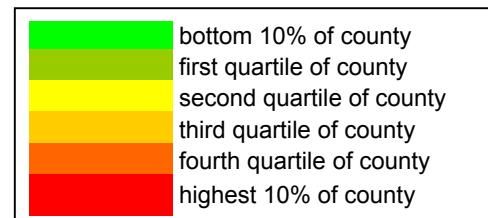


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.8% and seven wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - January 2014

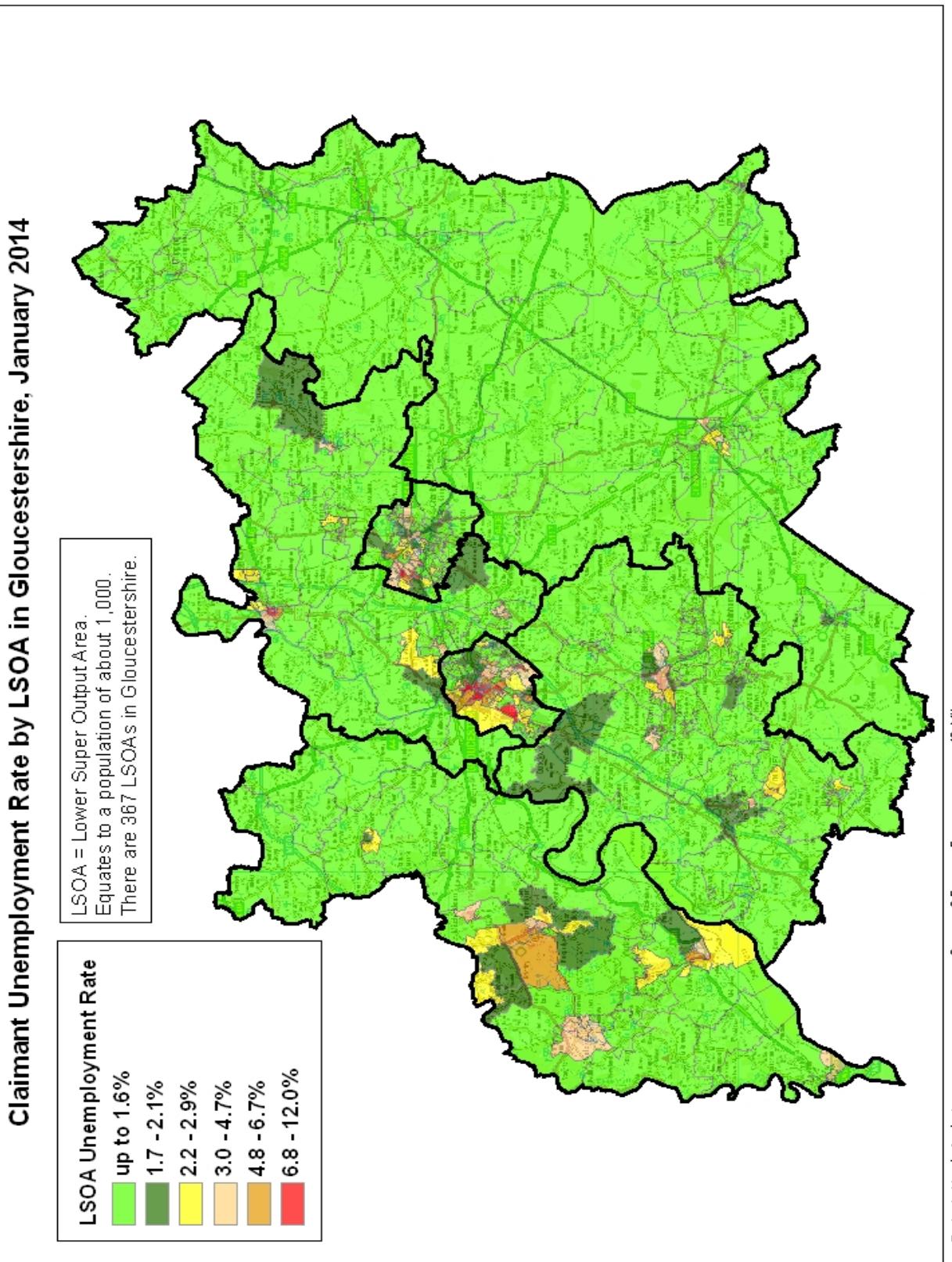
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.6	11
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	14
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.8	23
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.8	23
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.0	35
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.0	35
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.1	51
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.3	62
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.4	69
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.4	69
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.4	69
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.5	78
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.5	78
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.7	89
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.7	89
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.0	97
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.0	97
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	2.2	106
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.6	116
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.7	118
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.4	125
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.0	139



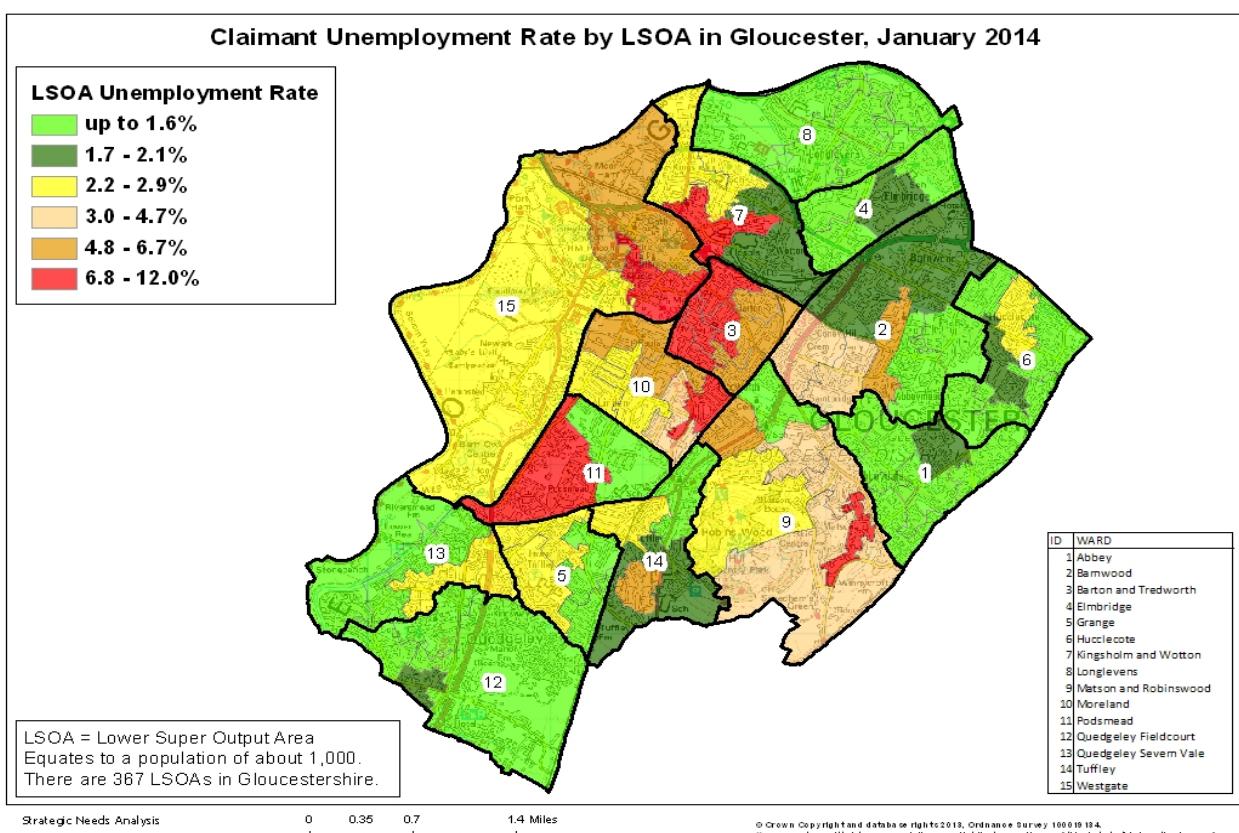
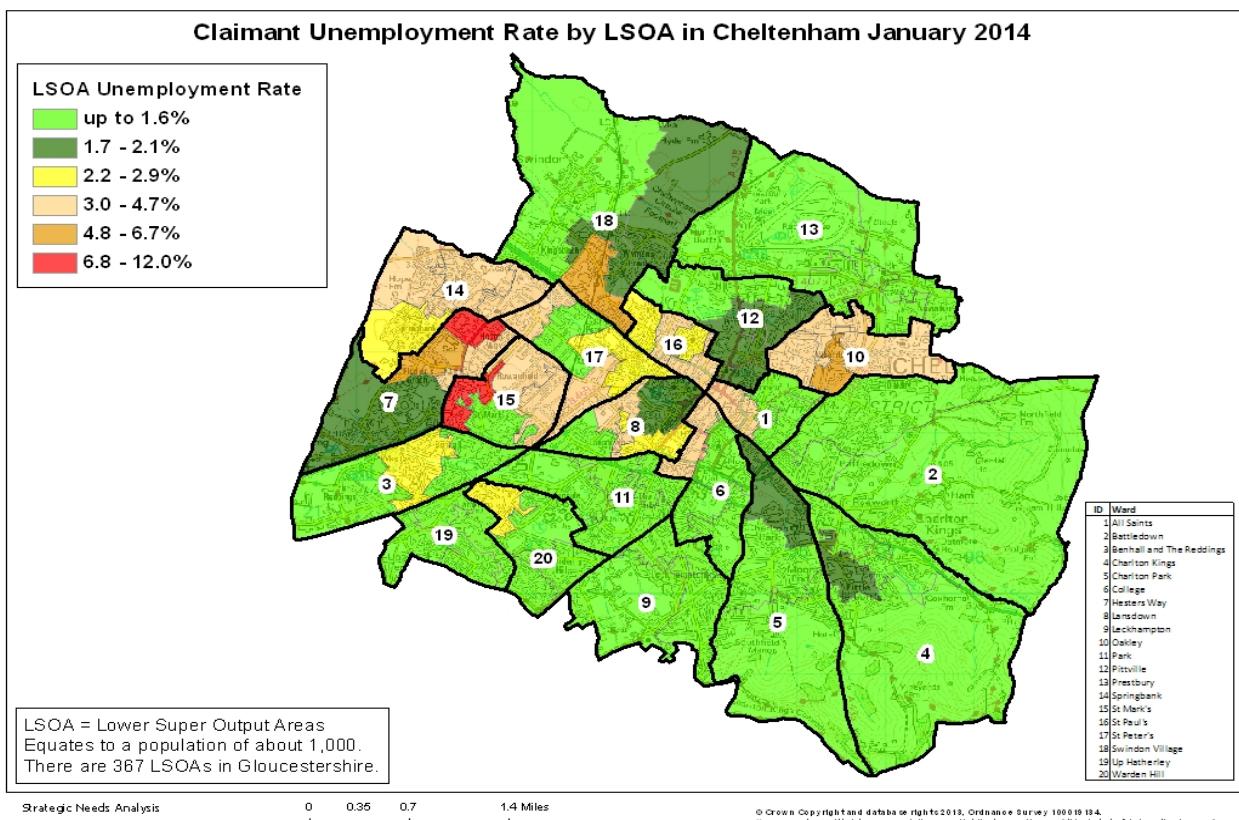
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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 January 2014 there were 646 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 4.56%. The total number of NEET increased by 7 young people in January 2014 compared to December 2013. Three districts saw a decrease in their NEET figures and three districts saw an increase.

Total NEET Group by District Area

January 2014 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	115	65	82	213	88	83	646
Cohort	2688	2045	2298	4710	2989	1801	16531
% NEET	4.3	3.2	3.6	4.5	2.9	4.9	4.56

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 426900.

(*) Adjustment includes a proportion of young people aged 16-18 whose outcomes are not known to Gloucestershire Youth Support Team.