

Unemployment Bulletin

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Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 09 December 2021. 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.**

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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.

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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.

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PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.9% in December 2021. The South West rate decreased to 3.2% and the UK rate decreased to 4.4%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 3.2%, and 1.5% lower than the UK average of 4.4%.

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The claimant count in Gloucestershire in December 2021 decreased by 185 people. The amount of people claiming in December 2021 was 1.6% lower than the number in November 2021. This compares to a 1.8% decrease in both the South West and the UK.

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 December 2021

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in December 2021

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

CHEL滕HAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	2,385
Claimant count change on previous month:	-3.4%
Claimant rate:	3.3%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Oakley (6.0%)

GLouceSTER CITY

Claimant count:	3,290
Claimant count change on previous month:	-1.9%
Claimant rate:	4.0%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Barton and Tredworth (8.6%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,220
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watermoor (5.2%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,600
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.3%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Central (5.2%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,475
Claimant count change on previous month:	-1.3%
Claimant rate:	2.9%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Lydney East (5.6%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,325
Claimant count change on previous month:	-1.9%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (4.2%)

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

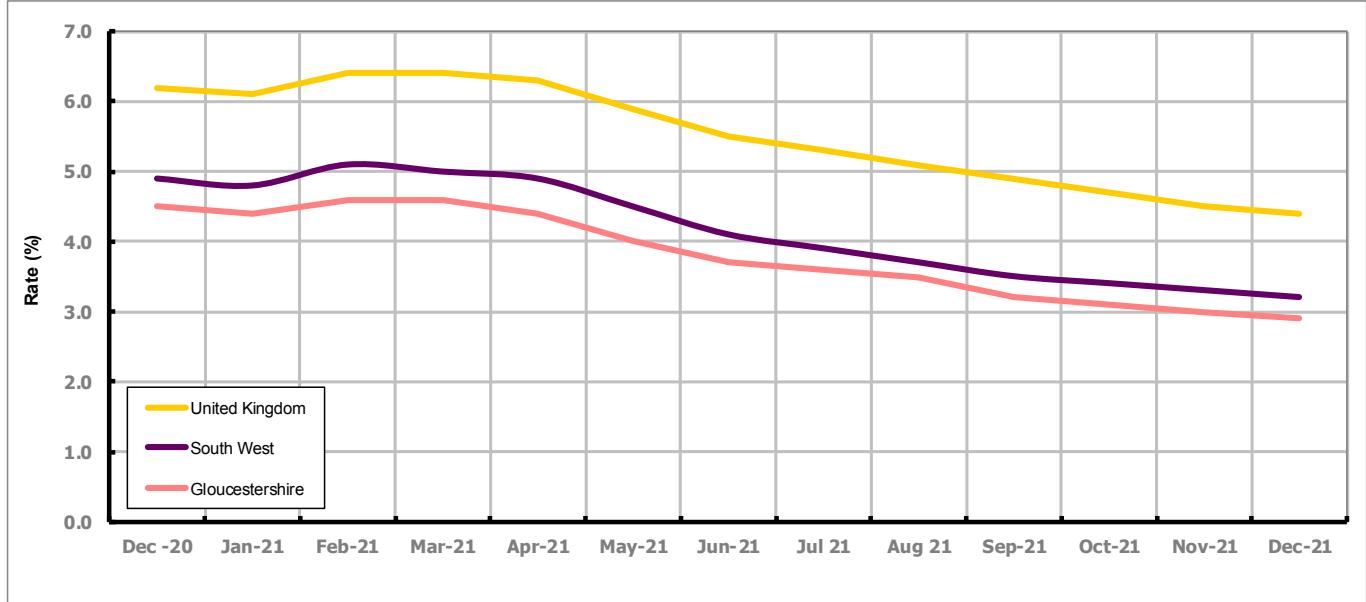


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.9% in December 2021. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.7% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in December 2021	% change on November 2021	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,848,050	-1.8%	0
South West	109,170	-1.8%	0
Gloucestershire	11,295	-1.6%	0

Table 1 shows that in December 2021, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.6% lower than the number in November 2021.

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Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - December 2021

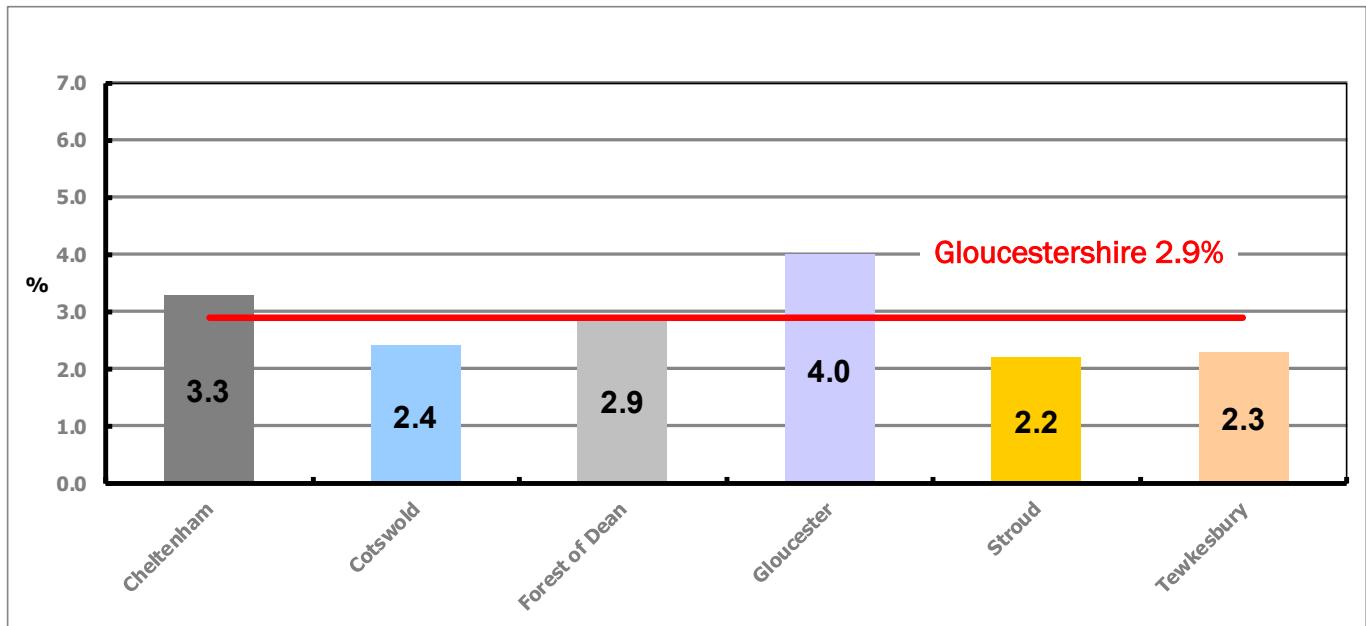


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for December 2021 in Gloucestershire. Between November 2021 and December 2021 the rate decreased in all districts except Cotswold, Forest of Dean and Stroud which remained the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Dec 21 Number	Dec 21 Rate	Nov 21 Number	Nov 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	11,295	2.9	11,480	3.0	-185	-1.6%	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,385	3.3	2,470	3.4	-85	-3.4%	-0.1
Cotswold	1,220	2.4	1,220	2.4	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,475	2.9	1,495	2.9	-20	-1.3%	0.0
Gloucester	3,290	4.0	3,355	4.1	-65	-1.9%	-0.1
Stroud	1,600	2.2	1,595	2.2	5	0.3%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,325	2.3	1,350	2.4	-25	-1.9%	-0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in December 2021 compared to November 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants except Stroud which saw an increase, and Cotswold which remained the same.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Dec 21 Number	Dec 21 Rate	Nov 21 Number	Nov 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,415	3.4	6,475	3.4	-60	-0.9%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,430	3.9	1,465	4.0	-35	-2.4%	-0.1
Cotswold	645	2.6	650	2.6	-5	-0.8%	0.0
Forest of Dean	795	3.1	805	3.2	-10	-1.2%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,950	4.8	1,990	4.9	-40	-2.0%	-0.1
Stroud	865	2.4	840	2.4	25	3.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	735	2.6	730	2.6	5	0.7%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in December 2021 compared to November 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants except Stroud and Tewkesbury which saw an increase.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Dec 21 Number	Dec 21 Rate	Nov 21 Number	Nov 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,880	2.5	5,000	2.6	-120	-2.4%	-0.1
Cheltenham	955	2.7	1,005	2.8	-50	-5.0%	-0.1
Cotswold	575	2.2	570	2.1	5	0.9%	0.1
Forest of Dean	680	2.6	685	2.7	-5	-0.7%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,340	3.3	1,365	3.4	-25	-1.8%	-0.1
Stroud	735	2.0	755	2.1	-20	-2.6%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	590	2.0	620	2.1	-30	-4.8%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in December 2021 compared to November 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of female claimants, except Cotswold which saw an increase.

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

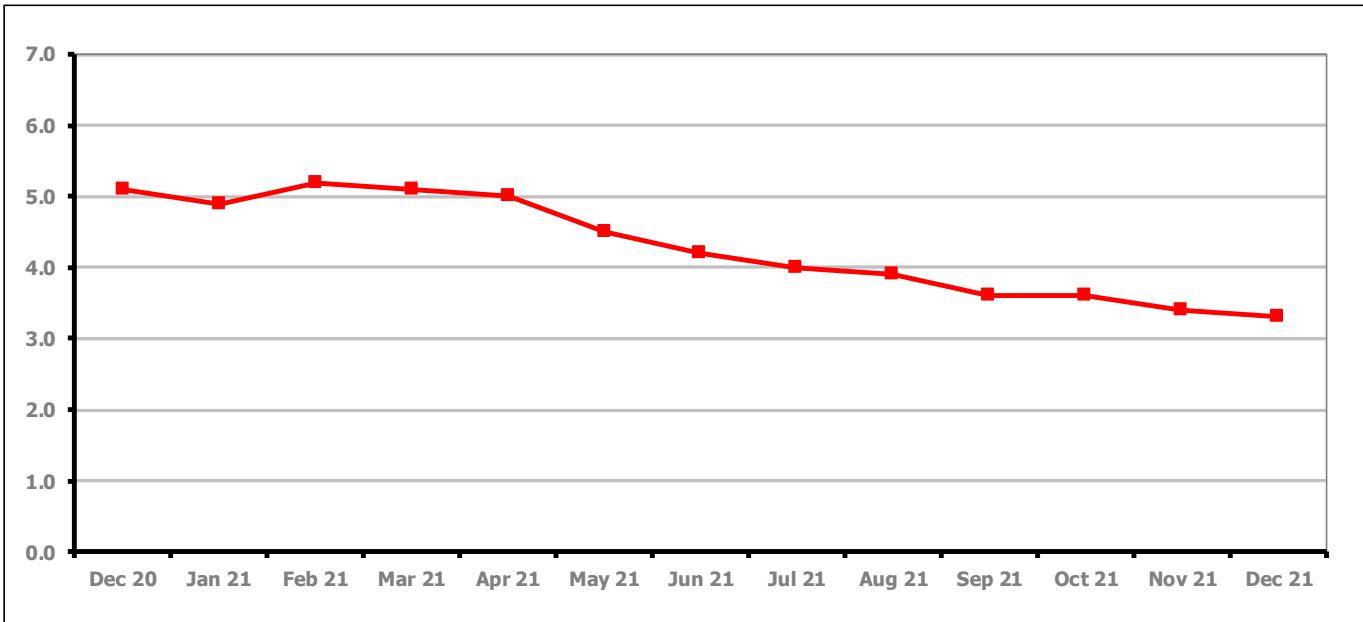


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased to 3.3% in December 2021.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - December 2021

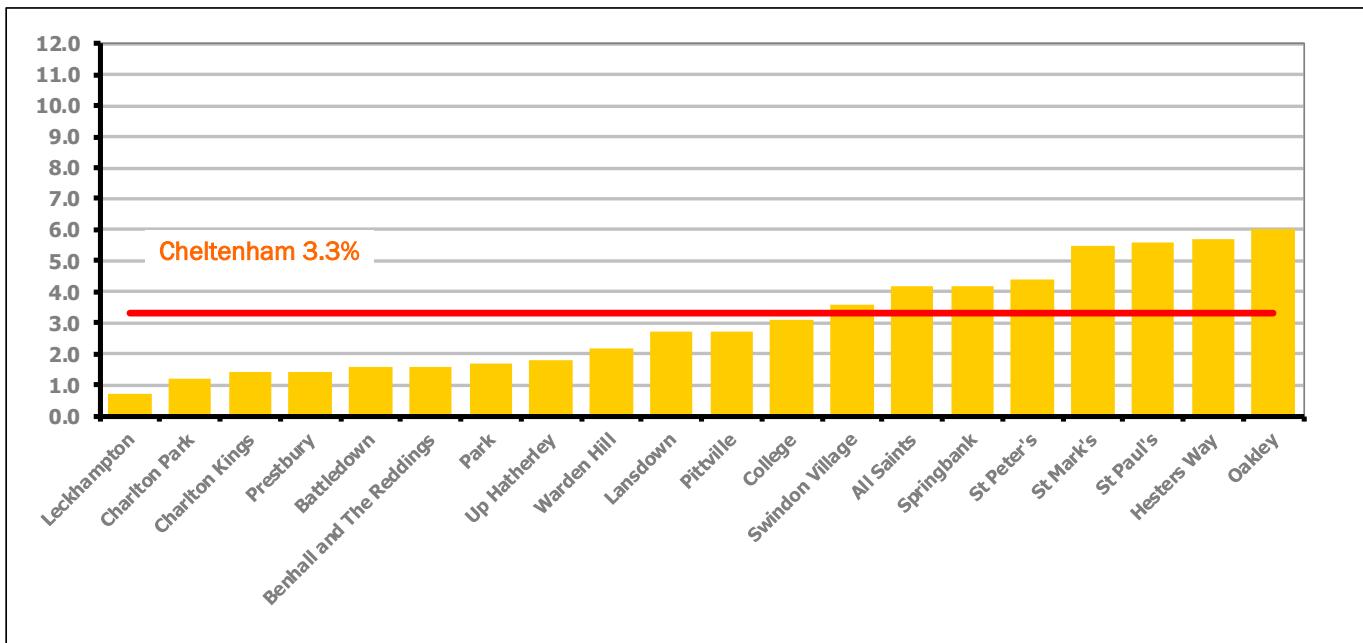


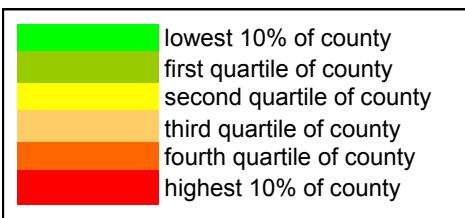
Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.3%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - December 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.7	1
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.2	3
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.4	9
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.4	9
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.6	17
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.6	17
Cheltenham	Park	1.7	29
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.8	35
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.2	63
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.7	85
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.7	85
Cheltenham	College	3.1	101
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.6	111
Cheltenham	All Saints	4.2	119
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.2	119
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.4	122
Cheltenham	St Mark's	5.5	131
Cheltenham	St Paul's	5.6	132
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	5.7	134
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.0	136



* 1 = "best" and 138 = "worst"

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

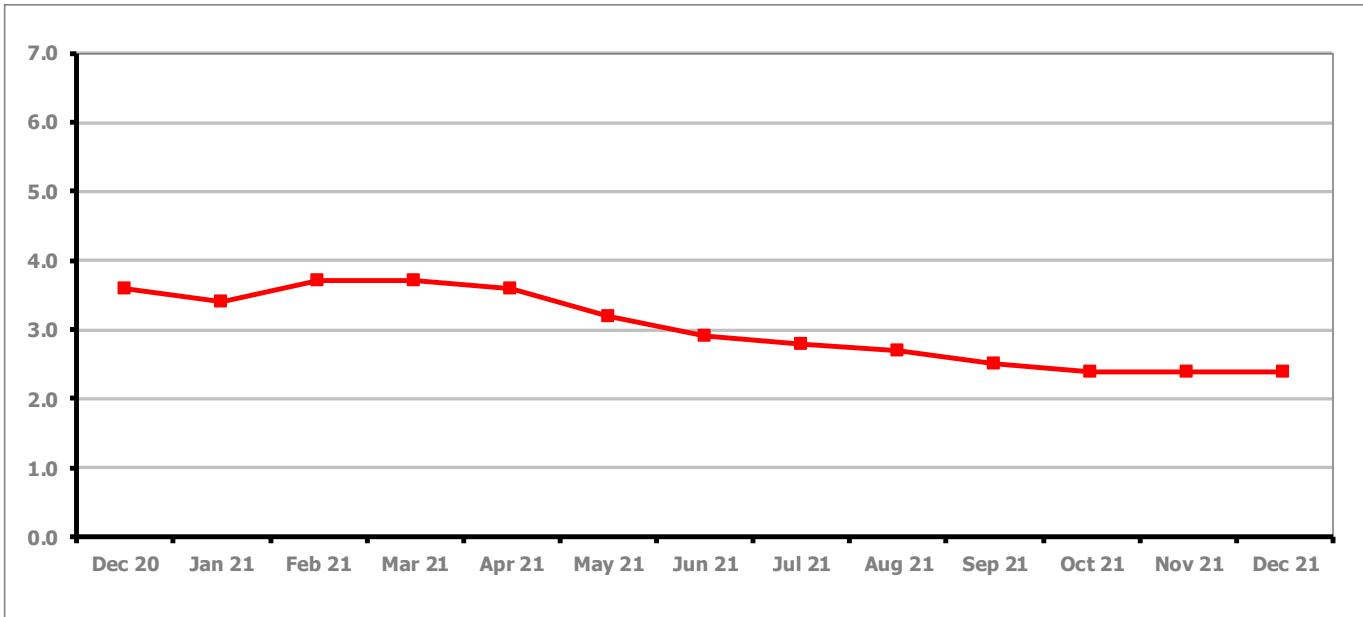
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained at 2.4% in December 2021.

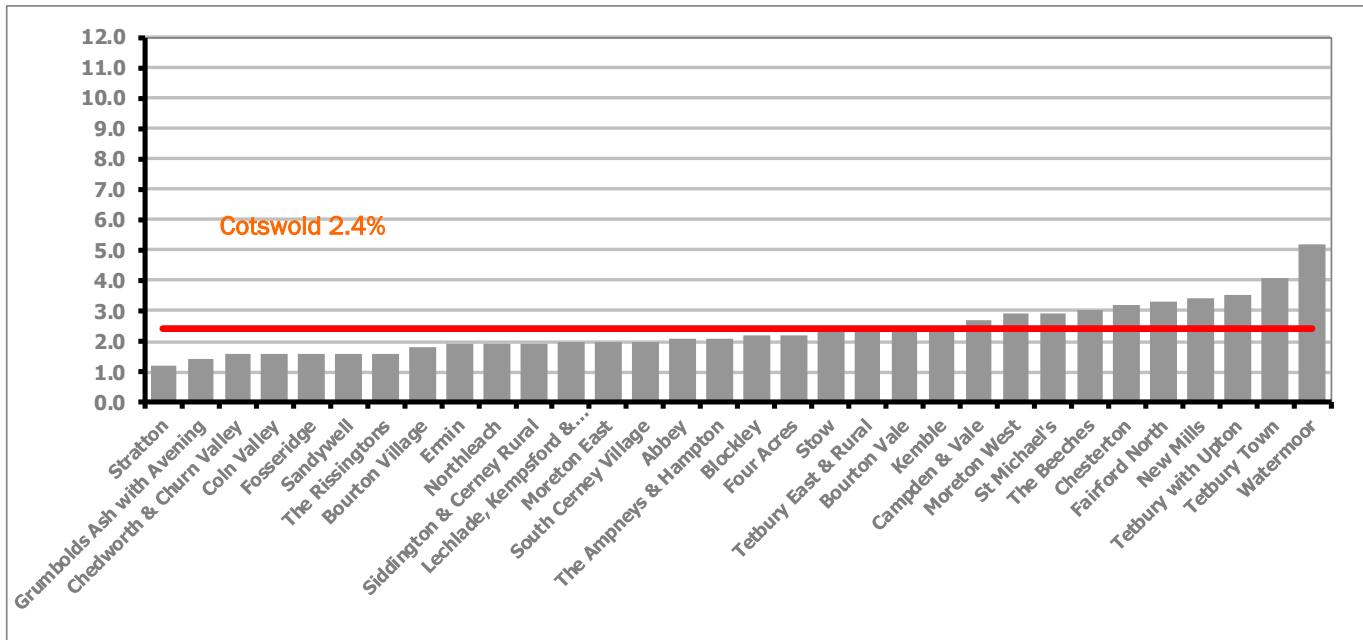
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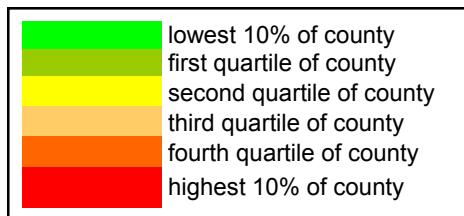
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.4%. Ten wards lie above the average.

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4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - December 2021

Cotswolds	Stratton	1.2	3
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.4	9
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.6	17
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	1.6	17
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.6	17
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.6	17
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.6	17
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	1.8	35
Cotswolds	Ermin	1.9	39
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.9	39
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.9	39
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	2.0	44
Cotswolds	Moreton East	2.0	44
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	2.0	44
Cotswolds	Abbey	2.1	52
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	2.1	52
Cotswolds	Blockley	2.2	63
Cotswolds	Four Acres	2.2	63
Cotswolds	Stow	2.3	66
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	2.3	66
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	2.4	76
Cotswolds	Kemble	2.4	76
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	2.7	85
Cotswolds	Moreton West	2.9	94
Cotswolds	St Michael's	2.9	94
Cotswolds	The Beeches	3.0	99
Cotswolds	Chesterton	3.2	103
Cotswolds	Fairford North	3.3	105
Cotswolds	New Mills	3.4	108
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	3.5	110
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	4.1	118
Cotswolds	Watermoor	5.2	126



* 1 = "best" and 138 = "worst"

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

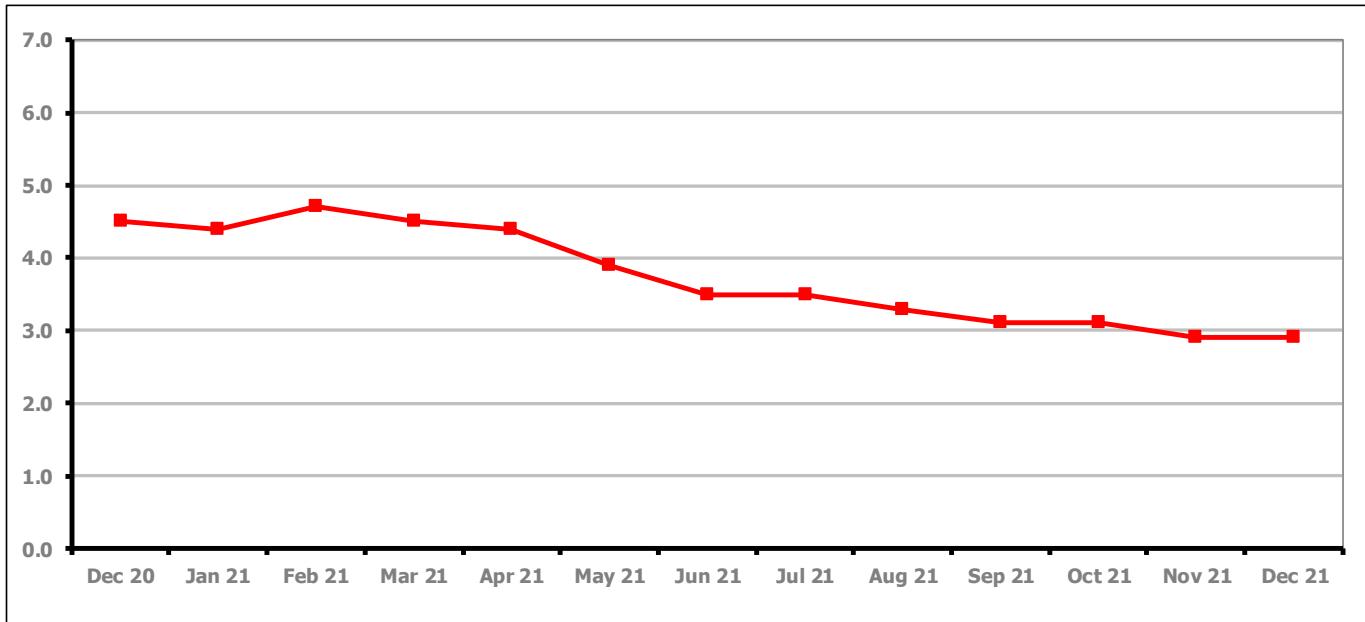


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained at 2.9% in December 2021.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - December 2021

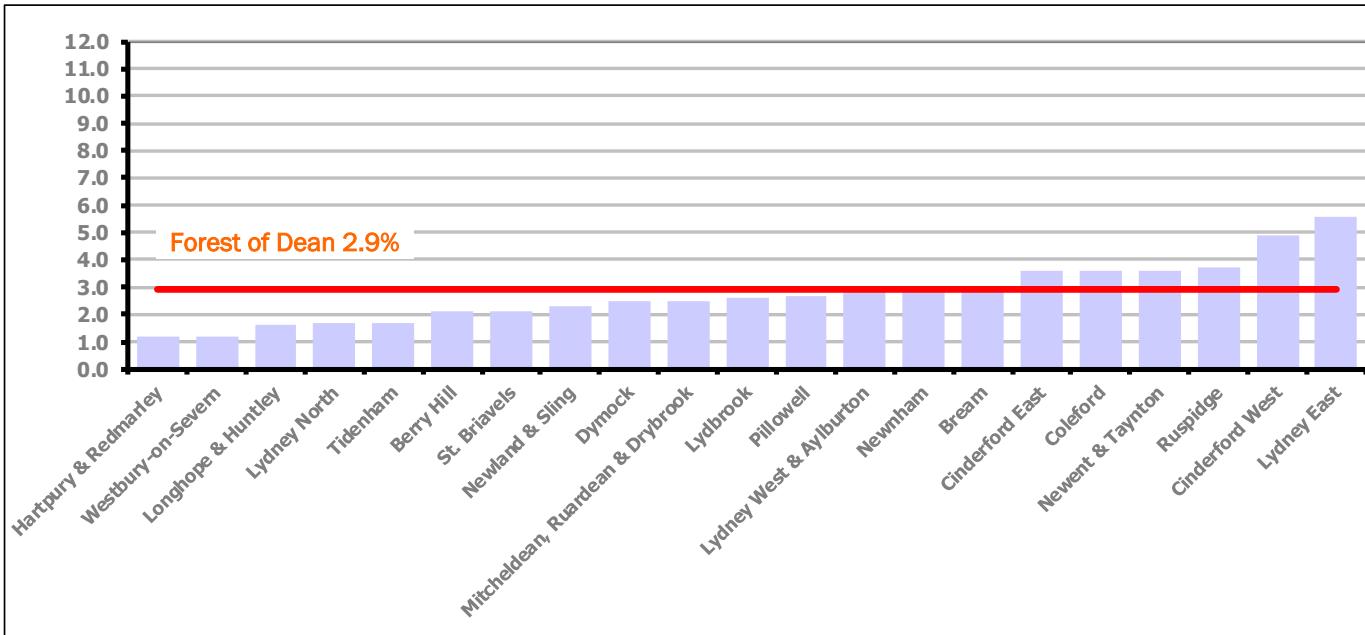


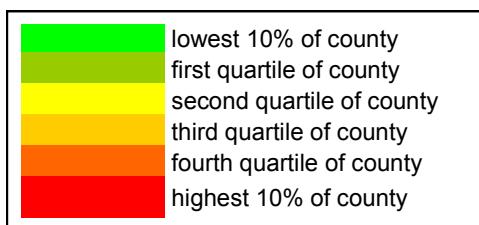
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.9%. Seven wards lie above the average.

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4.3 Forest of Dean District continued...

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - December 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury & Redmarley	1.2	3
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	1.2	3
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	1.6	17
Forest	Lydney North	1.7	29
Forest	Tidenham	1.7	29
Forest	Berry Hill	2.1	52
Forest	St. Briavels	2.1	52
Forest	Newland & Sling	2.3	66
Forest	Dymock	2.5	80
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.5	80
Forest	Lydbrook	2.6	83
Forest	Pillowell	2.7	85
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	2.9	94
Forest	Newnham	2.9	94
Forest	Bream	3.0	99
Forest	Cinderford East	3.6	111
Forest	Coleford	3.6	111
Forest	Newent & Taynton	3.6	111
Forest	Ruspidge	3.7	115
Forest	Cinderford West	4.9	123
Forest	Lydney East	5.6	132



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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.

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4.4 Gloucester City

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

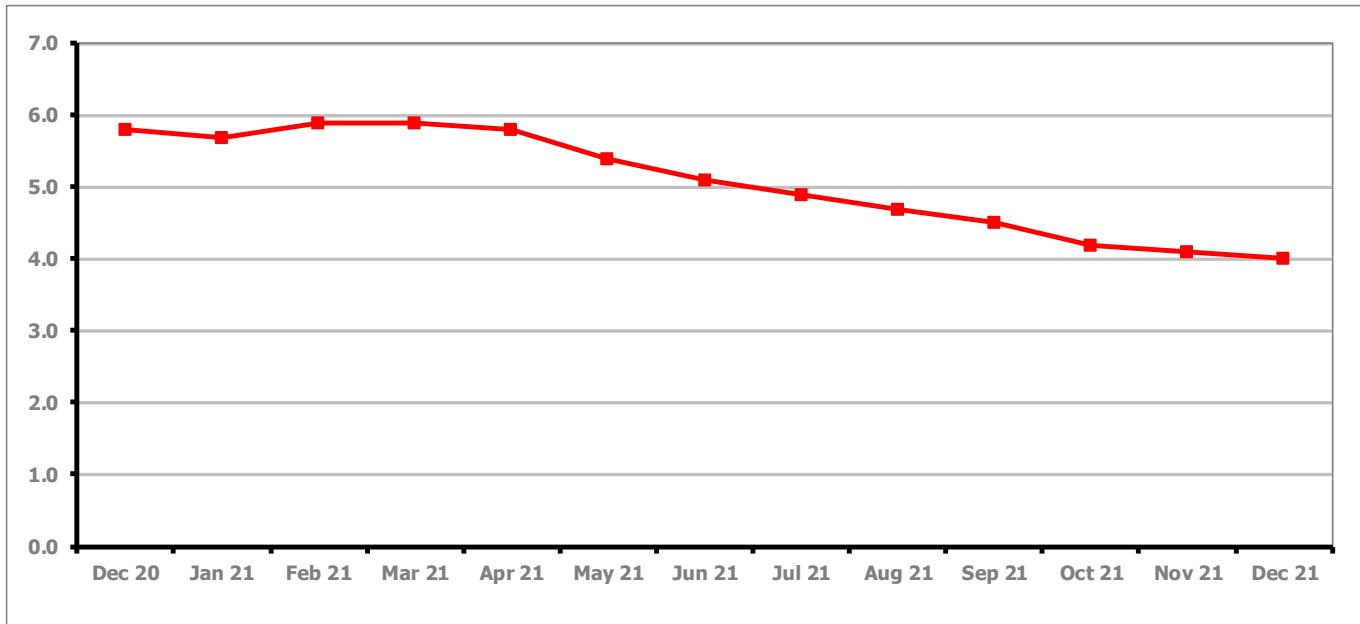


Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decrease to 4.0% in December 2021.

Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - December 2021

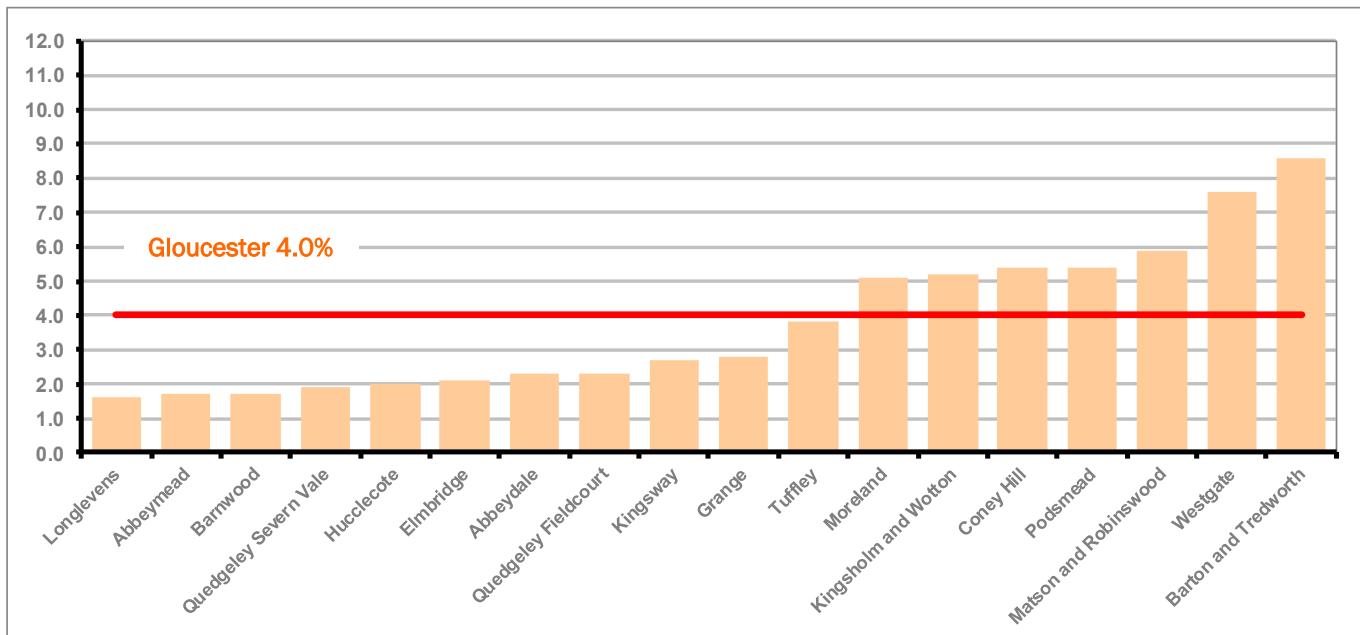


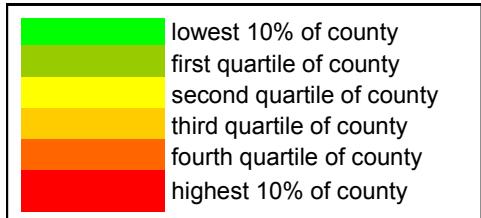
Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.0%. Seven wards lie above the average.

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4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - December 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.6	17
Gloucester	Abbeymead	1.7	29
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.7	29
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.9	39
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.0	44
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.1	52
Gloucester	Abbeydale	2.3	66
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.3	66
Gloucester	Kingsway	2.7	85
Gloucester	Grange	2.8	90
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.8	116
Gloucester	Moreland	5.1	124
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.2	126
Gloucester	Coney Hill	5.4	129
Gloucester	Podsmead	5.4	129
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	5.9	135
Gloucester	Westgate	7.6	137
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	8.6	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

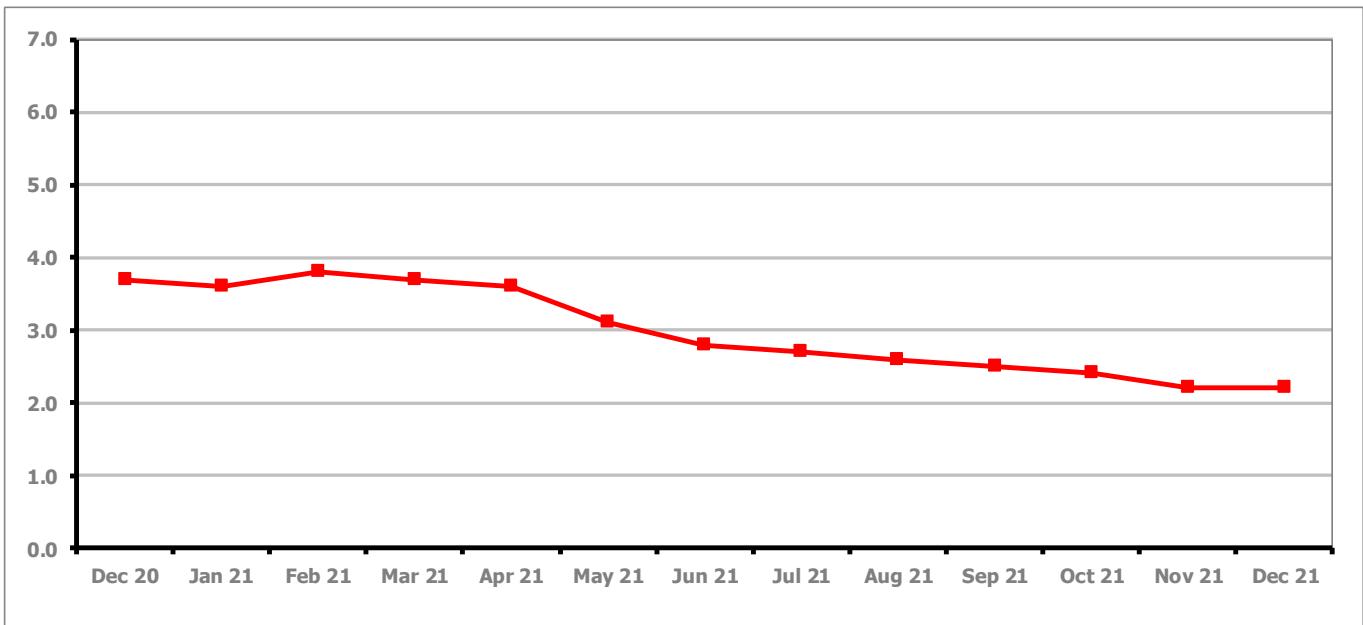


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained at 2.2% in December 2021.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - December 2021

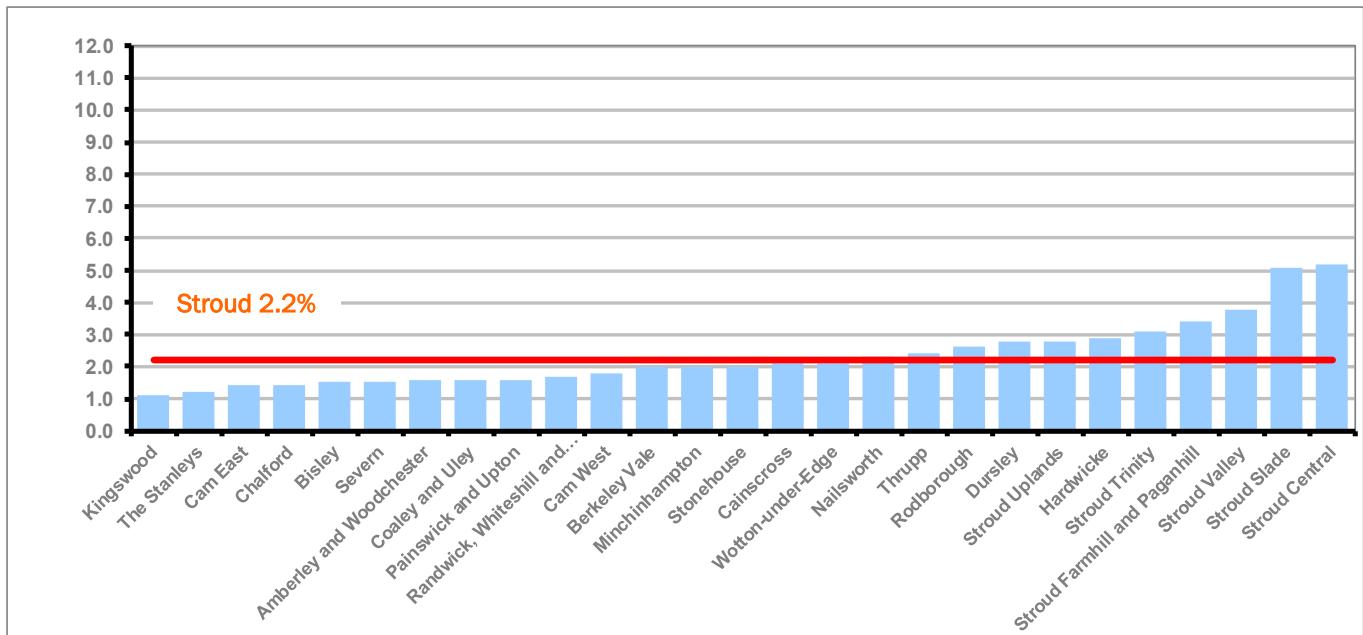


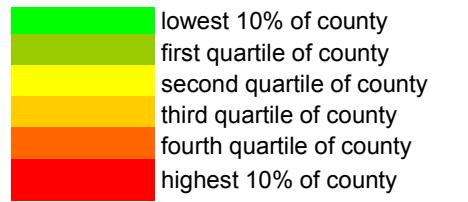
Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.2%. Eleven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - December 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Kingswood	1.1	2
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.2	3
Stroud	Cam East	1.4	9
Stroud	Chalford	1.4	9
Stroud	Bisley	1.5	15
Stroud	Severn	1.5	15
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.6	17
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.6	17
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	1.6	17
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.7	29
Stroud	Cam West	1.8	35
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	2.0	44
Stroud	Minchinchampton	2.0	44
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.0	44
Stroud	Cainscross	2.1	52
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	2.1	52
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.3	66
Stroud	Thrupp	2.4	76
Stroud	Rodborough	2.6	83
Stroud	Dursley	2.8	90
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	2.8	90
Stroud	Hardwicke	2.9	94
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	3.1	101
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	3.4	108
Stroud	Stroud Valley	3.8	116
Stroud	Stroud Slade	5.1	124
Stroud	Stroud Central	5.2	126


 lowest 10% of county
 first quartile of county
 second quartile of county
 third quartile of county
 fourth quartile of county
 highest 10% of county

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

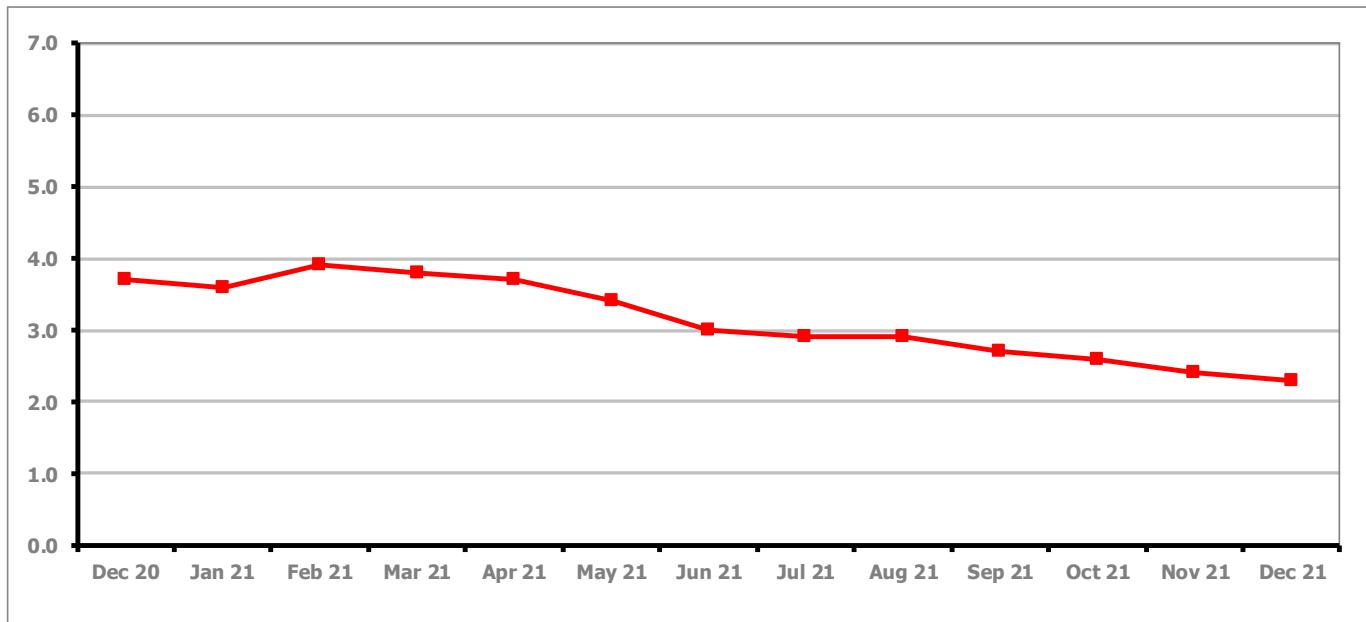
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.6 Tewkesbury Borough****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough decreased to 2.3% in December 2021.

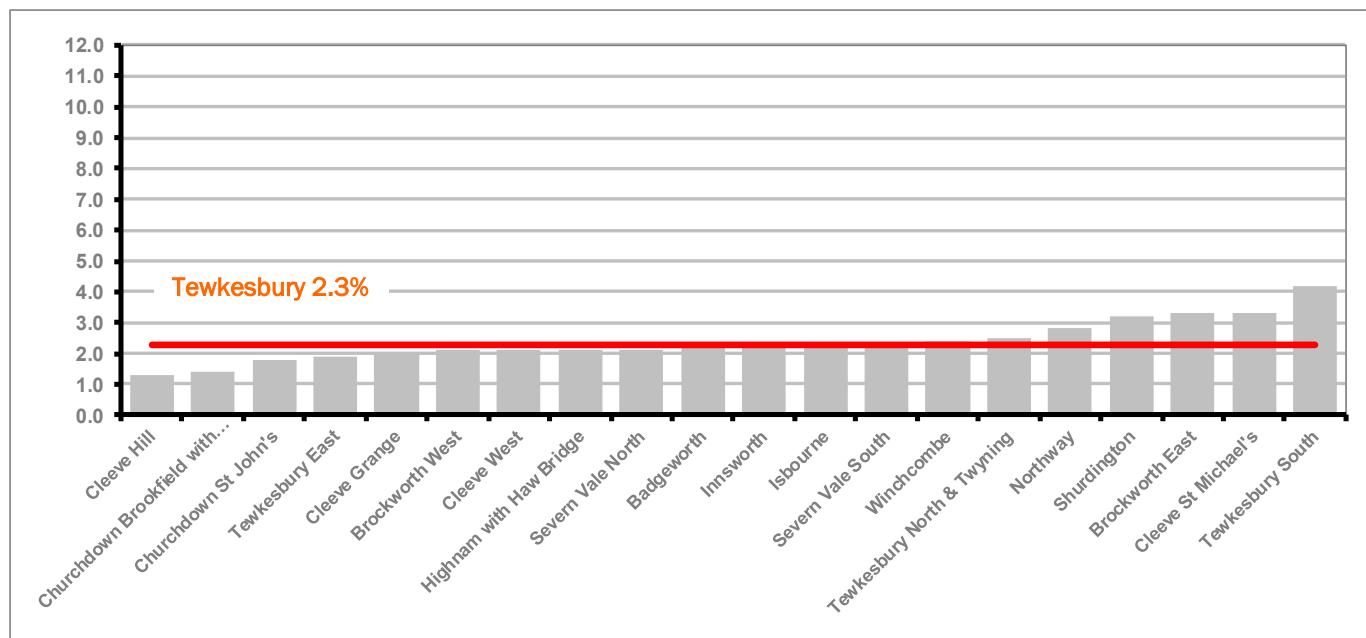
Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - December 2021

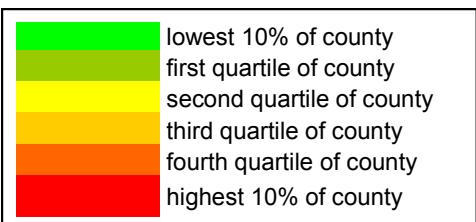
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.3%. Seven wards are above the average.

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4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - December 2021

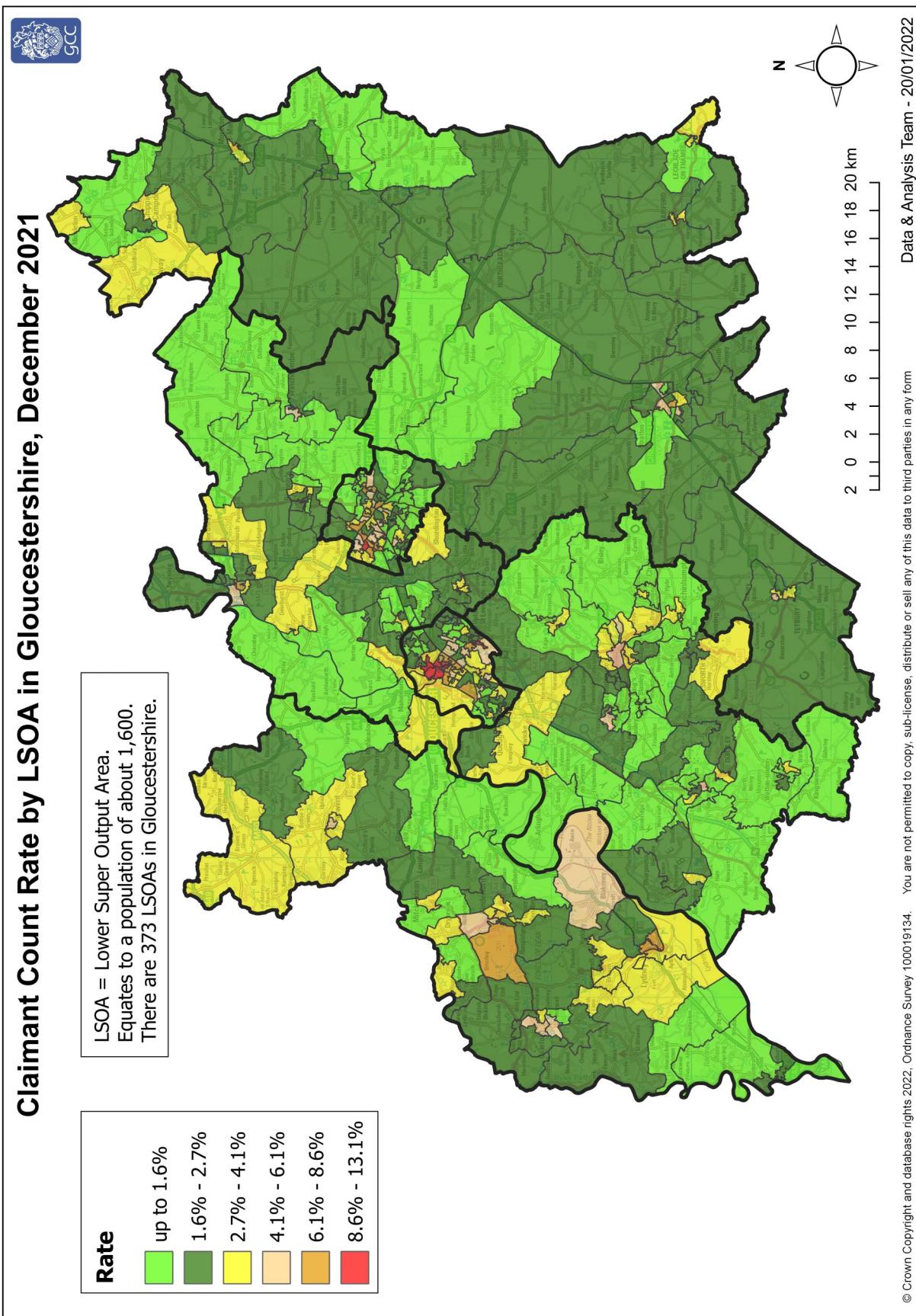
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	1.3	8
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	1.4	9
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.8	35
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	1.9	39
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.0	44
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	2.1	52
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	2.1	52
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	2.1	52
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	2.1	52
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	2.3	66
Tewkesbury	Innsworth	2.3	66
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.3	66
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	2.3	66
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.4	76
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twyning	2.5	80
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.8	90
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	3.2	103
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	3.3	105
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	3.3	105
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	4.2	119



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Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury Borough wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

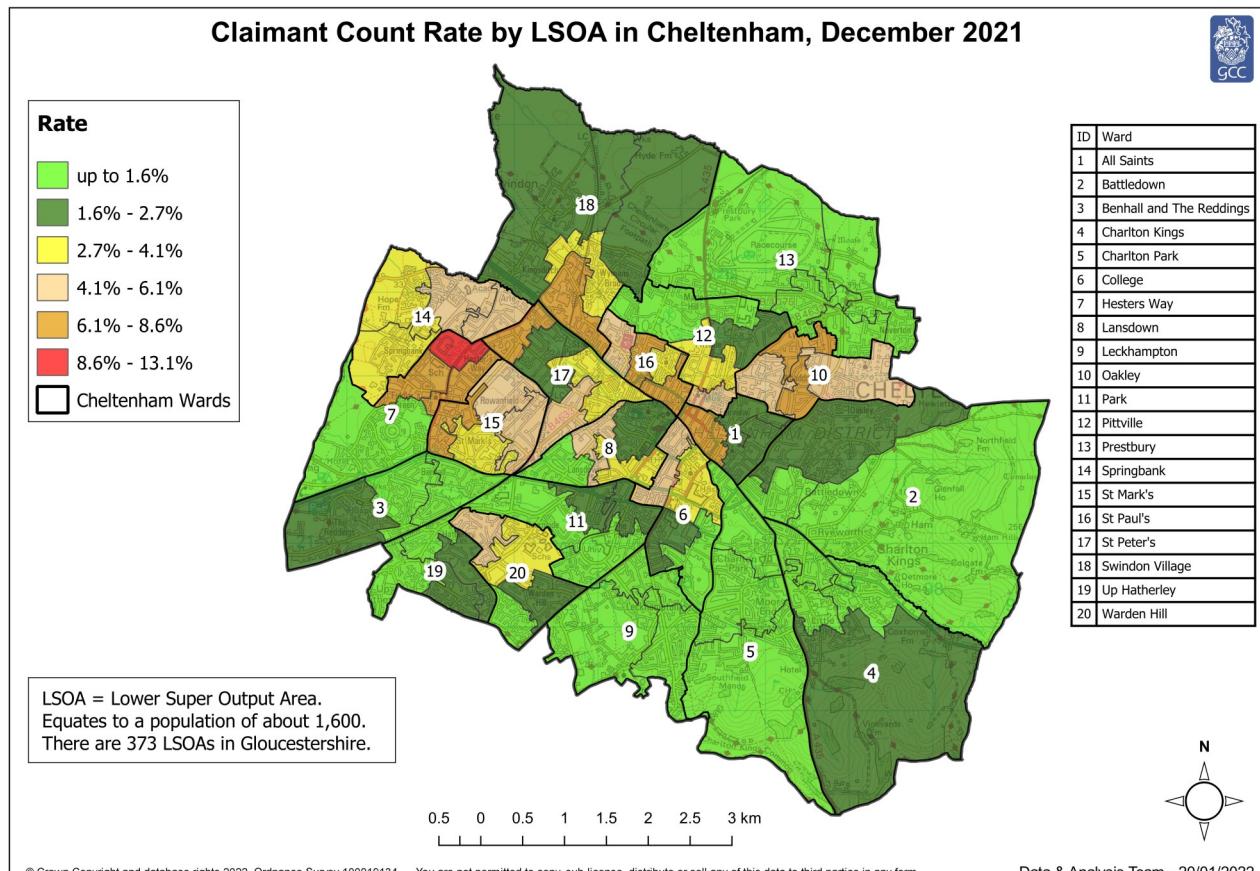
PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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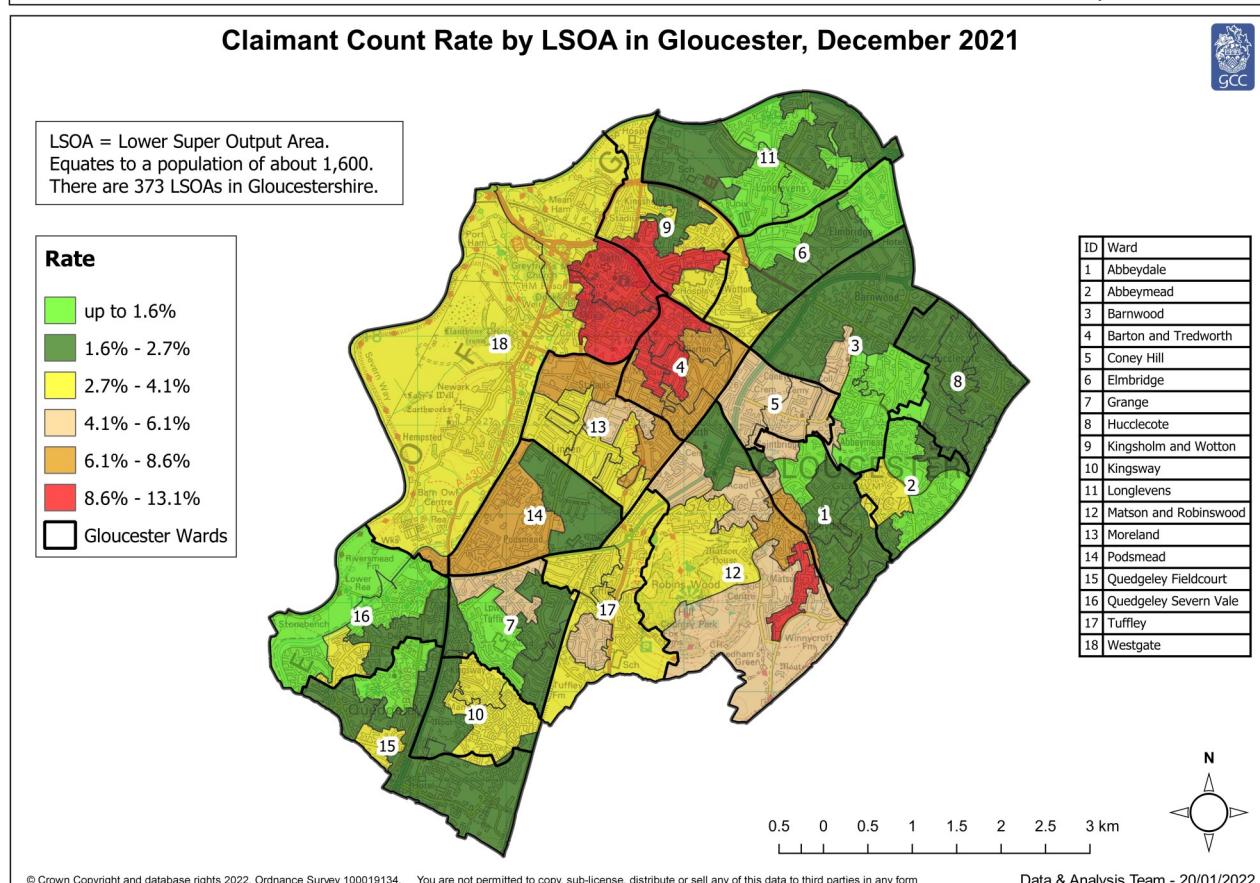
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PART 6: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT(18-24 year olds)

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

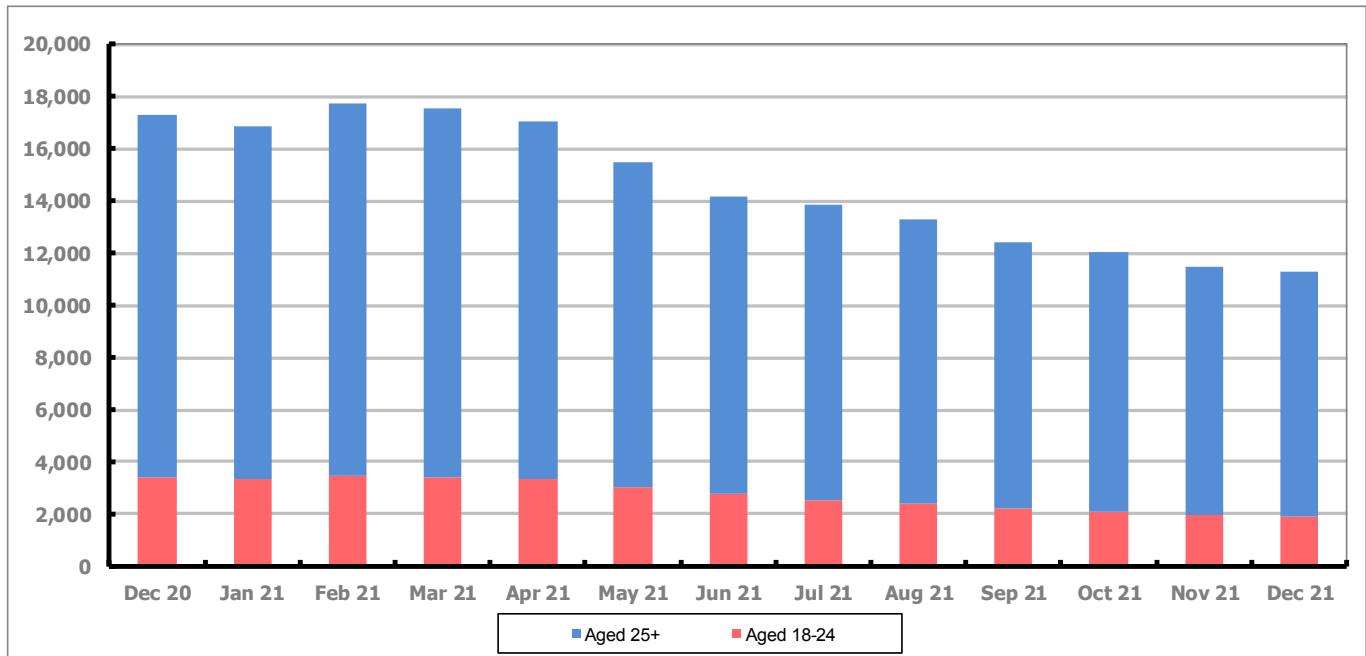


Figure 15 shows that in December 2021, 1,900 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 16.8% of total working age claimants.

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.

December 2021

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	45	2076	2.17%
Cotswold	20	1681	1.19%
Forest	39	1729	2.26%
Gloucester	96	3004	3.20%
Stroud	41	2582	1.59%
Tewkesbury	41	1961	2.09%
Total	282	13033	2.16%

16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	60	2844	2.11%
Cotswold	29	2290	1.27%
Forest	55	2304	2.39%
Gloucester	144	3980	3.62%
Stroud	53	3493	1.52%
Tewkesbury	53	2607	2.03%
Total	394	17518	2.25%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	2.40%
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Monthly Change	3	1	0.02%
Previous month	279	13032	2.14%

Monthly Change	-10	-523	0.01%
Previous month	404	18041	2.24%

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.