

Unemployment Bulletin

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Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 14 May 2022. Enhancements to Universal Credit as part of the UK government's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) mean that an increasing number of people became eligible for unemployment-related benefit support, although still employed. Consequently changes in the Claimant Count will not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who are unemployed. We are not able to identify to what extent people who are employed or unemployed have affected the numbers.

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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](#).

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 2.4% in May 2022. The South West and UK rates decreased to 2.7% and 3.8% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 2.7%, and 1.4% lower than the UK average of 3.8%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in May 2022 decreased by 250 people. The amount of people claiming in May 2022 was 2.7% lower than the number in April 2022. This compares to a 3.9% decrease in the South West and a 1.5% decrease in the UK.

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DISTRICTS AT A GLANCE

At a glance unemployment information grouped by district. Includes:

Claimant count: Total number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in May 2022

Claimant count change on previous month: How much larger/smaller May's claimant count is compared to April expressed as a %

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in May 2022

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,905
Claimant count change on previous month:	-4.0%
Claimant rate:	2.6%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Oakley (5.0%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	2,795
Claimant count change on previous month:	-3.3%
Claimant rate:	3.4%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Barton and Tredworth (7.4%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	930
Claimant count change on previous month:	-3.1%
Claimant rate:	1.8%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watermoor (4.4%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,200
Claimant count change on previous month:	-2.4%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Slade (4.1%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,210
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Lydney East (4.5%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,140
Claimant count change on previous month:	-0.9%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (4.0%)

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

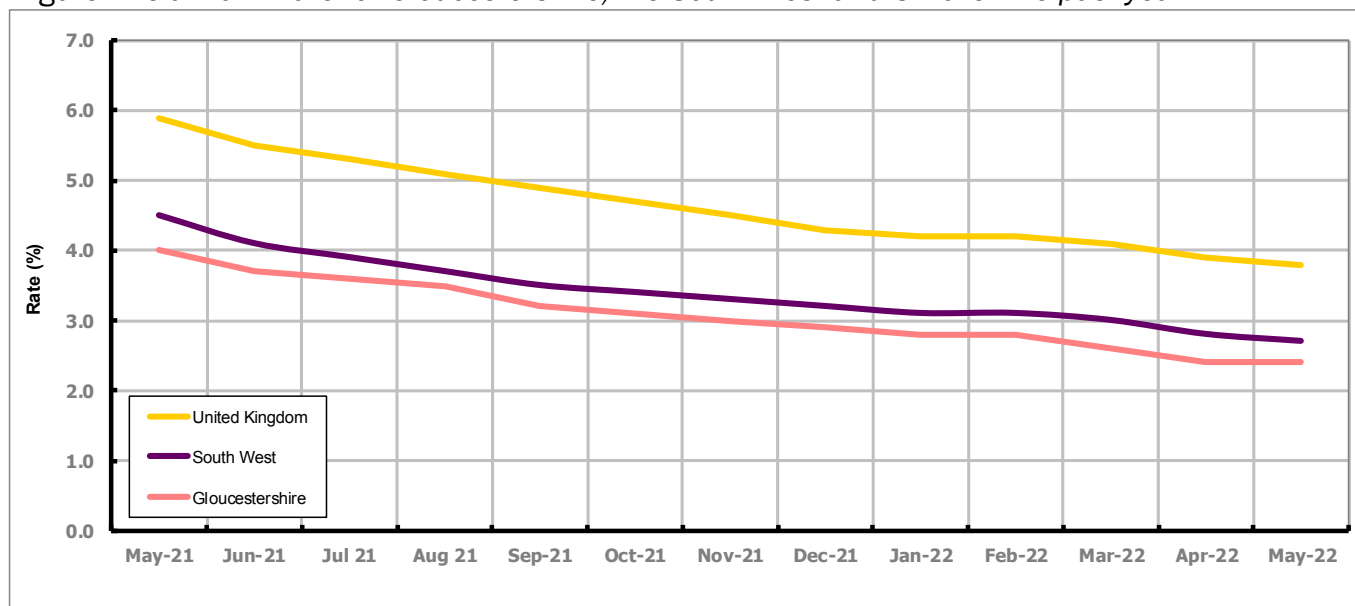


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.4% in May 2022. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.6% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in May 2022	% change on April 2022	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,607,485	-1.5%	0
South West	90,425	-3.9%	0
Gloucestershire	9,180	-2.7%	0

Table 1 shows that in May 2022, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 2.7% lower than the number in April 2022.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - May 2022

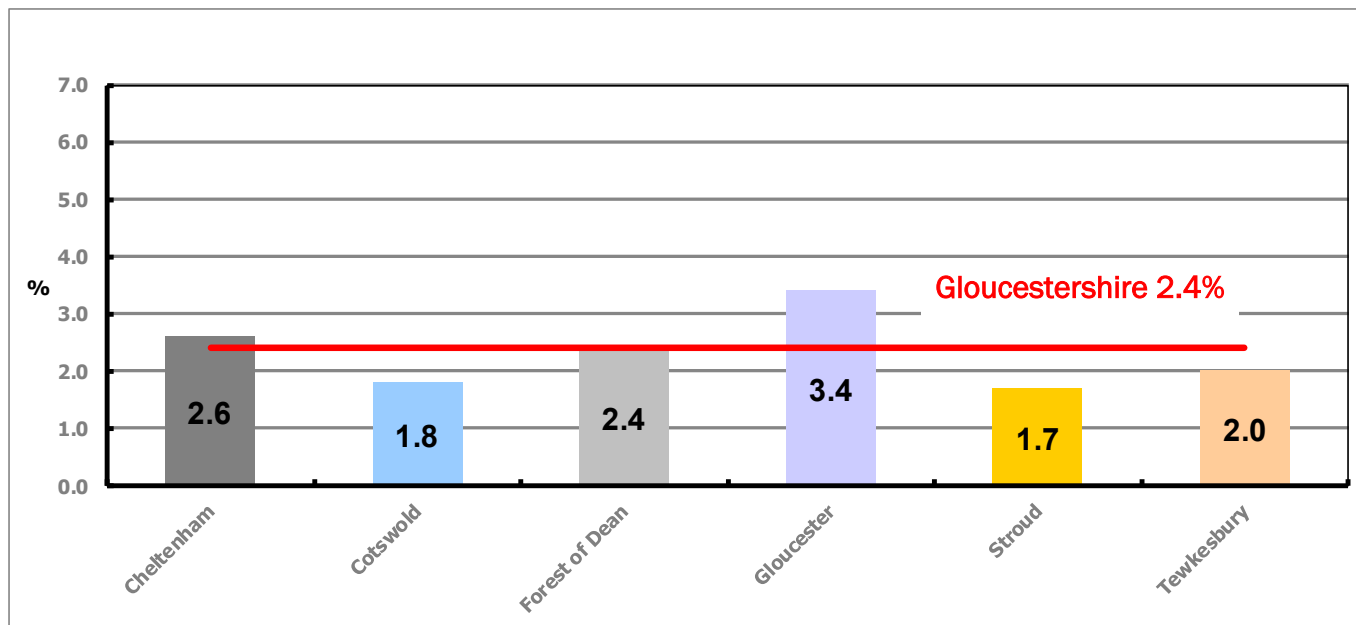


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for April 2022 in Gloucestershire. Between April and May 2022 the rate decreased in all districts except Forest of Dean, Stroud and Tewkesbury which remained the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	May 22 Number	May 22 Rate	Apr 22 Number	Apr 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	9,180	2.4	9,430	2.4	-250	-2.7%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,905	2.6	1,985	2.7	-80	-4.0%	-0.1
Cotswold	930	1.8	960	1.9	-30	-3.1%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,210	2.4	1,210	2.4	0	0.0%	0.0
Gloucester	2,795	3.4	2,890	3.5	-95	-3.3%	-0.1
Stroud	1,200	1.7	1,230	1.7	-30	-2.4%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,140	2.0	1,150	2.0	-10	-0.9%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in May 2022 compared to April 2022. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants except Forest of Dean which remained the same.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	May 22 Number	May 22 Rate	Apr 22 Number	Apr 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,270	2.8	5,400	2.8	-130	-2.4%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,170	3.2	1,205	3.3	-35	-2.9%	-0.1
Cotswold	490	1.9	515	2.0	-25	-4.9%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	680	2.7	670	2.6	10	1.5%	0.1
Gloucester	1,660	4.1	1,725	4.2	-65	-3.8%	-0.1
Stroud	650	1.8	675	1.9	-25	-3.7%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	620	2.2	615	2.2	5	0.8%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in May 2022 compared to April 2022. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants except Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury which saw an increase.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	May 22 Number	May 22 Rate	Apr 22 Number	Apr 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,910	2.0	4,030	2.1	-120	-3.0%	-0.1
Cheltenham	735	2.0	785	2.2	-50	-6.4%	-0.2
Cotswold	440	1.7	445	1.7	-5	-1.1%	0.0
Forest of Dean	530	2.0	540	2.1	-10	-1.9%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,135	2.8	1,165	2.9	-30	-2.6%	-0.1
Stroud	555	1.5	555	1.5	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	520	1.8	535	1.8	-15	-2.8%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in May 2022 compared to April 2022. All districts saw a decrease in the number of female claimants except Stroud which remained 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

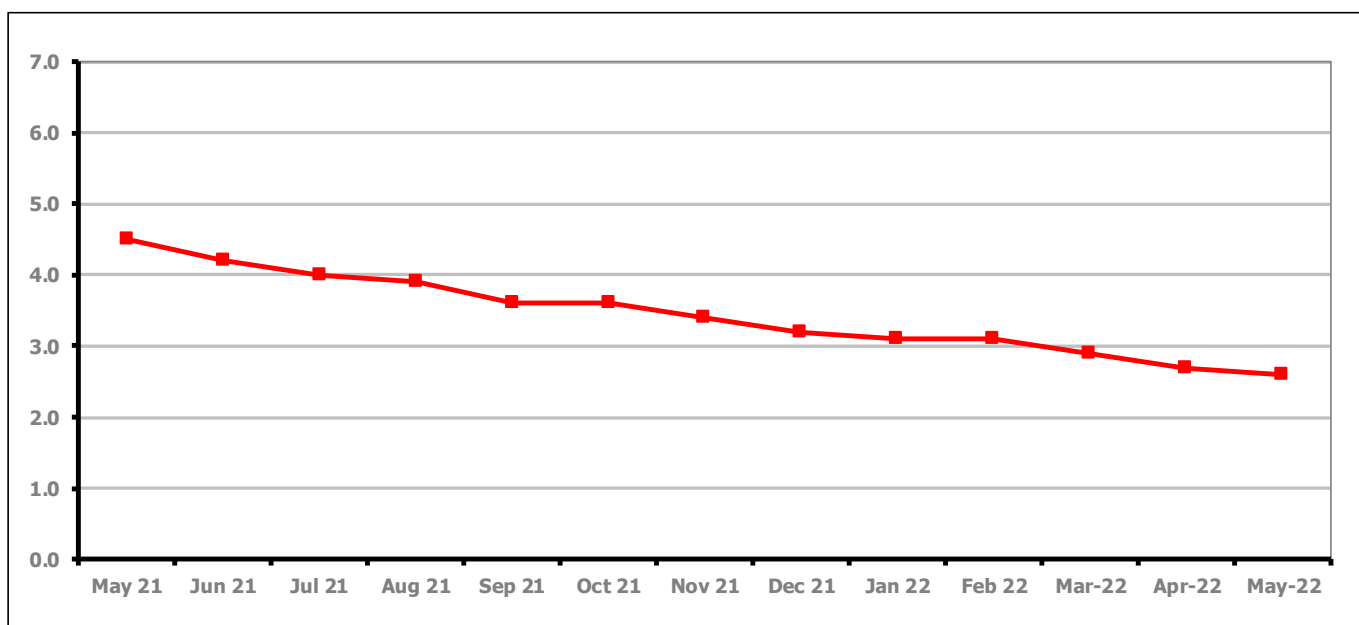


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased to 2.6% in May 2022.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - May 2022

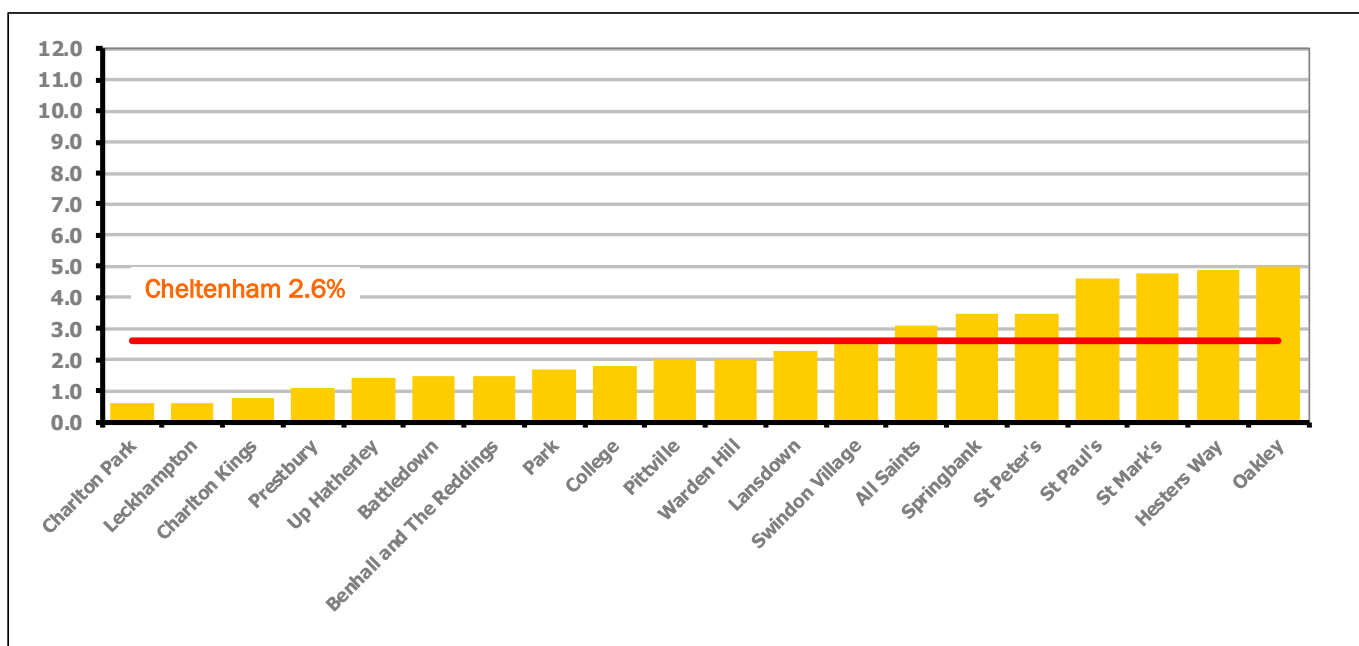


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.6%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - May 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.6	1
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.6	1
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.8	4
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.1	14
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.4	38
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.5	42
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.5	42
Cheltenham	Park	1.7	54
Cheltenham	College	1.8	67
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.0	81
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.0	81
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.3	93
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.5	102
Cheltenham	All Saints	3.1	115
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.5	120
Cheltenham	St Peter's	3.5	120
Cheltenham	St Paul's	4.6	130
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.8	133
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	4.9	134
Cheltenham	Oakley	5.0	135

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* 1 = "best" and 138 = "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

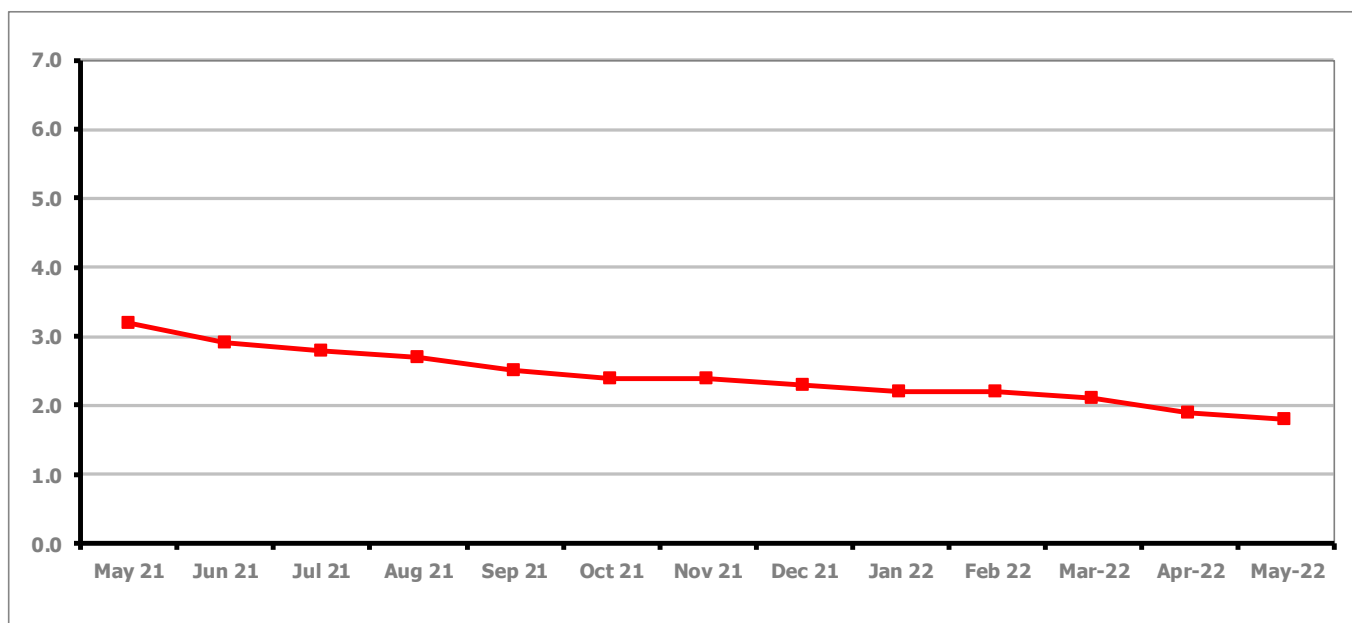


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased to 1.8% in May 2022.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - May 2022

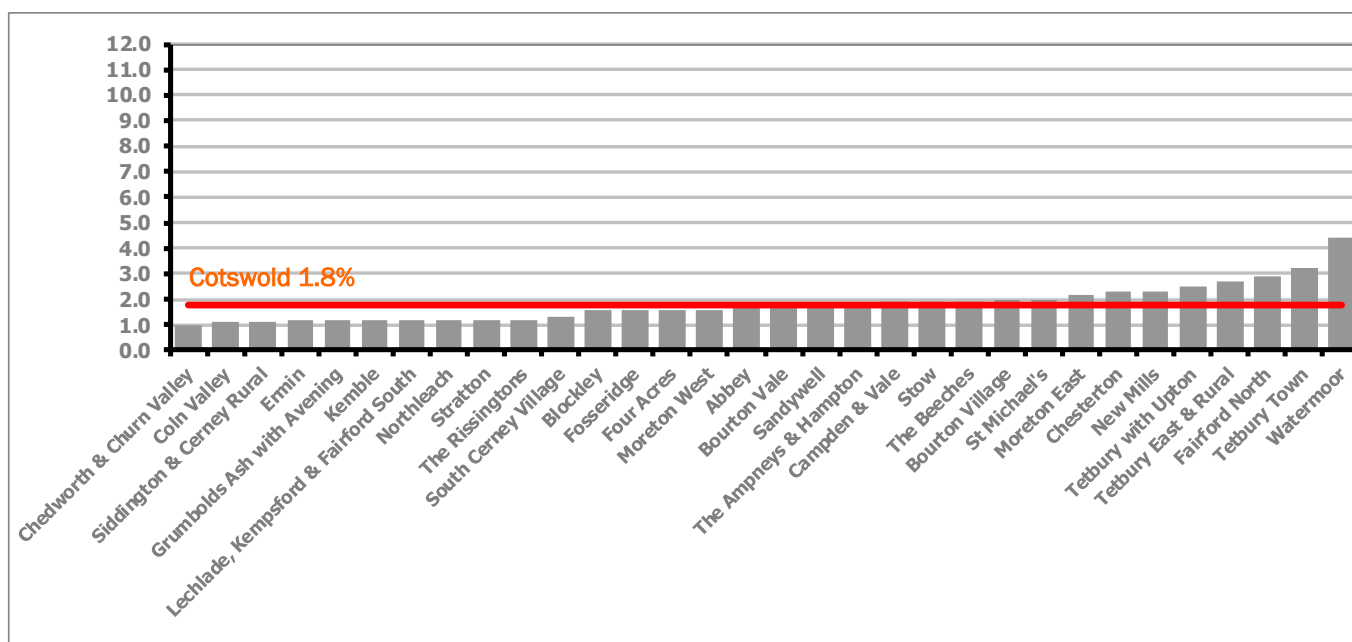


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.8%. Thirteen wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - May 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.0	8
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	1.1	14
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.1	14
Cotswolds	Ermin	1.2	24
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.2	24
Cotswolds	Kemble	1.2	24
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	1.2	24
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.2	24
Cotswolds	Stratton	1.2	24
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.2	24
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	1.3	33
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.6	47
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.6	47
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.6	47
Cotswolds	Moreton West	1.6	47
Cotswolds	Abbey	1.7	54
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	1.7	54
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.7	54
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.8	67
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	1.9	72
Cotswolds	Stow	1.9	72
Cotswolds	The Beeches	1.9	72
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	2.0	81
Cotswolds	St Michael's	2.0	81
Cotswolds	Moreton East	2.2	90
Cotswolds	Chesterton	2.3	93
Cotswolds	New Mills	2.3	93
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	2.5	102
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	2.7	105
Cotswolds	Fairford North	2.9	110
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	3.2	117
Cotswolds	Watermoor	4.4	127

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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

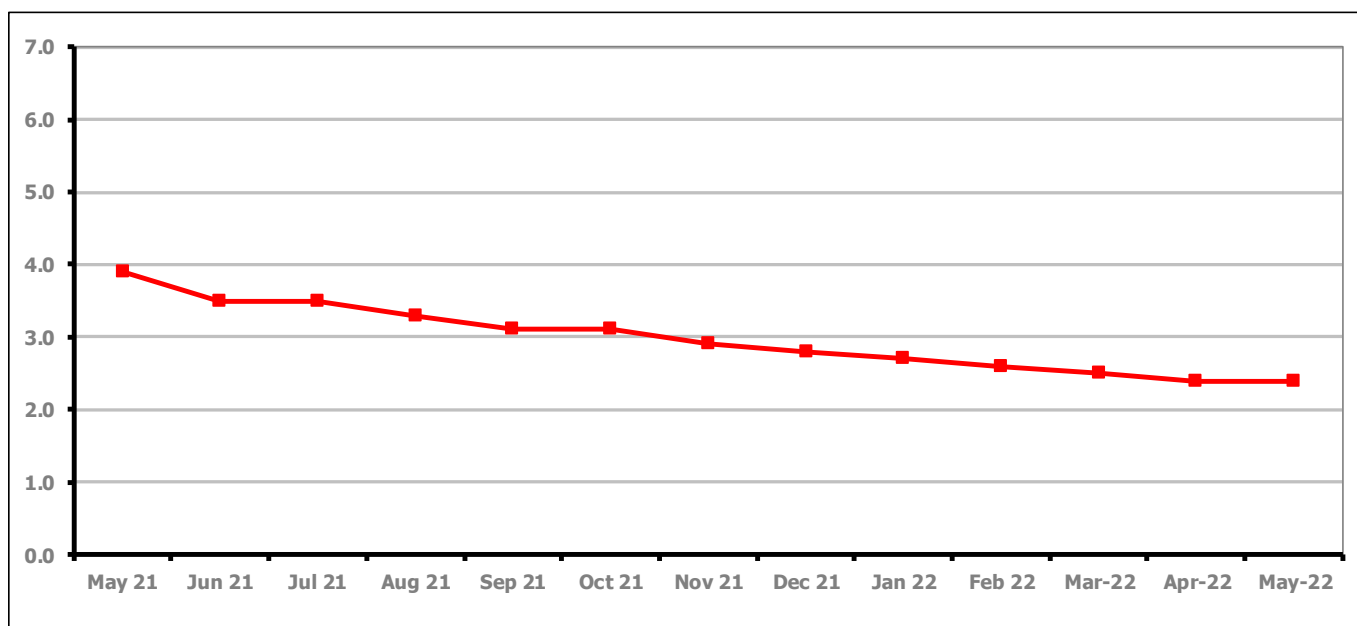


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained at 2.4% in May 2022.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - May 2022

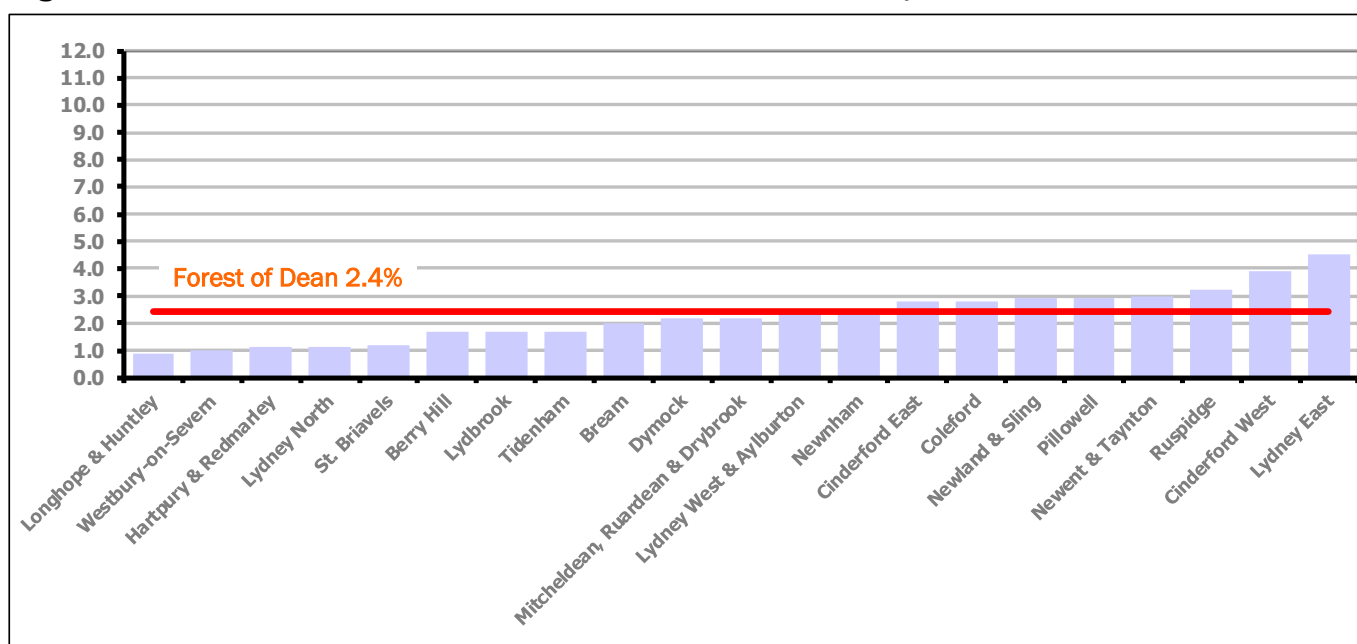


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.4%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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 - May 2022*

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	0.9	7
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	1.0	8
Forest	Hartpury & Redmarley	1.1	14
Forest	Lydney North	1.1	14
Forest	St. Briavels	1.2	24
Forest	Berry Hill	1.7	54
Forest	Lydbrook	1.7	54
Forest	Tidenham	1.7	54
Forest	Bream	2.0	81
Forest	Dymock	2.2	90
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.2	90
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	2.4	98
Forest	Newnham	2.4	98
Forest	Cinderford East	2.8	108
Forest	Coleford	2.8	108
Forest	Newland & Sling	2.9	110
Forest	Pillowell	2.9	110
Forest	Newent & Taynton	3.0	114
Forest	Ruspidge	3.2	117
Forest	Cinderford West	3.9	122
Forest	Lydney East	4.5	129

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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.

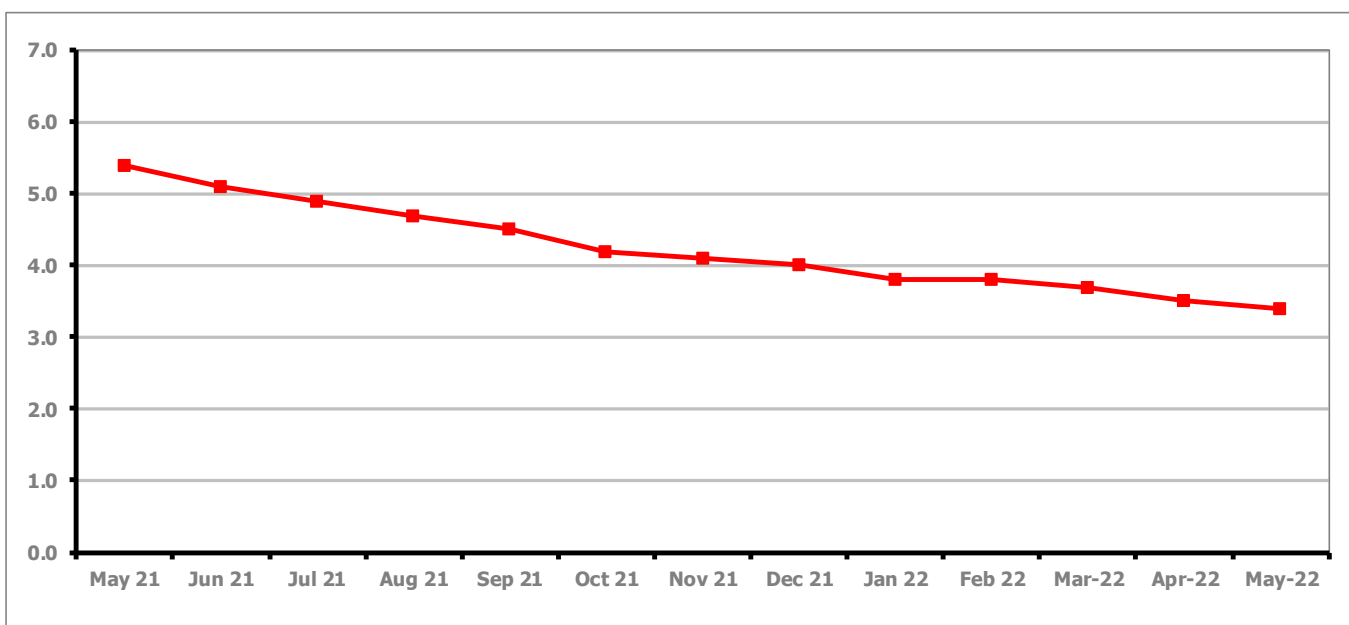
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased to 3.4% in May 2022.

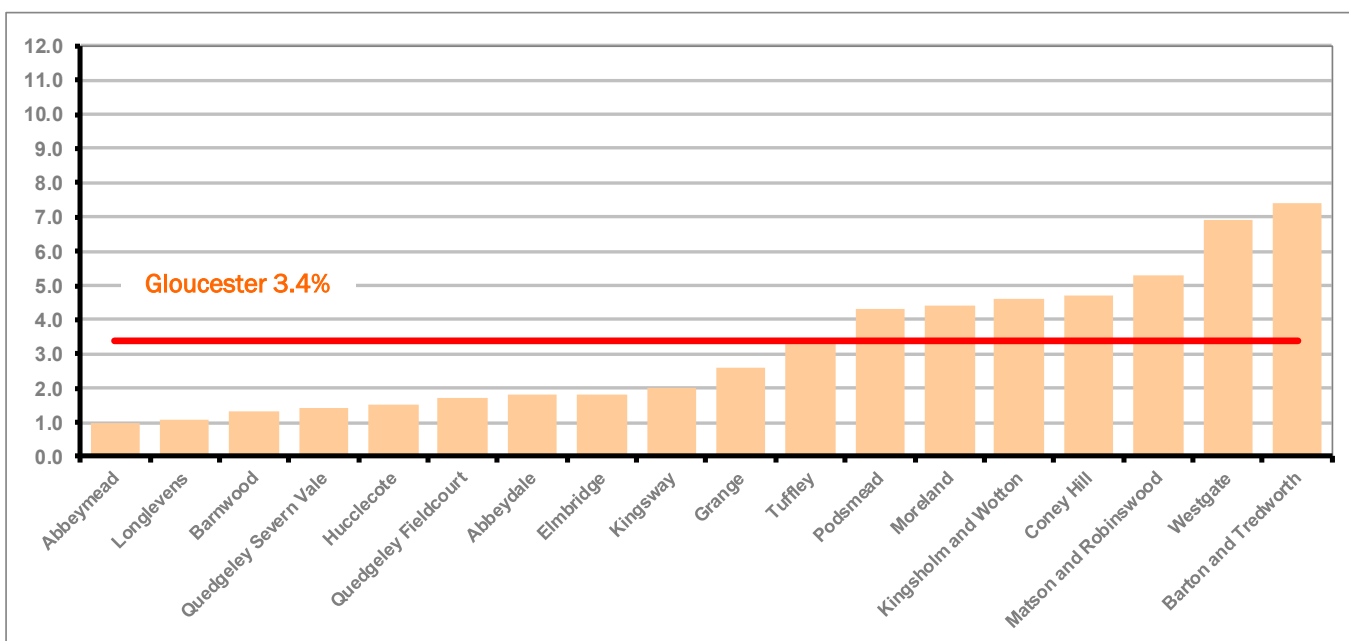
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - May 2022

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.4%. Seven 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 - May 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbeymead	1.0	8
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.1	14
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.3	33
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.4	38
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.5	42
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.7	54
Gloucester	Abbeydale	1.8	67
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.8	67
Gloucester	Kingsway	2.0	81
Gloucester	Grange	2.6	104
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.3	119
Gloucester	Podsmead	4.3	126
Gloucester	Moreland	4.4	127
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.6	130
Gloucester	Coney Hill	4.7	132
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	5.3	136
Gloucester	Westgate	6.9	137
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	7.4	138

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

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4.5 Stroud District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year

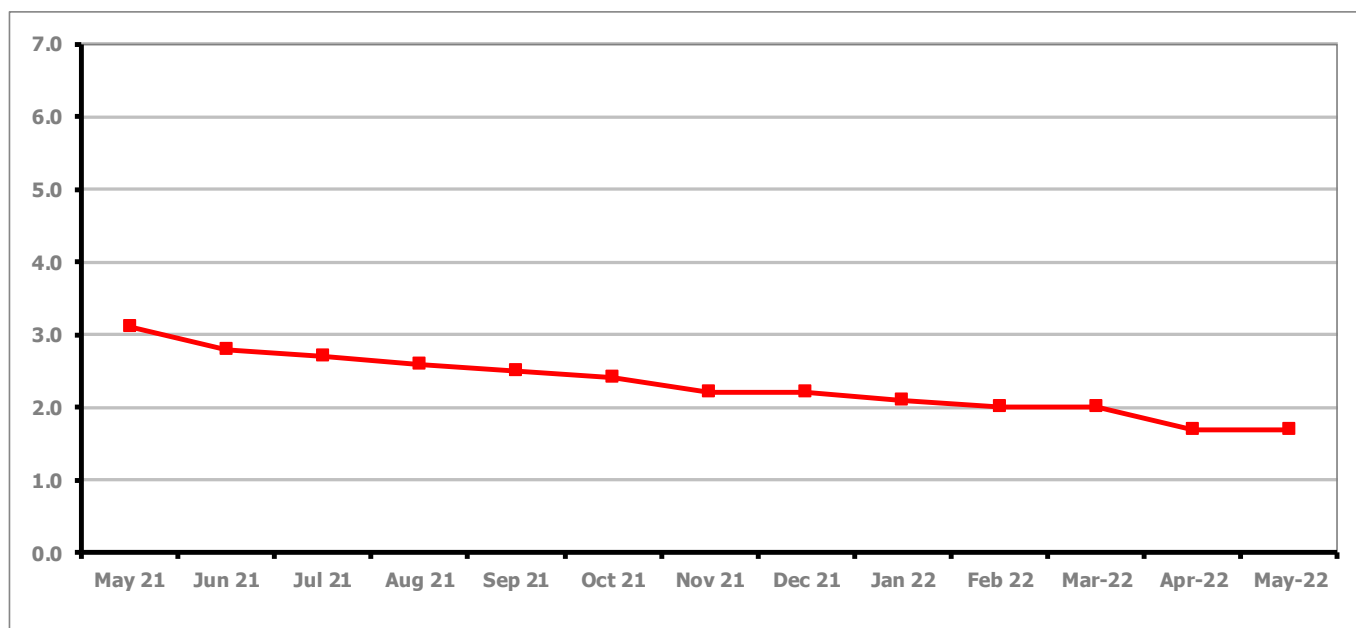


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained at 1.7% in May 2022.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - May 2022

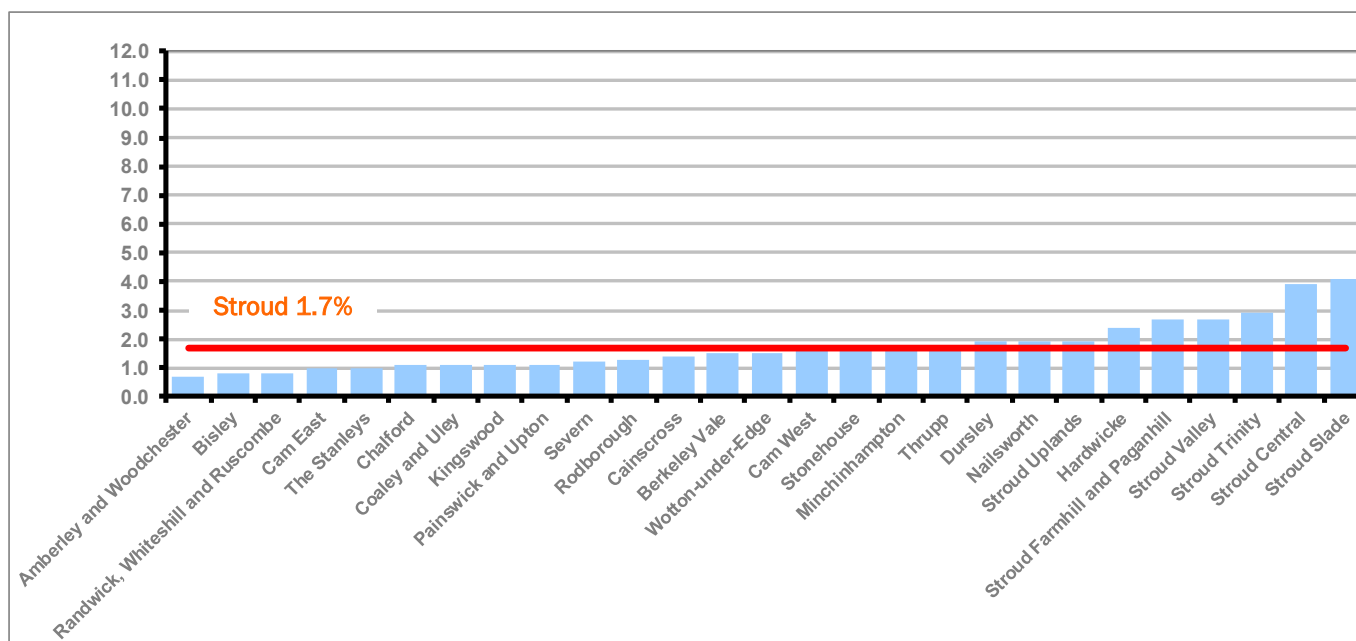


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.7%. Nine wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - May 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.7	3
Stroud	Bisley	0.8	4
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.8	4
Stroud	Cam East	1.0	8
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.0	8
Stroud	Chalford	1.1	14
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.1	14
Stroud	Kingswood	1.1	14
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	1.1	14
Stroud	Severn	1.2	24
Stroud	Rodborough	1.3	33
Stroud	Cainscross	1.4	38
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	1.5	42
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.5	42
Stroud	Cam West	1.6	47
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.6	47
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.7	54
Stroud	Thrupp	1.7	54
Stroud	Dursley	1.9	72
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.9	72
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	1.9	72
Stroud	Hardwicke	2.4	98
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	2.7	105
Stroud	Stroud Valley	2.7	105
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	2.9	110
Stroud	Stroud Central	3.9	122
Stroud	Stroud Slade	4.1	125

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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 Borough

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year

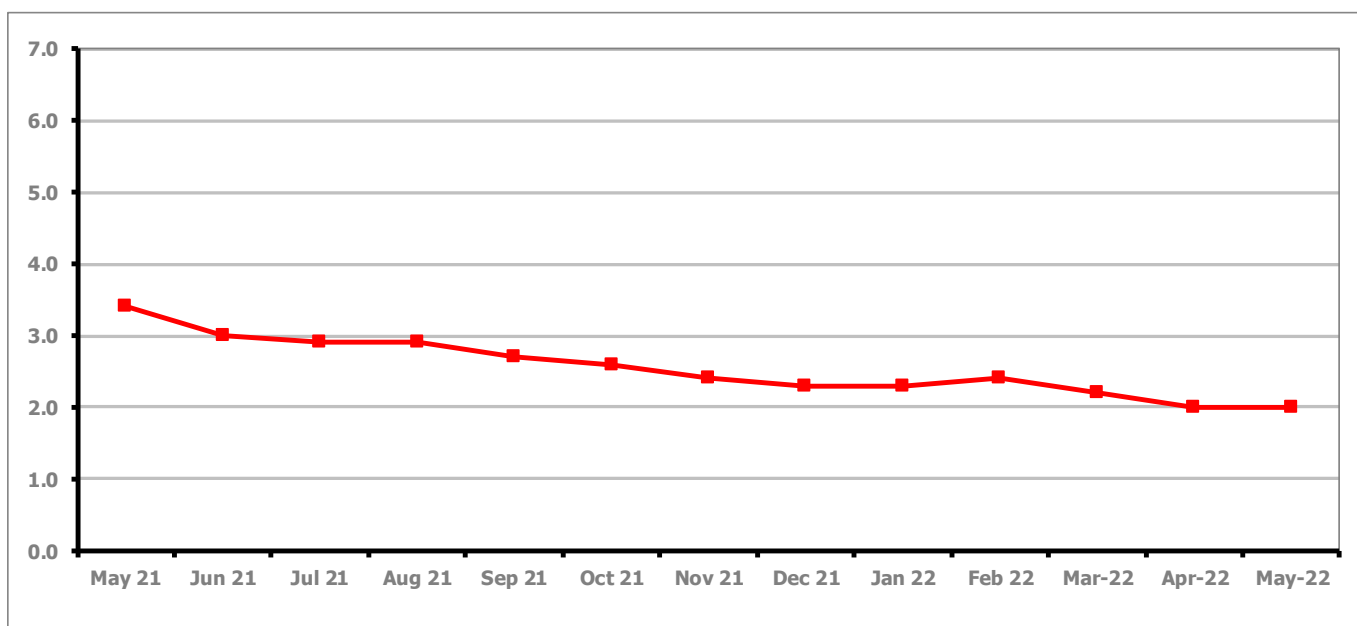


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough remained at 2.0% in May 2022.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - May 2022

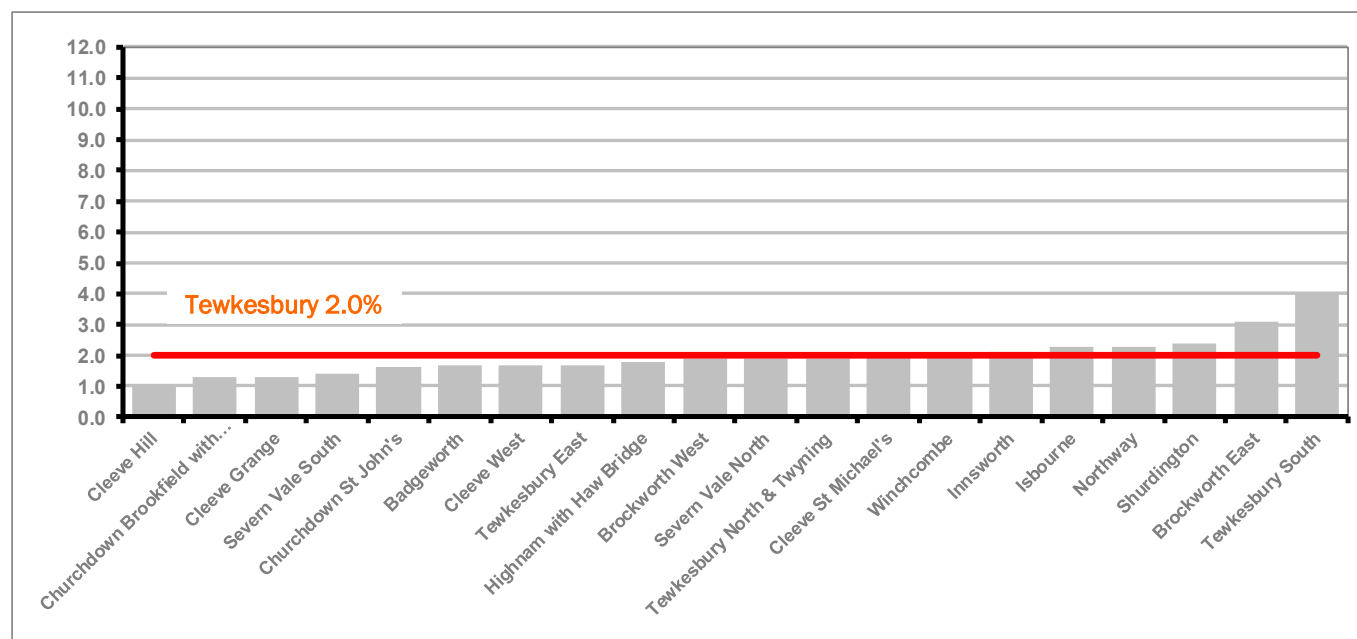


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0%. Six wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - May 2022

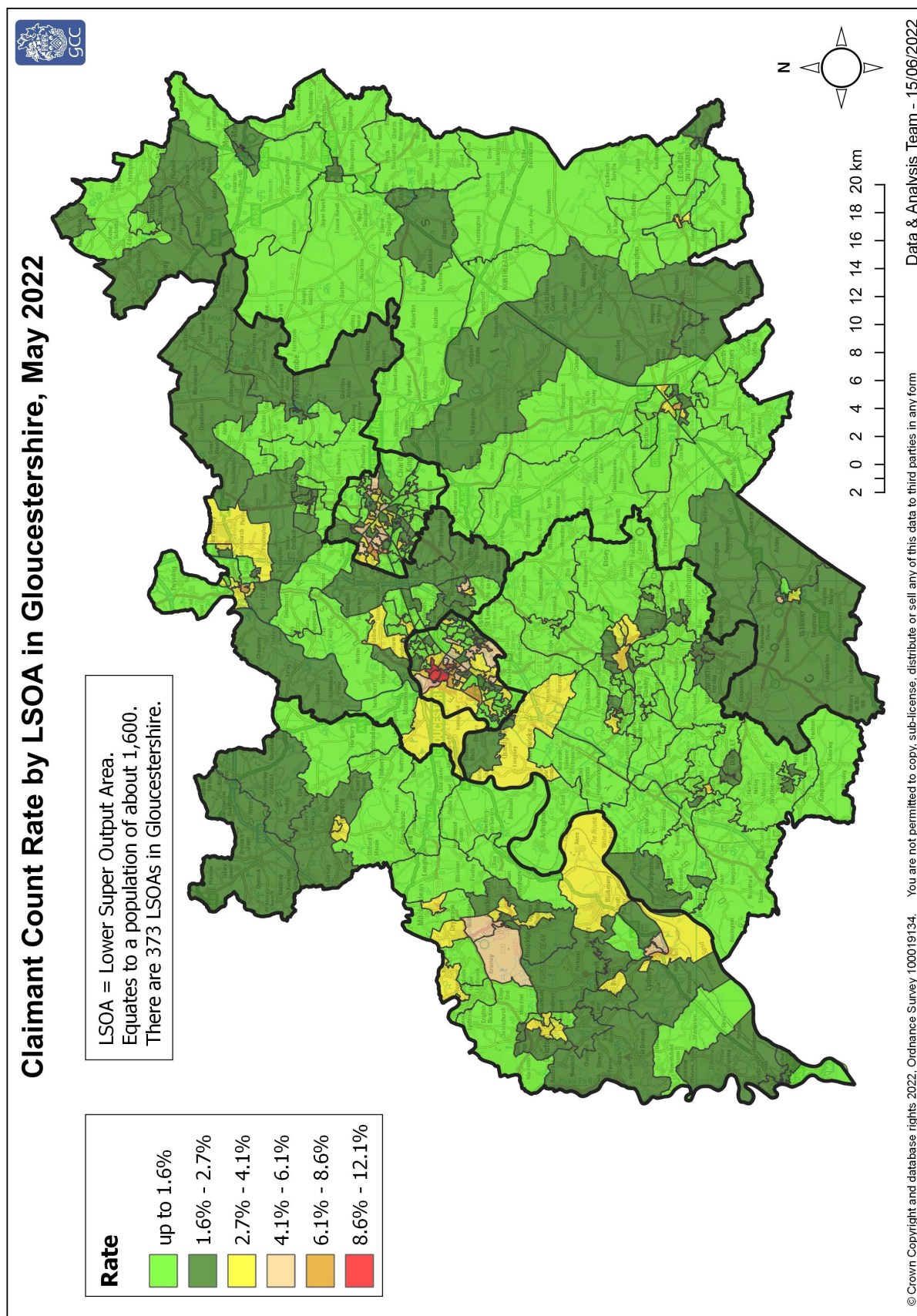
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	1.0	8
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	1.3	33
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.3	33
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	1.4	38
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.6	47
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.7	54
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.7	54
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	1.7	54
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.8	67
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	1.9	72
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	1.9	72
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twynning	1.9	72
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.0	81
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.0	81
Tewkesbury	Innsworth	2.1	89
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.3	93
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.3	93
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.4	98
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	3.1	115
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	4.0	124

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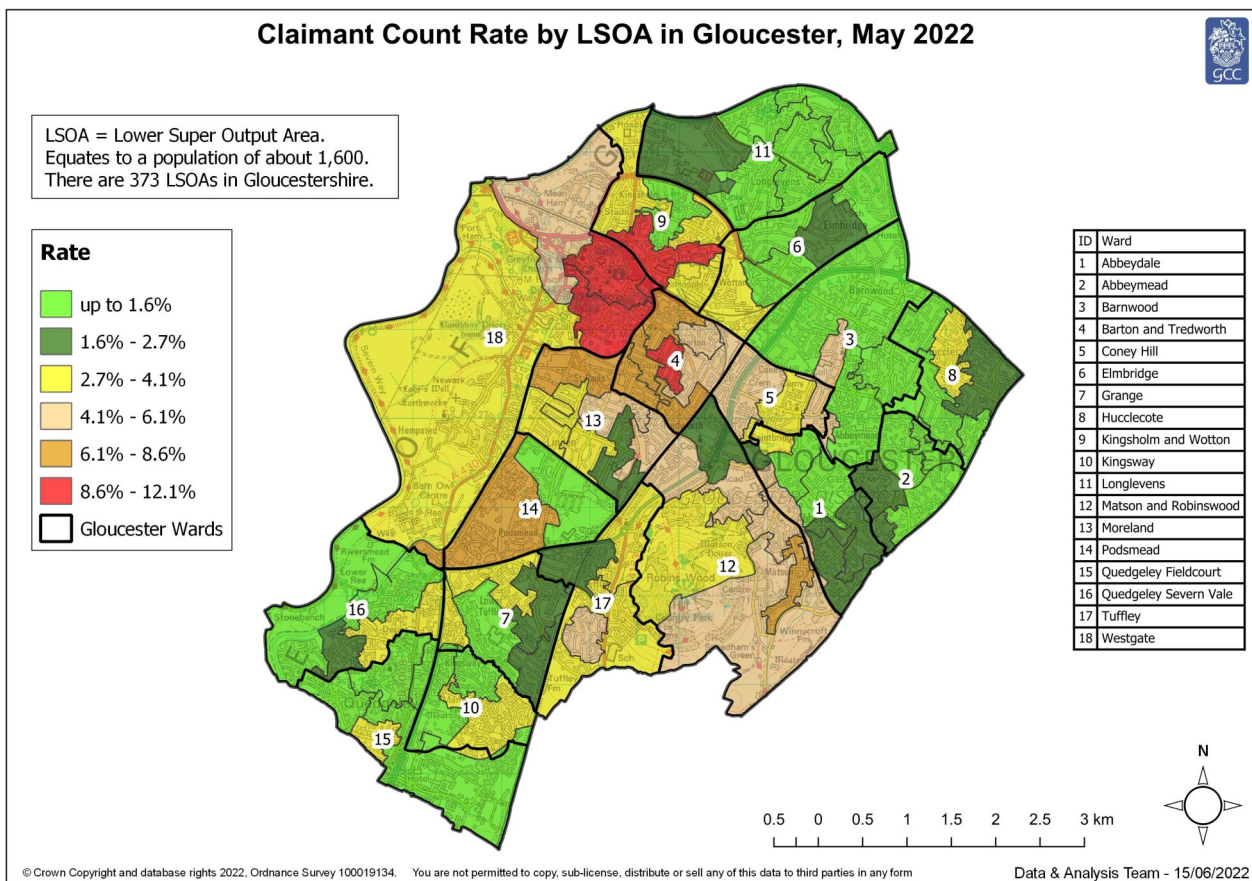
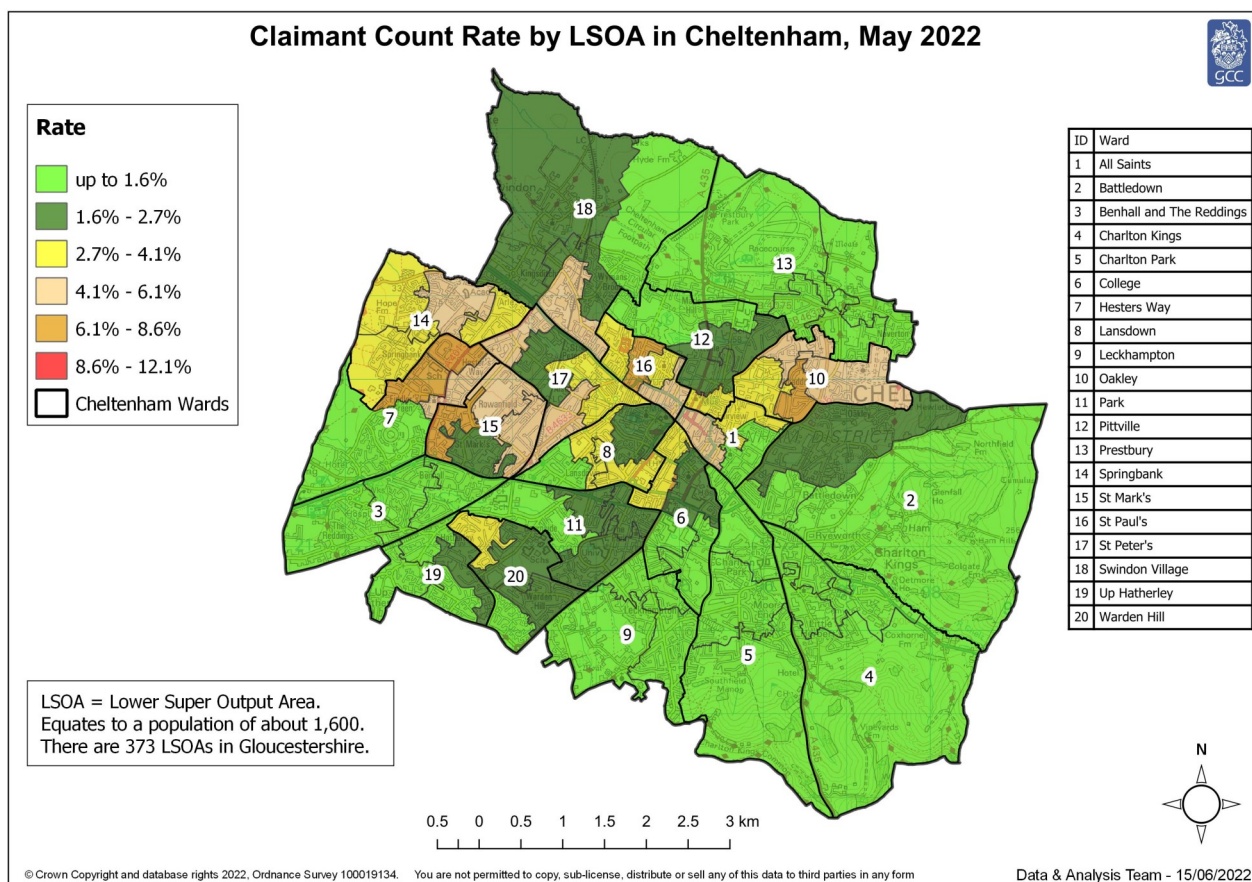
PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



Note: We have made changes to the way in which the rates illustrated on the maps are calculated - this means they are not comparable with those shown in previous bulletins.

Rates calculated using Lower Layer Super Output Area Population Estimates Mid-2019, Office for National Statistics

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



Note: We have made changes to the way in which the rates illustrated on the maps are calculated - this means Rates calculated using Lower Layer Super Output Area Population Estimates Mid-2019, Office for National Statistics

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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

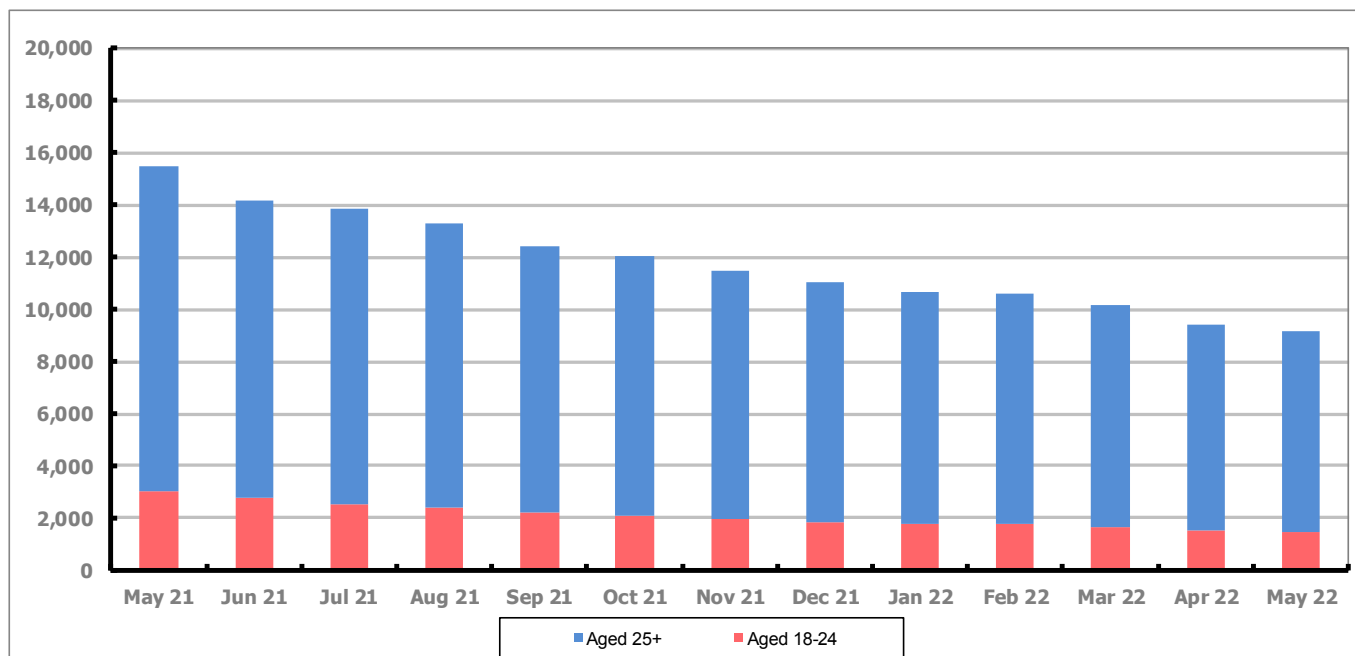


Figure 15 shows that in May 2022, 1,435 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 15.6% of total working age claimants.

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 on the Academic Year 12 and 13 (16/17 age) against nationally defined criteria for counting the NEET group to the Department for Education (DfE) on a monthly basis. 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.

May 2022

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	40	2102	1.90%
Cotswold	27	1691	1.60%
Forest	45	1729	2.60%
Gloucester	117	3029	3.86%
Stroud	36	2596	1.39%
Tewkesbury	51	1960	2.60%
Total	316	13107	2.41%

16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	47	2425	1.94%
Cotswold	31	1931	1.61%
Forest	49	1960	2.50%
Gloucester	144	3442	4.18%
Stroud	40	2944	1.36%
Tewkesbury	57	2236	2.55%
Total	368	14938	2.46%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	2.60%
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Monthly Change	26	19	0.20%
Previous month	290	13088	2.22%

Monthly Change	15	-530	0.18%
Previous month	353	15468	2.28%

The academic year 12-13 group contains a proportion of young people who turn 18 in the academic year but were 17 on the 31st August the previous academic year so are entitled to learning through RPA (raising participation age).

Please note all figures quoted above are subject to change before the submission date to the DfE which usually happens in the second or third week of the month for the previous month.

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy, then please contact Lynne.Speak@Prospects.co.uk or telephone 07900 391182.

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