

# Unemployment Bulletin

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## Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 13 August 2020. 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 in work. Consequently changes in the Claimant Count will not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who are not in work. 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](https://www.ons.gov.uk).

## 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](http://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 5.1% in August 2020. The South West and UK rates increased to 5.4% and 6.5% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 5.4%, and 1.4% lower than the UK average of 6.5%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in August 2020 increased by 925 people. The amount of people claiming in August 2020 was 5.0% higher than the number in July 2020. This compares to a 3.3% increase in the South West and a 3.2% increase in the UK.

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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 and Universal Credit who are not in work in August 2020

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

**Claimant rate:** The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in August 2020

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

### CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	4,025
Claimant count change on previous month:	4.4%
Claimant rate:	5.5%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way, and Oakley (8.5%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	5,105
Claimant count change on previous month:	4.0%
Claimant rate:	6.3%
Highest claiming wards	Barton and Tredworth (11.5%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	2,230
Claimant count change on previous month:	5.2%
Claimant rate:	4.3%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (7.0%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	3,050
Claimant count change on previous month:	6.8%
Claimant rate:	4.3%
Highest claiming wards	Central (8.0%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	2,610
Claimant count change on previous month:	5.7%
Claimant rate:	5.1%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (8.8%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	2,445
Claimant count change on previous month:	5.2%
Claimant rate:	4.3%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (6.4%)

## 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

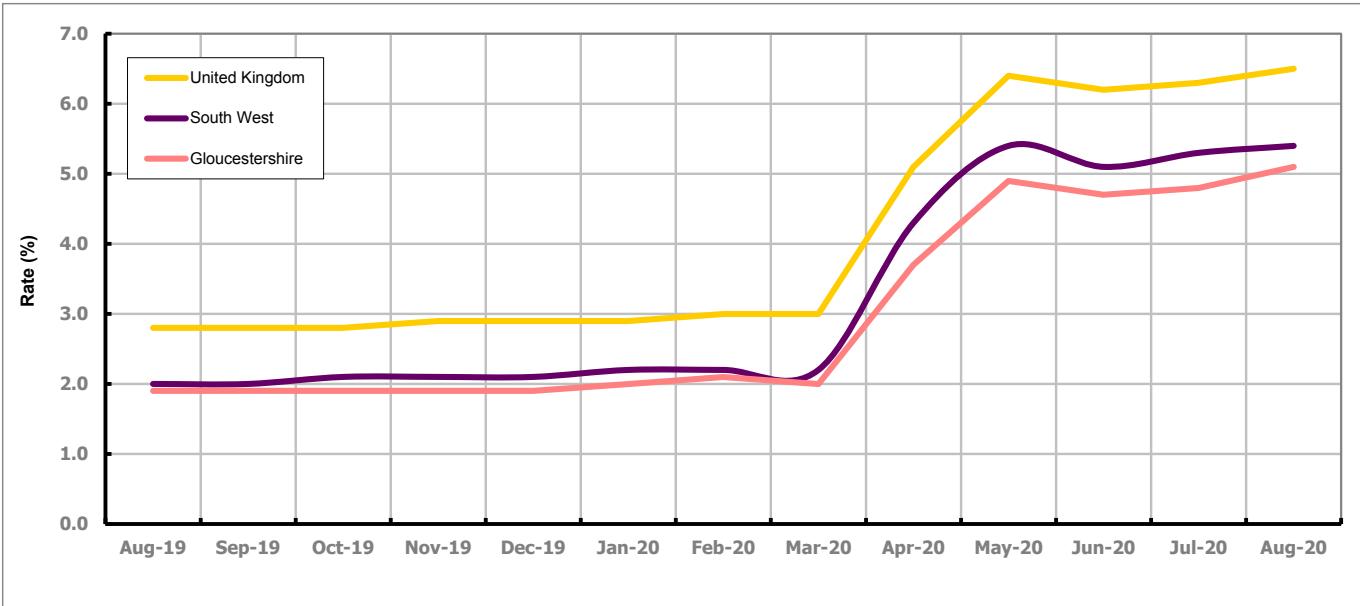


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 5.1% in August 2020. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.1% lower than the UK average since the same month last year.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in August 2020	% change on July 2020	Consecutive months increasing
UK	2,726,510	3.2%	1
South West	183,350	3.3%	1
Gloucestershire	19,460	5.0%	1

Table 1 shows that in August 2020, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 5.0% higher than the number in July 2020.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - August 2020

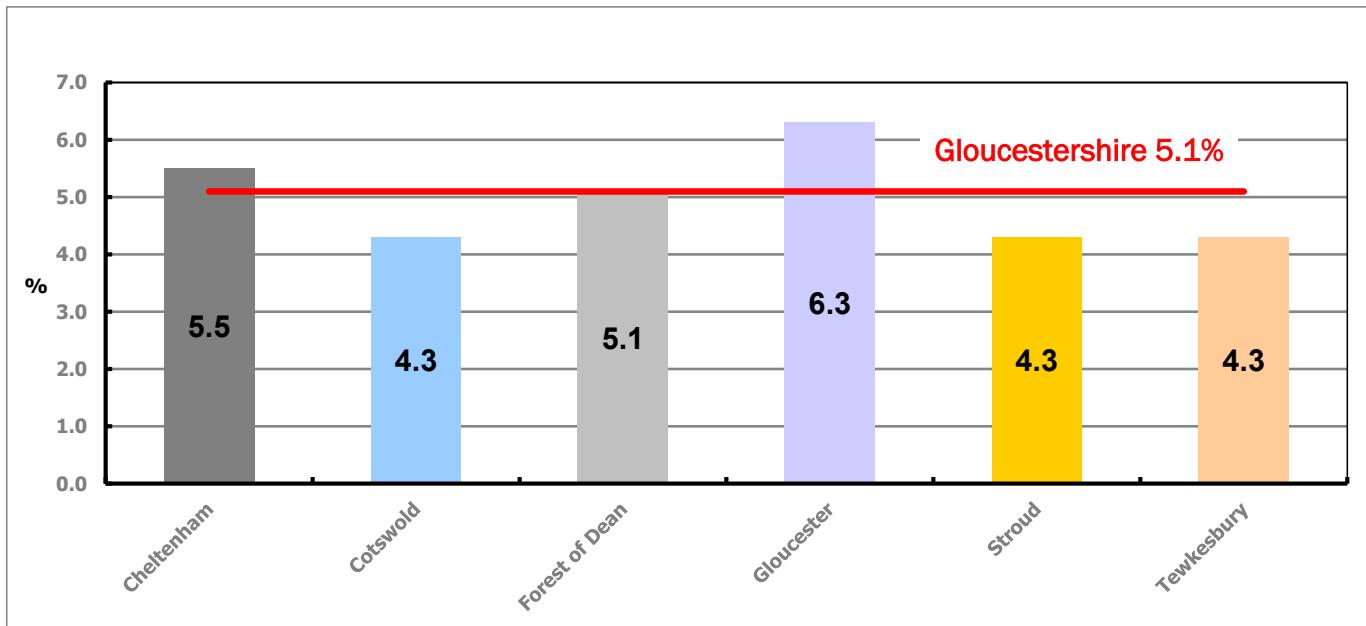


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for August 2020 in Gloucestershire. Between July 2020 and August 2020 the rate increased in all districts.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Aug 20 Number	Aug 20 Rate	Jul 20 Number	Jul 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	19,460	5.1	18,535	4.8	925	5.0%	0.3
Cheltenham	4,025	5.5	3,855	5.3	170	4.4%	0.2
Cotswold	2,230	4.3	2,120	4.1	110	5.2%	0.2
Forest of Dean	2,610	5.1	2,470	4.8	140	5.7%	0.3
Gloucester	5,105	6.3	4,910	6.0	195	4.0%	0.3
Stroud	3,050	4.3	2,855	4.0	195	6.8%	0.3
Tewkesbury	2,445	4.3	2,325	4.1	120	5.2%	0.2

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in August 2020 compared to July 2020. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Aug 20 Number	Aug 20 Rate	Jul 20 Number	Jul 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	11,500	6.0	11,050	5.8	450	4.1%	0.2
Cheltenham	2,410	6.6	2,335	6.4	75	3.2%	0.2
Cotswold	1,250	5.0	1,205	4.8	45	3.7%	0.2
Forest of Dean	1,515	6.0	1,440	5.7	75	5.2%	0.3
Gloucester	3,165	7.8	3,070	7.5	95	3.1%	0.3
Stroud	1,745	4.9	1,640	4.6	105	6.4%	0.3
Tewkesbury	1,420	5.1	1,360	4.9	60	4.4%	0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in August 2020 compared to July 2020. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Aug 20 Number	Aug 20 Rate	Jul 20 Number	Jul 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	7,960	4.1	7,485	3.9	475	6.3%	0.2
Cheltenham	1,615	4.5	1,520	4.2	95	6.3%	0.3
Cotswold	975	3.7	910	3.4	65	7.1%	0.3
Forest of Dean	1,095	4.2	1,030	4.0	65	6.3%	0.2
Gloucester	1,940	4.8	1,840	4.5	100	5.4%	0.3
Stroud	1,305	3.6	1,215	3.4	90	7.4%	0.2
Tewkesbury	1,025	3.6	965	3.4	60	6.2%	0.2

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in August 2020 compared to July 2020. 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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

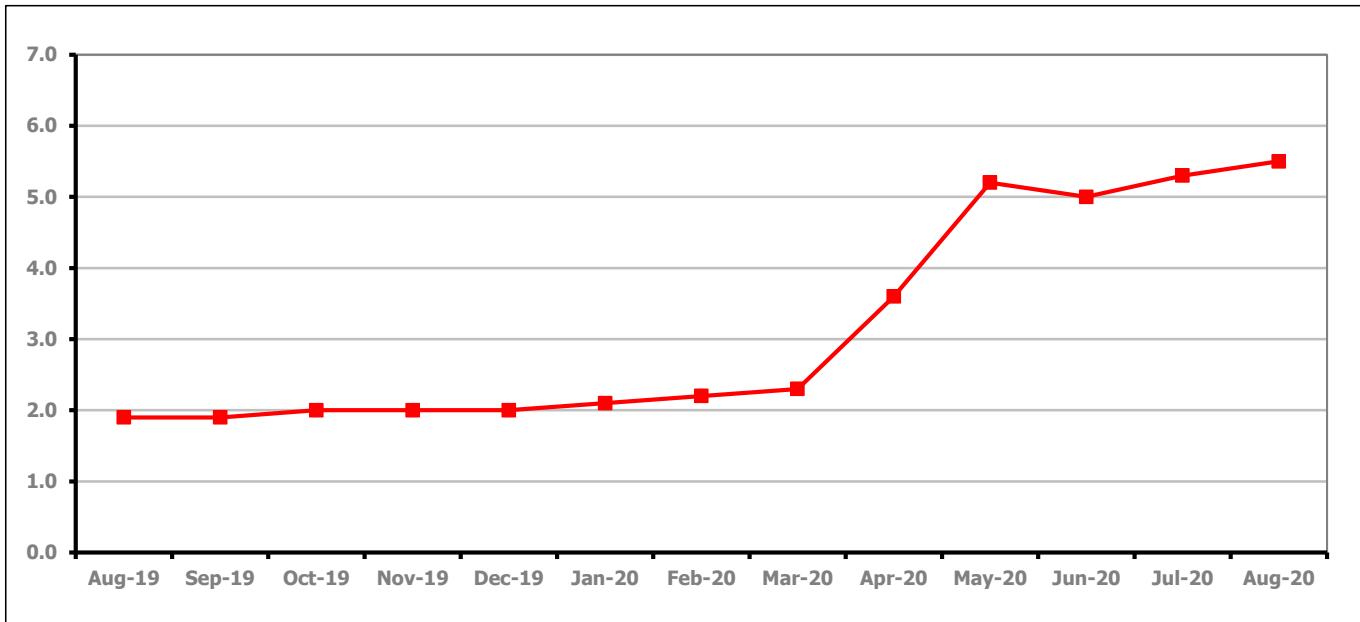


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased to 5.5% in August 2020.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - August 2020

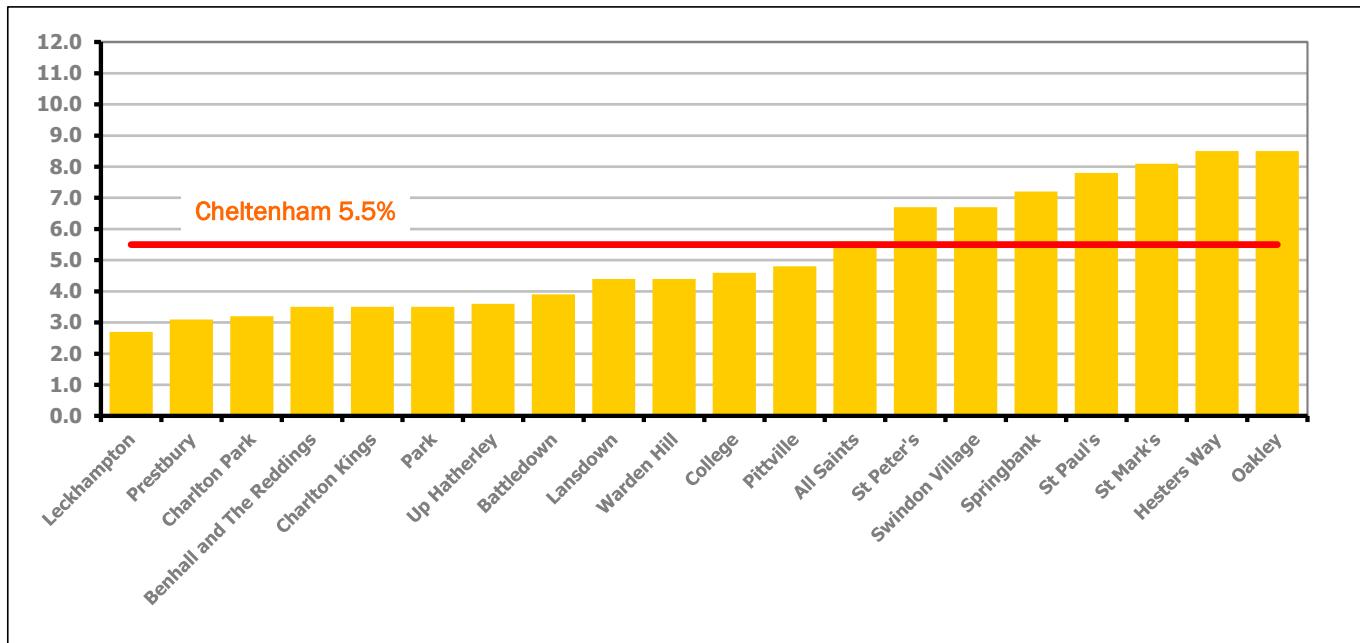


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 5.5%. Eight wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - August 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	2.7	4
Cheltenham	Prestbury	3.1	14
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	3.2	20
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	3.5	32
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	3.5	32
Cheltenham	Park	3.5	32
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	3.6	39
Cheltenham	Battledown	3.9	50
Cheltenham	Lansdown	4.4	72
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	4.4	72
Cheltenham	College	4.6	81
Cheltenham	Pittville	4.8	87
Cheltenham	All Saints	5.6	113
Cheltenham	St Peter's	6.7	128
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	6.7	128
Cheltenham	Springbank	7.2	133
Cheltenham	St Paul's	7.8	137
Cheltenham	St Mark's	8.1	139
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	8.5	141
Cheltenham	Oakley	8.5	141


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

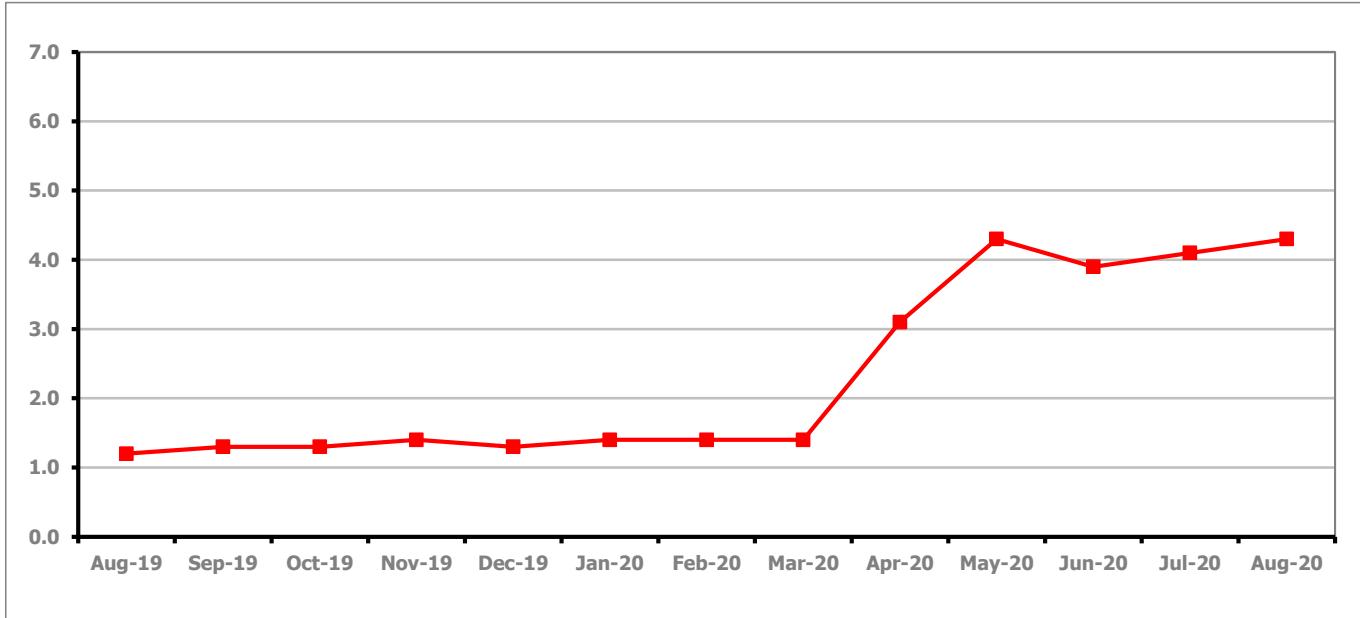
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased to 4.3% in August 2020.

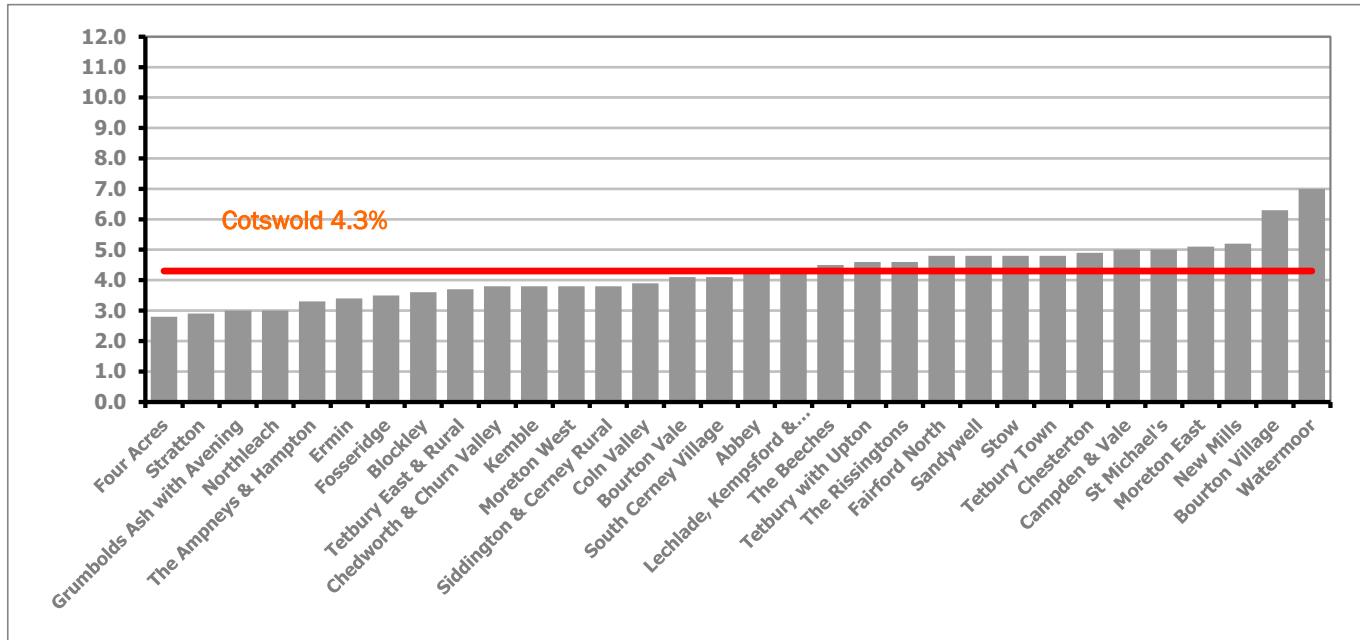
*Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - August 2020*

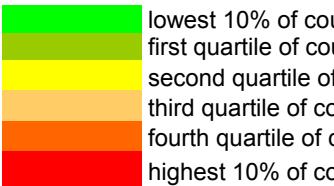
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.3%. Fourteen wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - August 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Four Acres	2.8	6
Cotswolds	Stratton	2.9	9
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	3.0	11
Cotswolds	Northleach	3.0	11
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	3.3	25
Cotswolds	Ermin	3.4	28
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	3.5	32
Cotswolds	Blockley	3.6	39
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	3.7	44
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	3.8	45
Cotswolds	Kemble	3.8	45
Cotswolds	Moreton West	3.8	45
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	3.8	45
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	3.9	50
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	4.1	62
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	4.1	62
Cotswolds	Abbey	4.3	66
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	4.3	66
Cotswolds	The Beeches	4.5	75
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	4.6	81
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	4.6	81
Cotswolds	Fairford North	4.8	87
Cotswolds	Sandywell	4.8	87
Cotswolds	Stow	4.8	87
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	4.8	87
Cotswolds	Chesterton	4.9	95
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	5.0	101
Cotswolds	St Michael's	5.0	101
Cotswolds	Moreton East	5.1	107
Cotswolds	New Mills	5.2	108
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	6.3	123
Cotswolds	Watermoor	7.0	131


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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 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

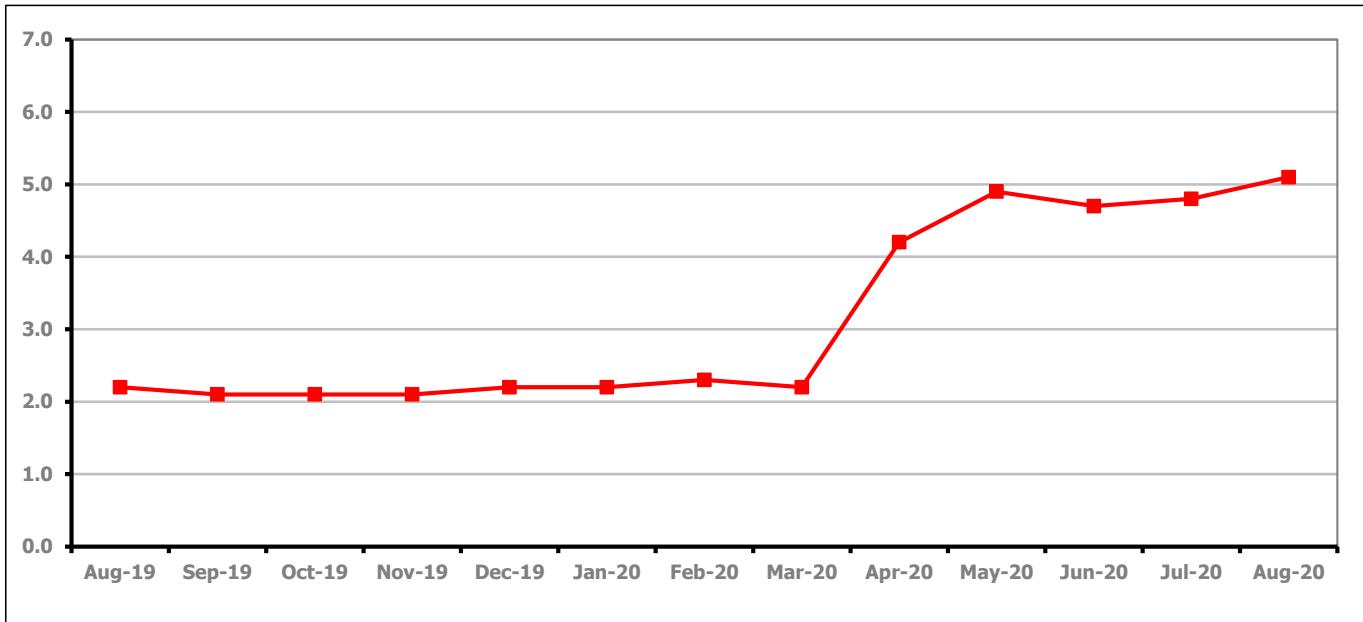


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased to 5.1% in August 2020.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - August 2020

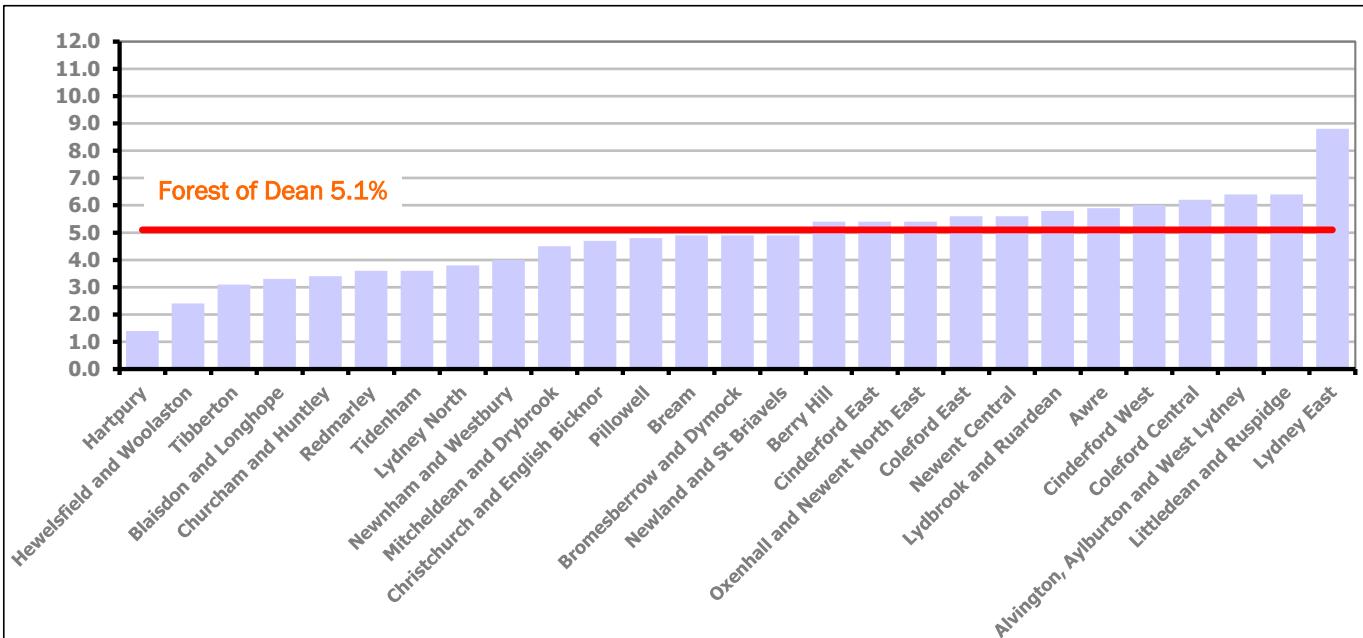


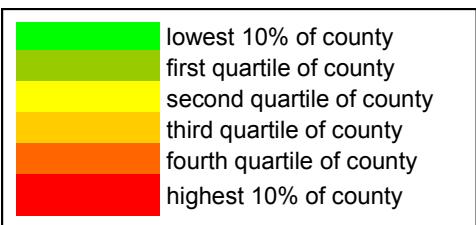
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 5.1%. Twelve wards lie above the average.

## 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 - August 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	1.4	1
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	2.4	2
Forest	Tibberton	3.1	14
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	3.3	25
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	3.4	28
Forest	Redmarley	3.6	39
Forest	Tidenham	3.6	39
Forest	Lydney North	3.8	45
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	4.0	58
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	4.5	75
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	4.7	85
Forest	Pillowell	4.8	87
Forest	Bream	4.9	95
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	4.9	95
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	4.9	95
Forest	Berry Hill	5.4	109
Forest	Cinderford East	5.4	109
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	5.4	109
Forest	Coleford East	5.6	113
Forest	Newent Central	5.6	113
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	5.8	118
Forest	Awre	5.9	119
Forest	Cinderford West	6.0	120
Forest	Coleford Central	6.2	122
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	6.4	125
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	6.4	125
Forest	Lydney East	8.8	144



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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

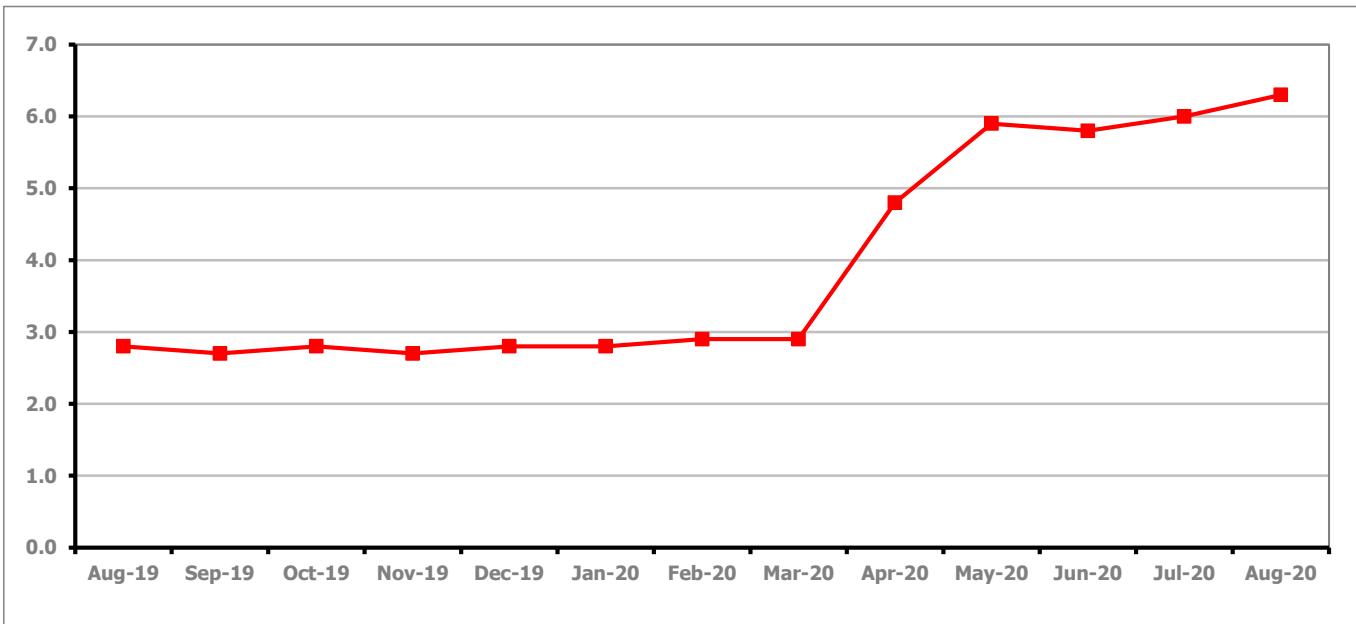


Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased to 6.3% in August 2020.

Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - August 2020

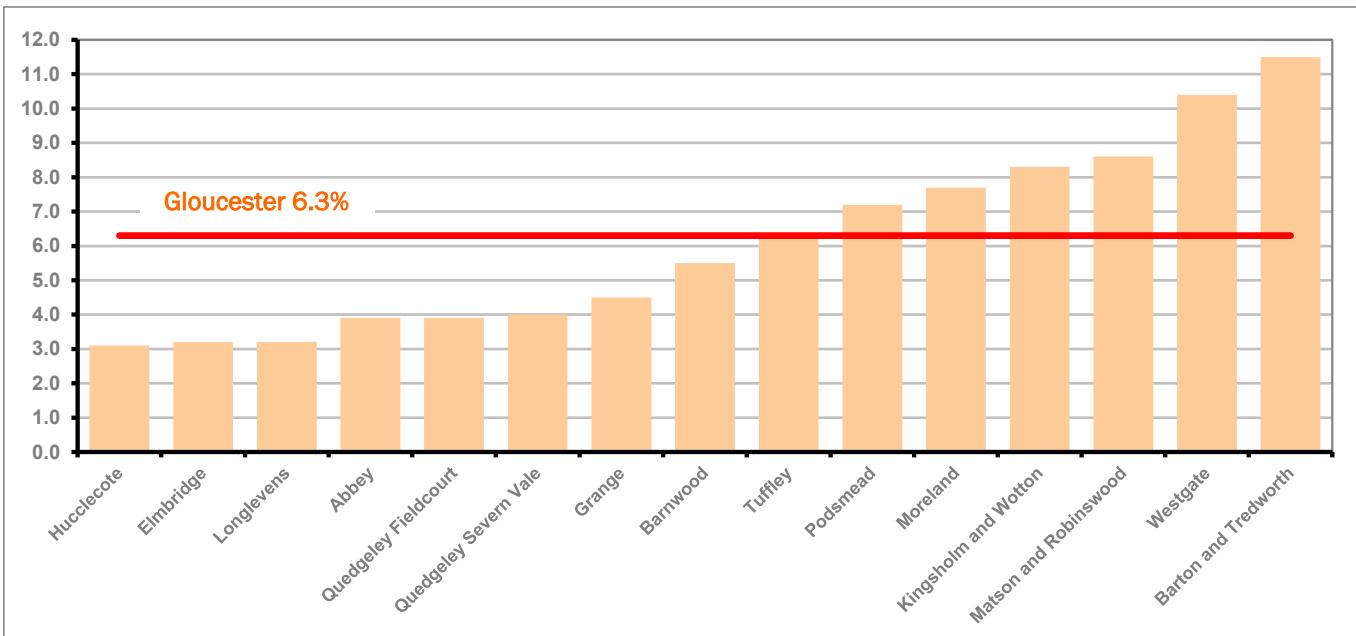


Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 6.3%. Six wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - August 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Hucclecote	3.1	14
Gloucester	Elmbridge	3.2	20
Gloucester	Longlevens	3.2	20
Gloucester	Abbey	3.9	50
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	3.9	50
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	4.0	58
Gloucester	Grange	4.5	75
Gloucester	Barnwood	5.5	112
Gloucester	Tuffley	6.3	123
Gloucester	Podsmead	7.2	133
Gloucester	Moreland	7.7	136
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	8.3	140
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	8.6	143
Gloucester	Westgate	10.4	145
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	11.5	146

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

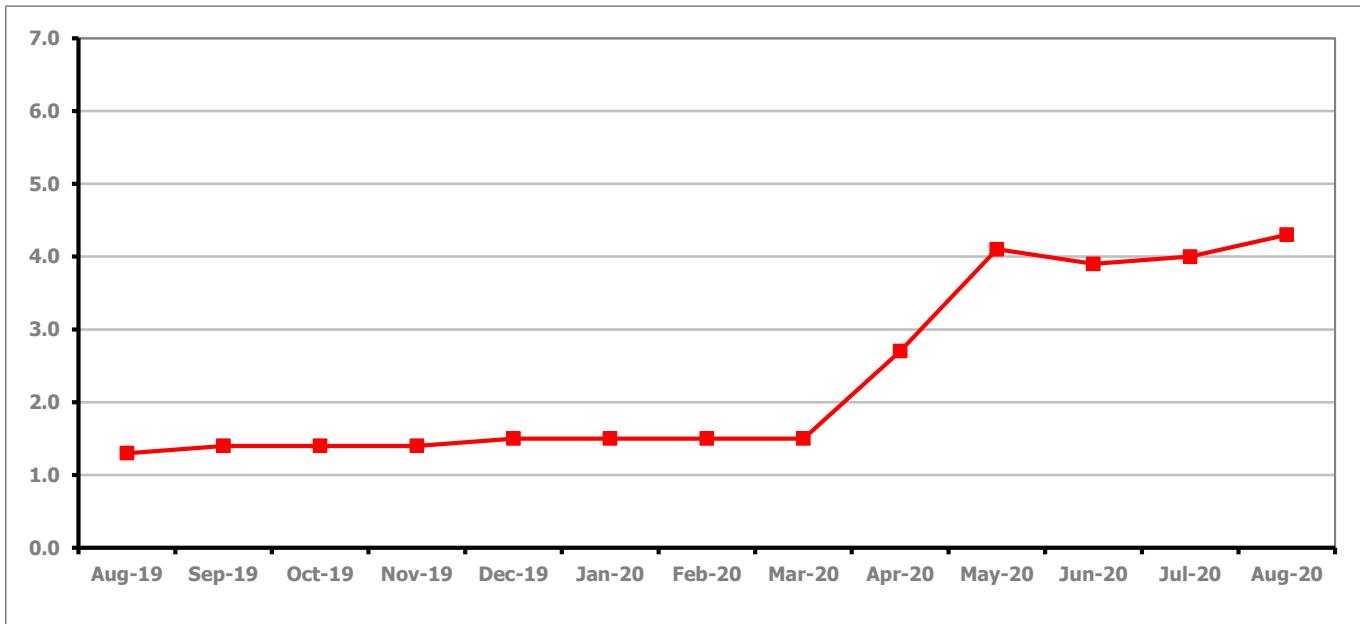
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased to 4.3% in August 2020.

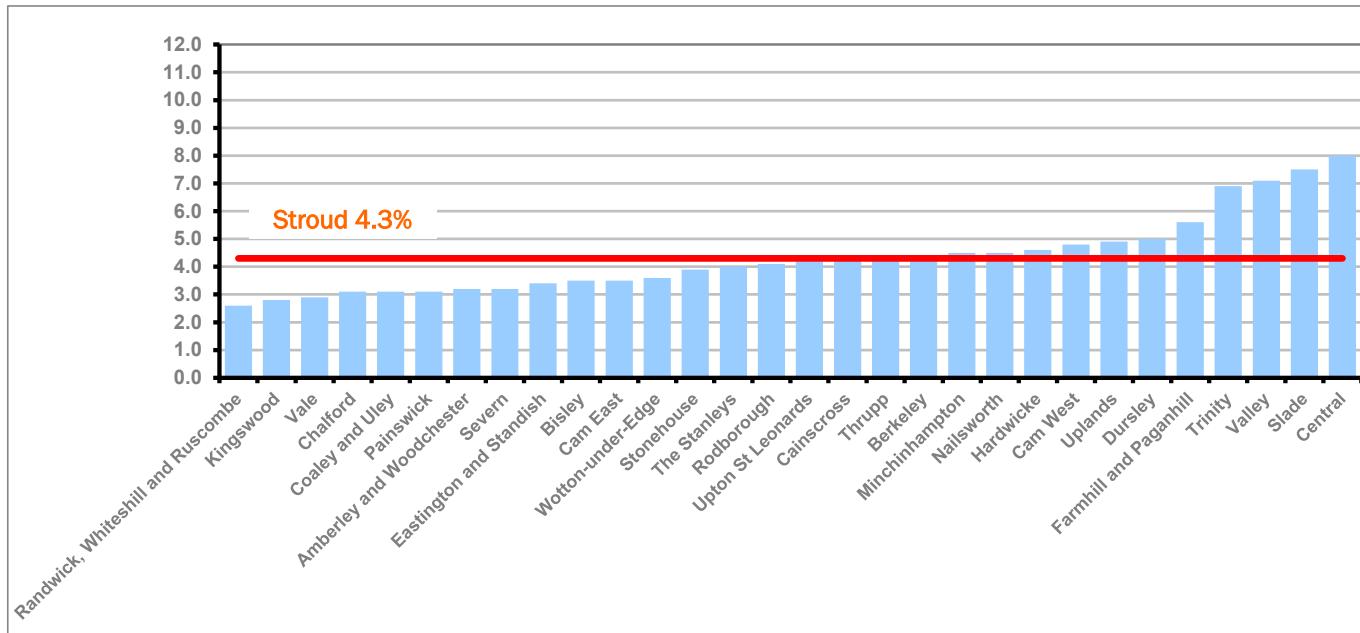
*Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - August 2020*

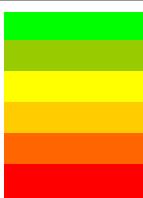
Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.3%. Twelve wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - August 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	2.6	3
Stroud	Kingswood	2.8	6
Stroud	Vale	2.9	9
Stroud	Chalford	3.1	14
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	3.1	14
Stroud	Painswick	3.1	14
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	3.2	20
Stroud	Severn	3.2	20
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	3.4	28
Stroud	Bisley	3.5	32
Stroud	Cam East	3.5	32
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	3.6	39
Stroud	Stonehouse	3.9	50
Stroud	The Stanleys	4.0	58
Stroud	Rodborough	4.1	62
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	4.2	65
Stroud	Cainscross	4.3	66
Stroud	Thrupp	4.3	66
Stroud	Berkeley	4.4	72
Stroud	Minchinhampton	4.5	75
Stroud	Nailsworth	4.5	75
Stroud	Hardwicke	4.6	81
Stroud	Cam West	4.8	87
Stroud	Uplands	4.9	95
Stroud	Dursley	5.0	101
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	5.6	113
Stroud	Trinity	6.9	130
Stroud	Valley	7.1	132
Stroud	Slade	7.5	135
Stroud	Central	8.0	138


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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

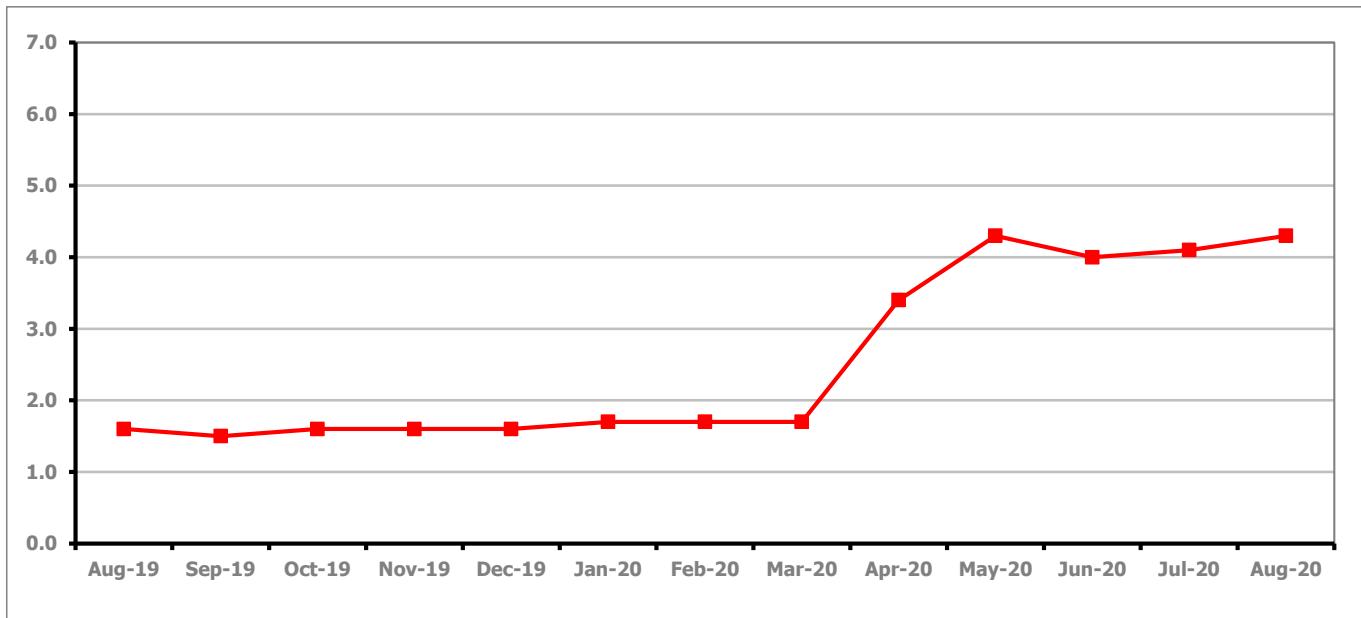


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough increased to 4.3% in August 2020.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - August 2020

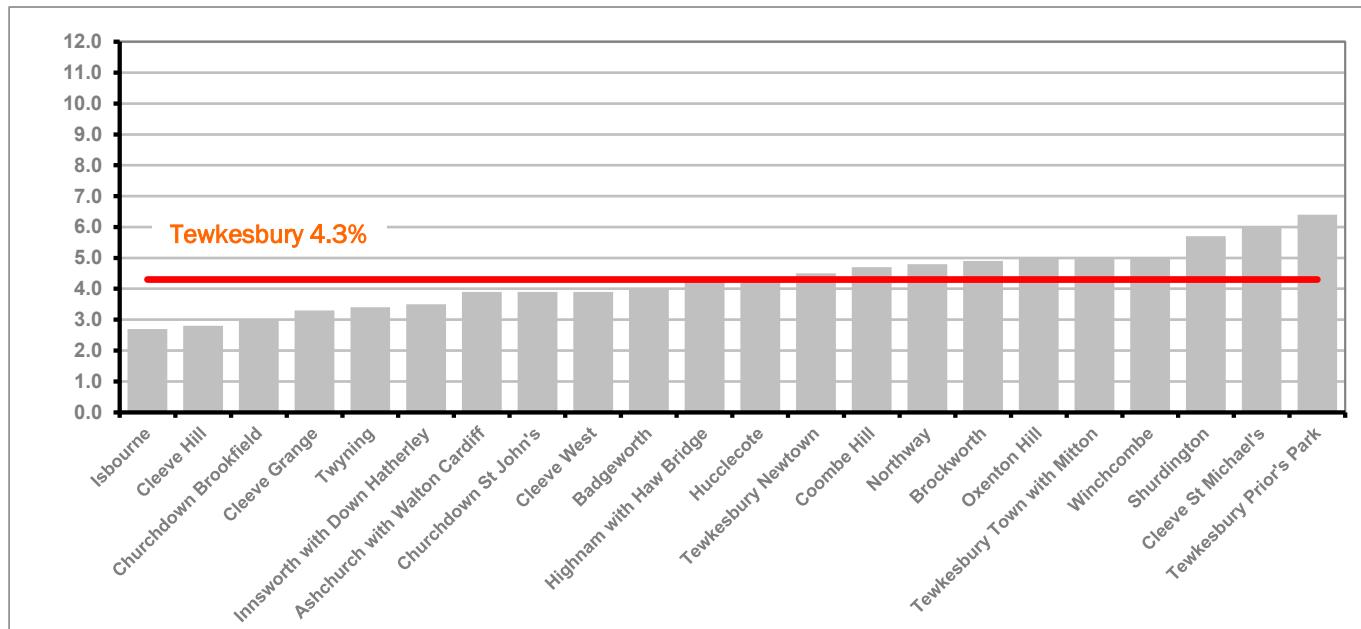


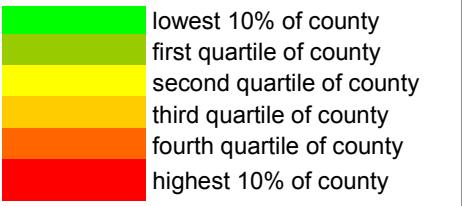
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.3%. Ten wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - August 2020

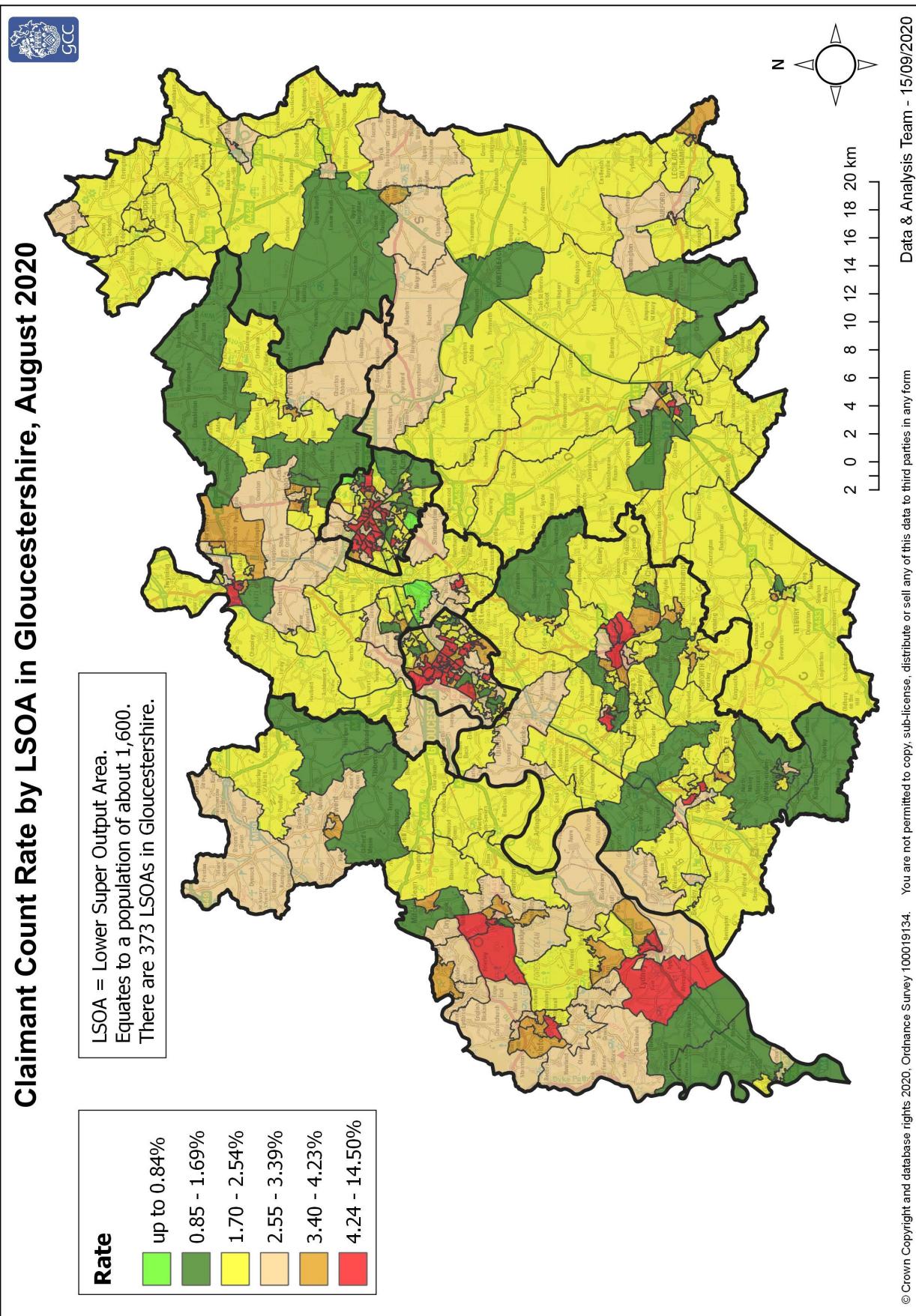
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.7	4
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	2.8	6
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	3.0	11
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	3.3	25
Tewkesbury	Twyning	3.4	28
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	3.5	32
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	3.9	50
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	3.9	50
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	3.9	50
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	4.0	58
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	4.3	66
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	4.3	66
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	4.5	75
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	4.7	85
Tewkesbury	Northway	4.8	87
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	4.9	95
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	5.0	101
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	5.0	101
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	5.0	101
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	5.7	117
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	6.0	120
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	6.4	125


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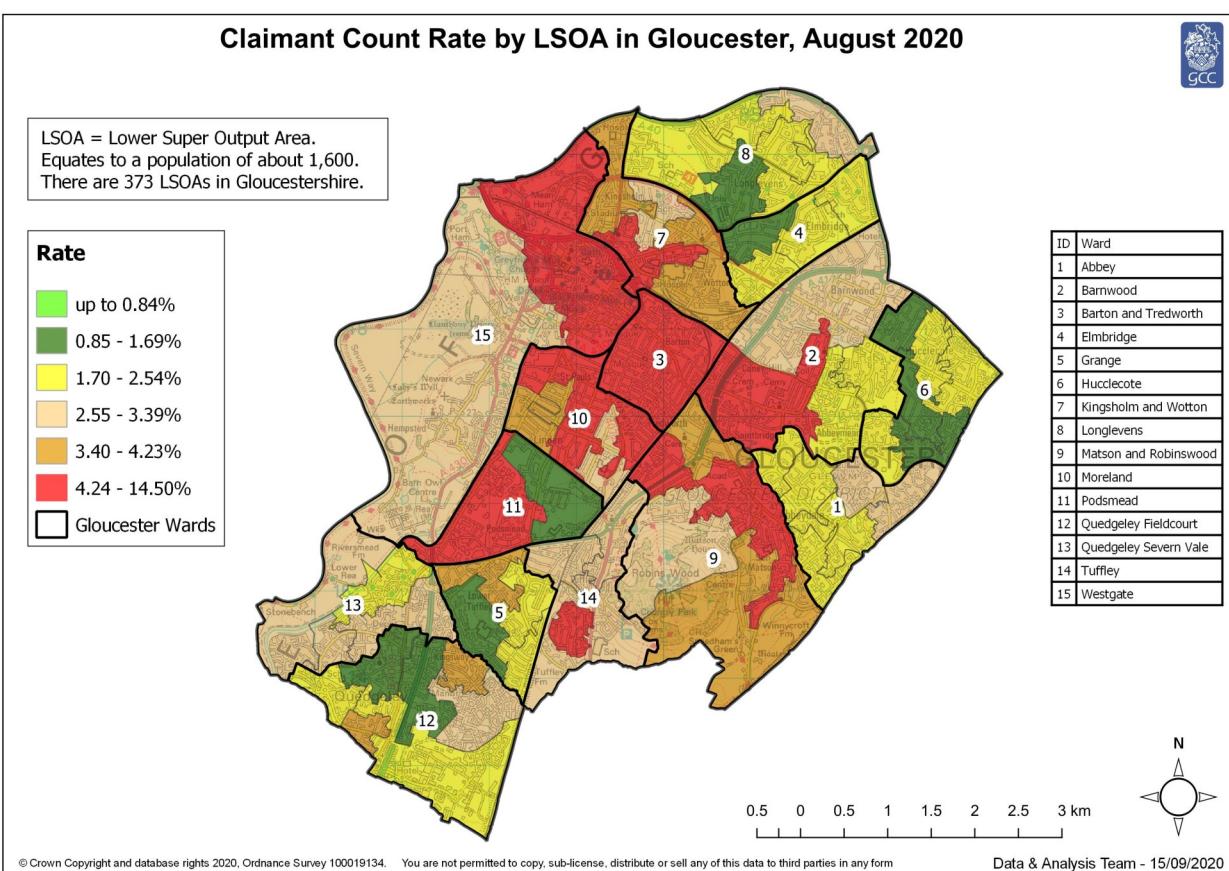
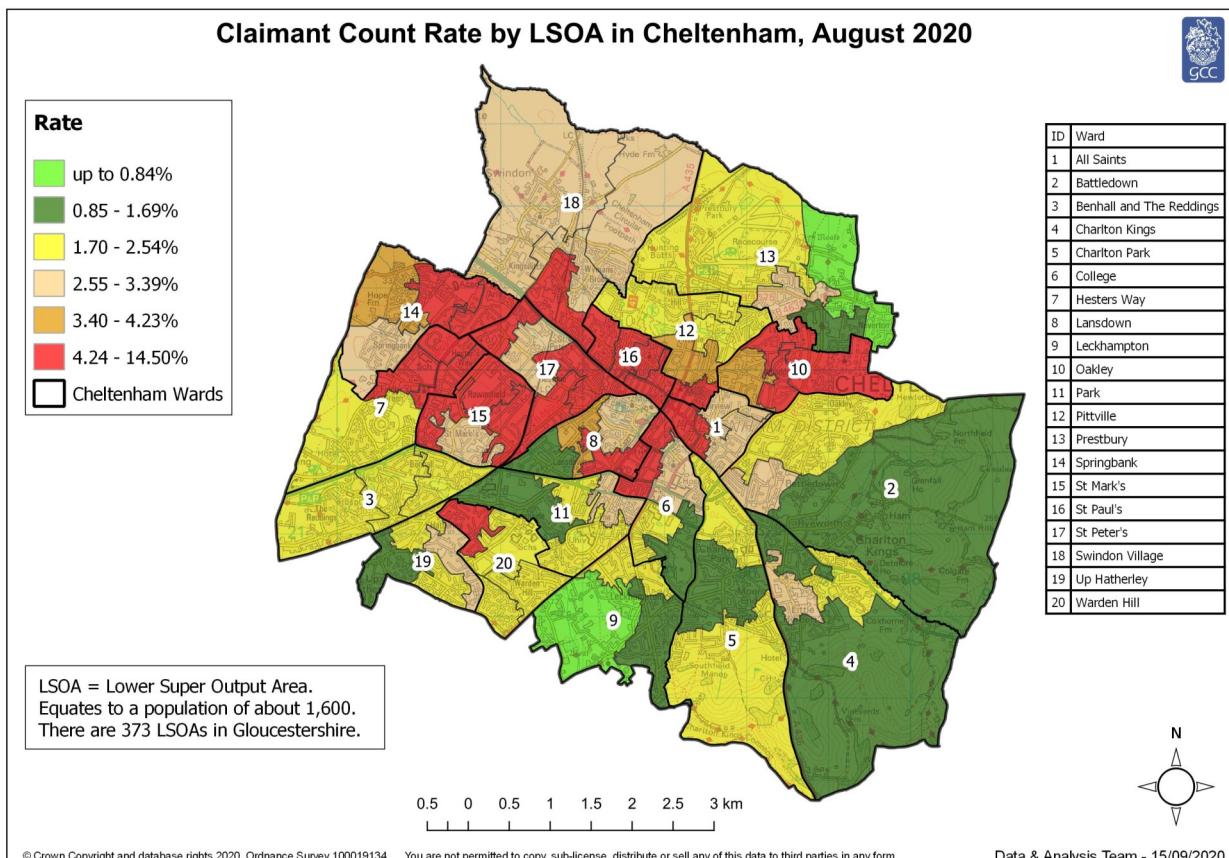
\* 1 = "best" and 146 = "worst"

Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury Borough 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: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT(18-24 year olds)

### Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

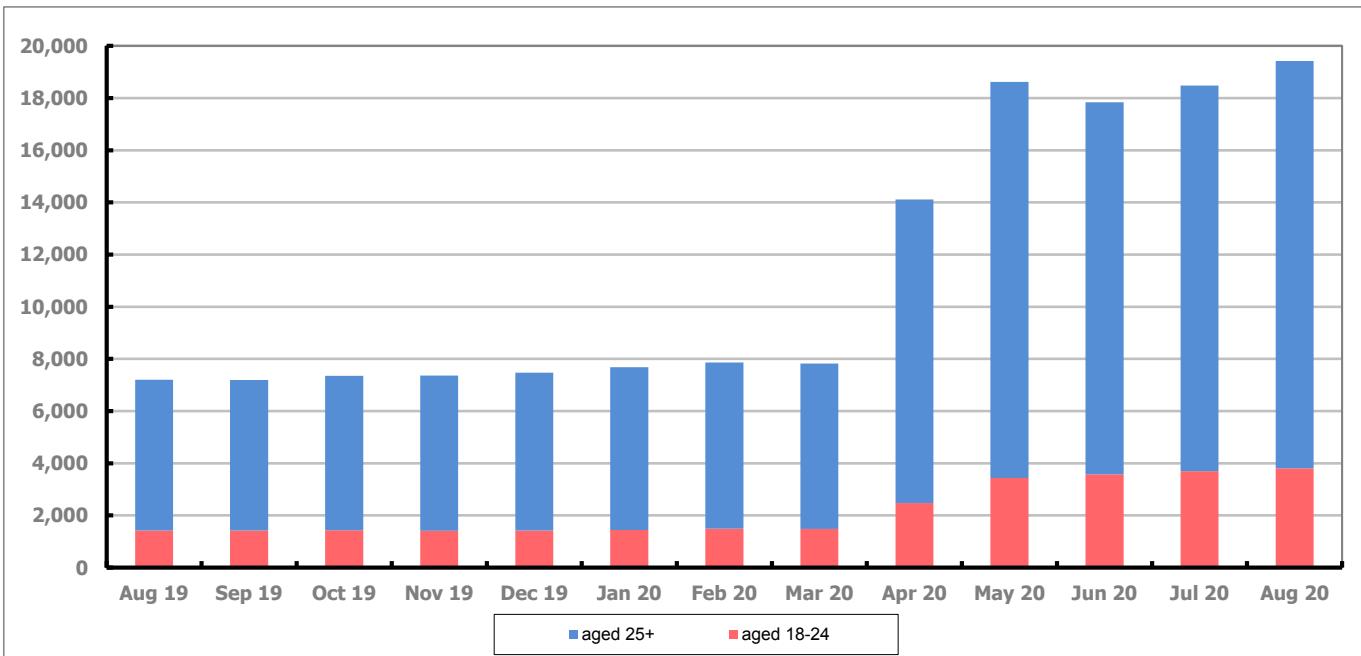


Figure 15 shows that in August 2020, 3,800 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.5% of total working age claimants.

## 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 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 August 2020 there were 402 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 3.15%. The total number of NEET young people increased by 2 in August 2020 compared to July 2020, two districts saw a increase in their figures, two districts saw a decrease and two districts stayed the same.

### Total NEET Group by District Area

August 2020 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
<b>Total NEET</b>	61	32	61	142	57	49	402
<b>Cohort</b>	2235	1752	1651	2973	2515	1825	12951
<b>% NEET</b>	2.73	1.83	3.69	4.78	2.27	2.68	3.15*

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact [Lynne.Speak@Prospects.co.uk](mailto: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.