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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.

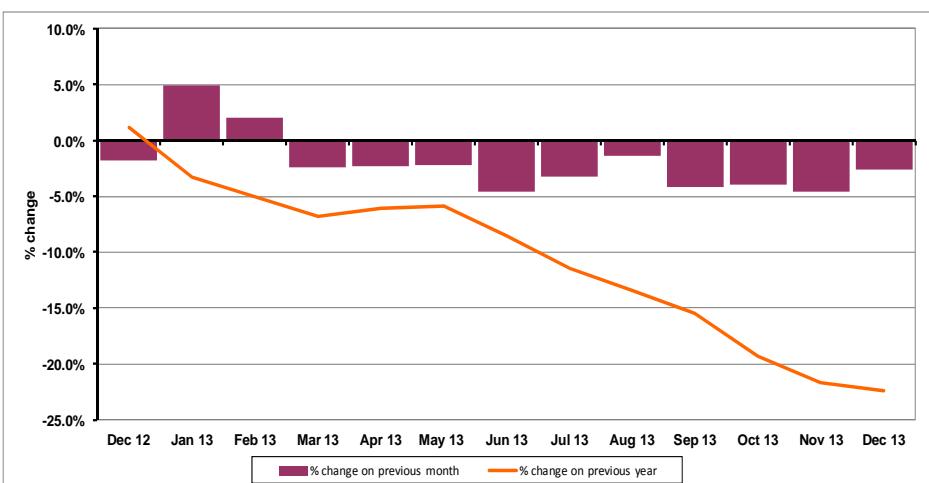
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.0% in December 2013. This was a decrease of 0.1% on the November 2013 figure. The UK rate decreased to 2.9% and the South West rate remained the same as last month at 2.0%. Gloucestershire's rate is the same as the South West average of 2.0%, and 0.9% lower than the UK average of 2.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in December 2013 decreased by 209 people. The amount of people claiming in December 2013 was 2.7% lower than the number in November 2013. This compares to a 1.7% decrease in the South and UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was 22.4% lower in December 2013 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:
December 2012 to December 2013



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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 December 2013

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in December 2013

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,674
Compared to last month:	-3.7%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (4.7%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	2,428
Compared to last month:	-3.1%
Claimant rate:	3.0%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (7.2%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	571
Compared to last month:	-2.1%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.5%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,040
Compared to last month:	-3.6%
Claimant rate:	1.5%
Highest claiming ward	Central and Valley (3.7%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,037
Compared to last month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West and Lydney East (4.2%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	882
Compared to last month:	-1.7%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.0%)

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

At the end of December 2013 there were 639 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 4.2%.

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

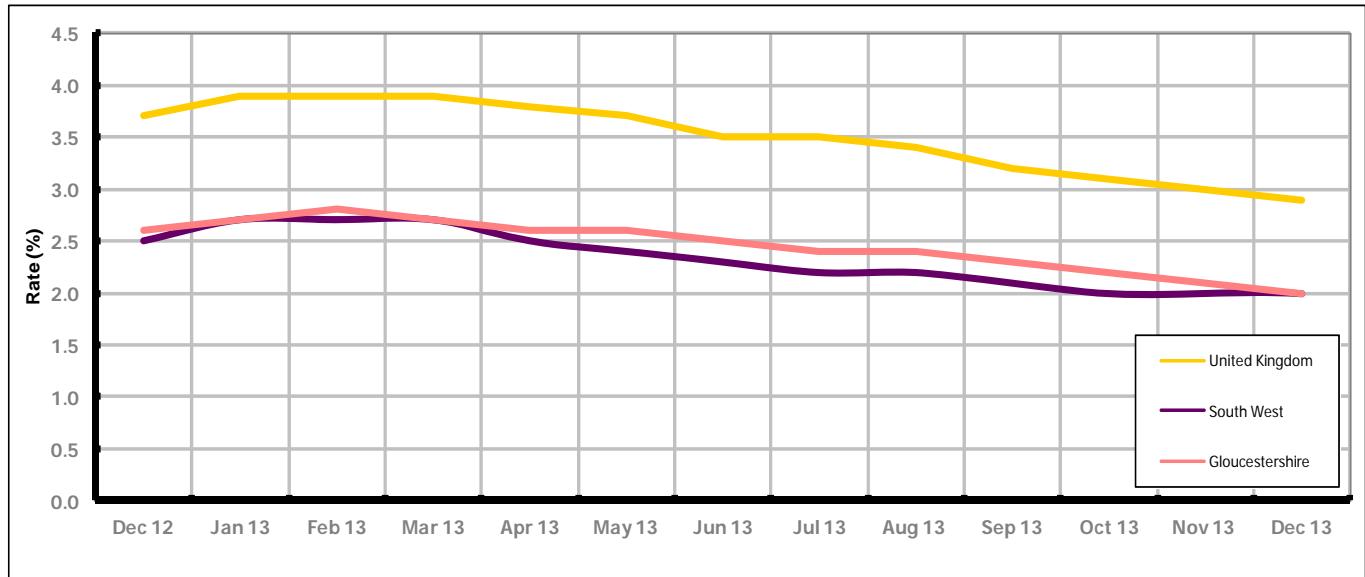


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.0% in December 2013. With the exception of January, March and December 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average since March 2012. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average. The December 2013 rate represented a 0.1% decrease on November 2013.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in December 2013	% change on November 2013	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	1,201,512	-1.7%	-2.7%	9
South West	64,716	-1.7%	-2.2%	9
Gloucestershire	7,632	-2.7%	-2.8%	9

Table 1 shows that in December 2013, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 2.7% lower than the number in November 2013.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to December 2013 was -2.8%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - December 2013

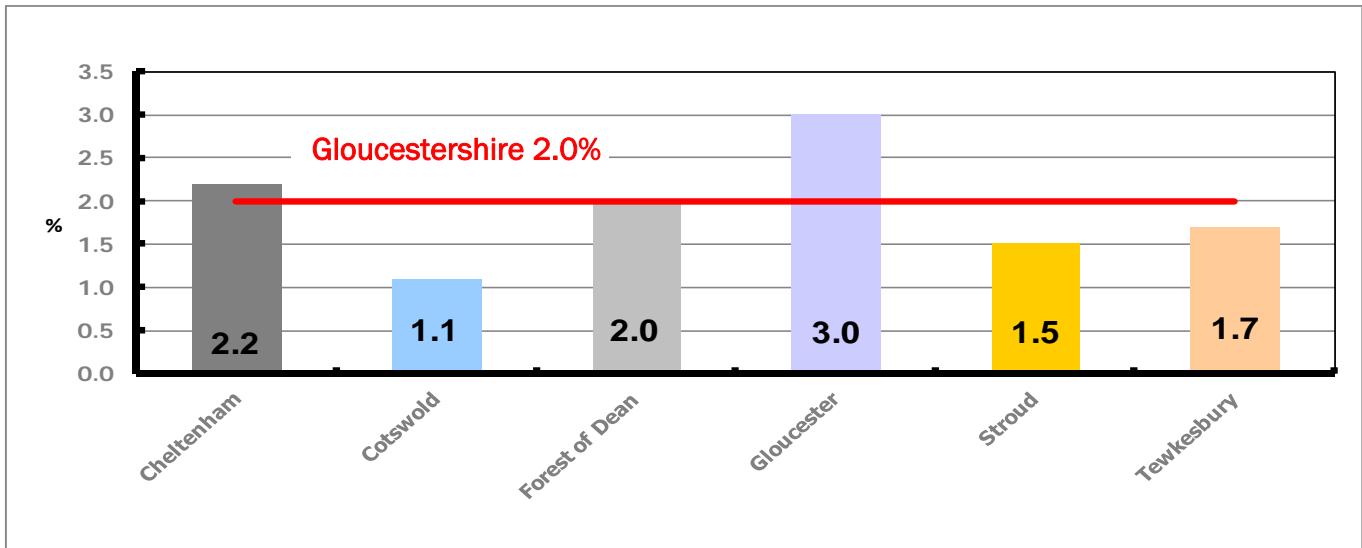


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for December 2013 in Gloucestershire. Between November 2013 and December 2013 the rate in the Forest of Dean and Stroud remained the same, the rate in the other districts decreased.

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

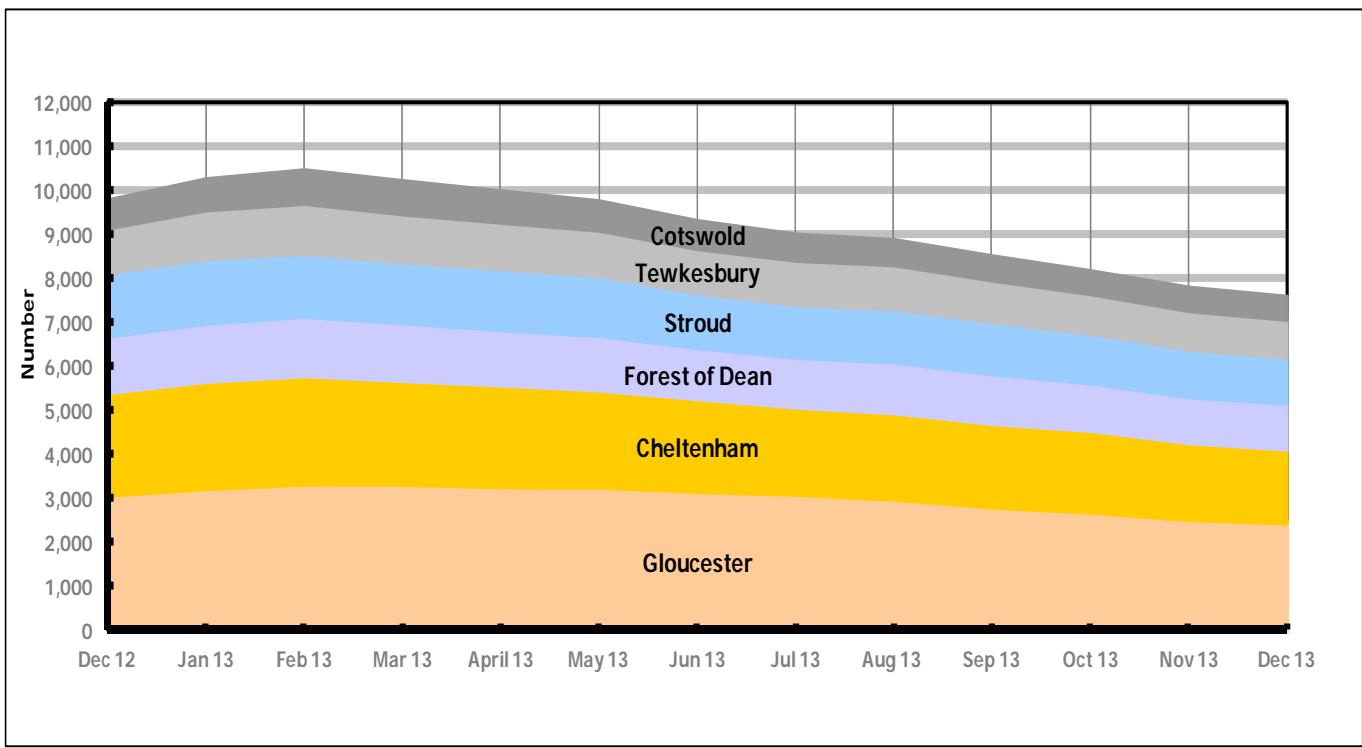


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. Since December 2012 the number of claimants has decreased, with the exception of January and February 2013 when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Dec 13 Number	Dec 13 Rate	Nov 13 Number	Nov 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	7,632	2.0	7,841	2.1	-209	-2.7%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,674	2.2	1,739	2.3	-65	-3.7%	-0.1
Cotswold	571	1.1	583	1.2	-12	-2.1%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,037	2.0	1,037	2.0	0	0.0%	0.0
Gloucester	2,428	3.0	2,506	3.1	-78	-3.1%	-0.1
Stroud	1,040	1.5	1,079	1.5	-39	-3.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	882	1.7	897	1.8	-15	-1.7%	-0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in December 2013 compared to November 2013. The number of claimants in the Forest of Dean was the same as last month, while the other districts all experienced a decrease.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Dec 13 Number	Dec 13 Rate	Nov 13 Number	Nov 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,062	2.7	5,158	2.7	-96	-1.9%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,132	3.0	1,145	3.0	-13	-1.1%	0.0
Cotswold	378	1.5	390	1.6	-12	-3.1%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	699	2.8	704	2.8	-5	-0.7%	0.0
Gloucester	1,577	3.9	1,645	4.1	-68	-4.1%	-0.2
Stroud	698	2.0	702	2.0	-4	-0.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	577	2.3	572	2.3	5	0.9%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in December 2013 compared to November 2013. Tewkesbury saw a small increase in the number of male claimants, while the other districts experienced a decrease.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Dec 13 Number	Dec 13 Rate	Nov 13 Number	Nov 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,571	1.4	2,683	1.4	-112	-4.2%	0.0
Cheltenham	542	1.4	594	1.6	-52	-8.8%	-0.2
Cotswold	193	0.8	193	0.8	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	338	1.3	333	1.3	5	1.5%	0.0
Gloucester	851	2.1	861	2.2	-10	-1.2%	-0.1
Stroud	342	1.0	377	1.1	-35	-9.3%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	305	1.2	325	1.3	-20	-6.2%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in December 2013 compared to November 2013. Cheltenham, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury saw a decrease in the number of female claimants, the Forest of Dean saw a small increase, while Cotswold saw no change.

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

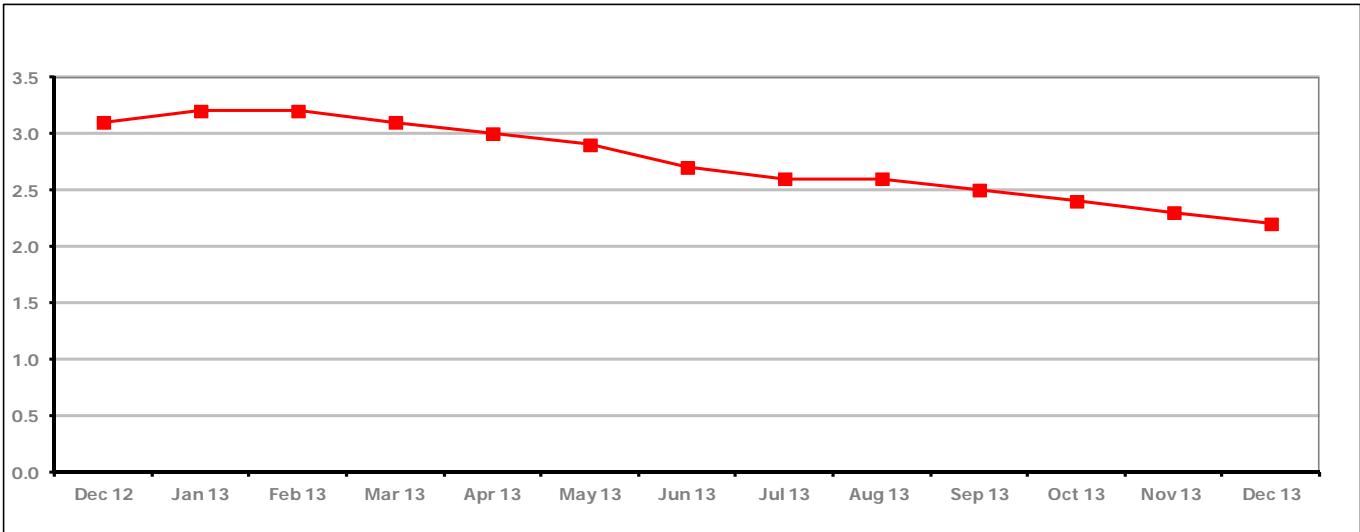


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased in December 2013 to 2.2% .

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

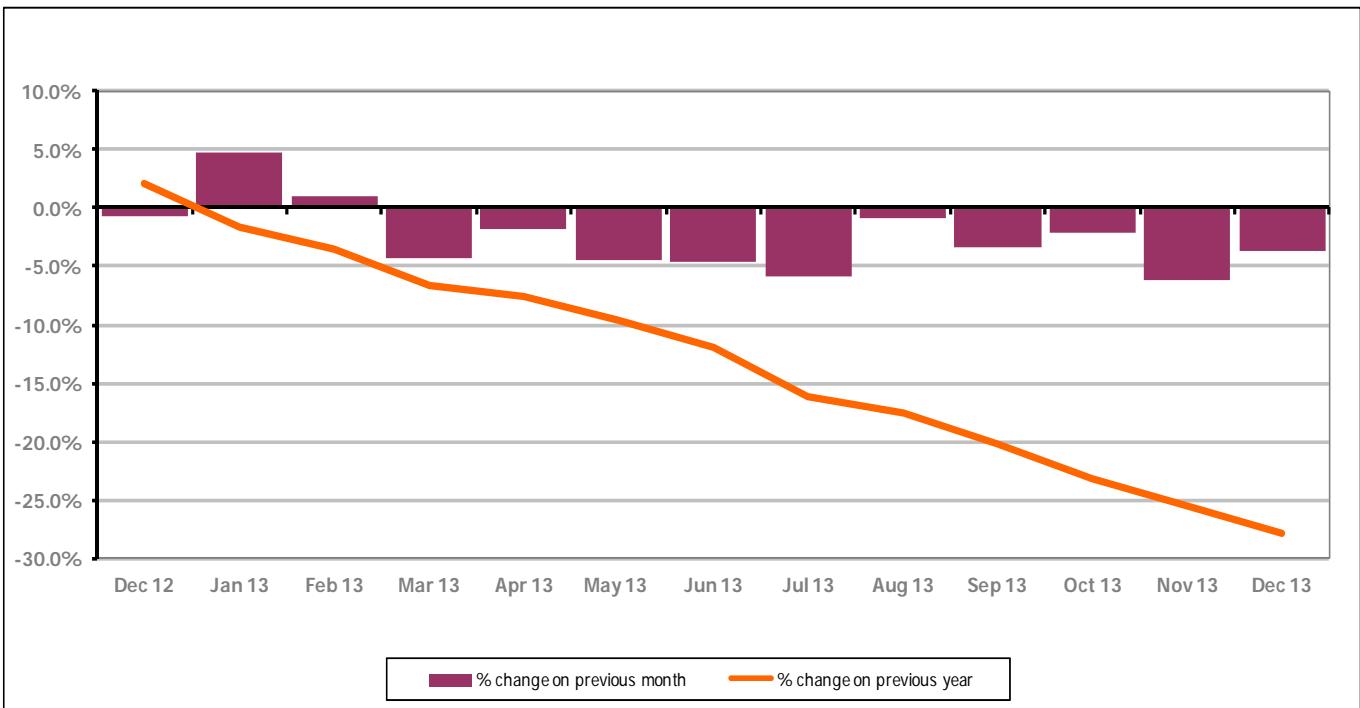


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by -3.7% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in December 2013 compared to November 2013 to -27.8%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - December 2013

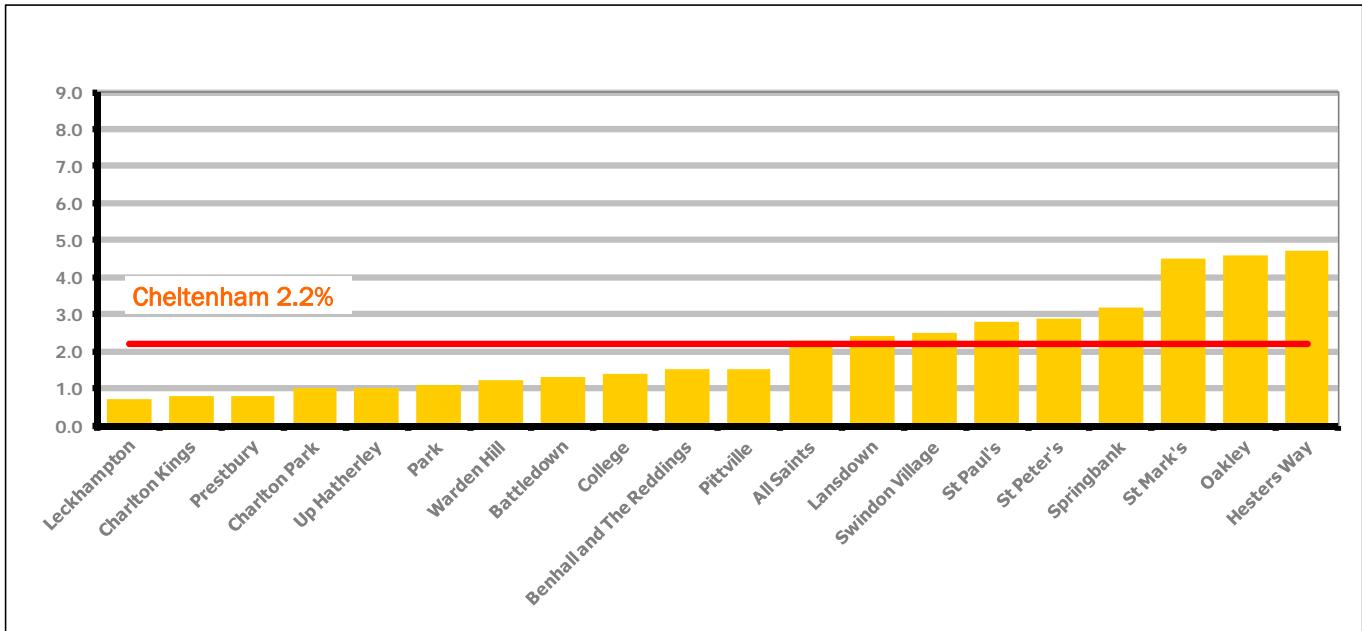
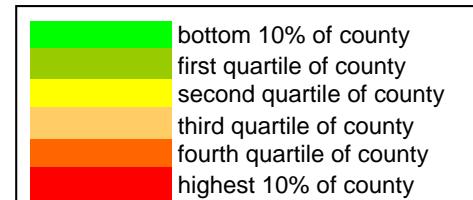


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.2%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - December 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.7	13
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.8	22
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.8	22
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.0	41
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.0	41
Cheltenham	Park	1.1	54
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.2	62
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.3	69
Cheltenham	College	1.4	72
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.5	82
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.5	82
Cheltenham	All Saints	2.3	109
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.4	113
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.5	116
Cheltenham	St Paul's	2.8	121
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.9	122
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.2	125
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.5	135
Cheltenham	Oakley	4.6	137
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	4.7	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.

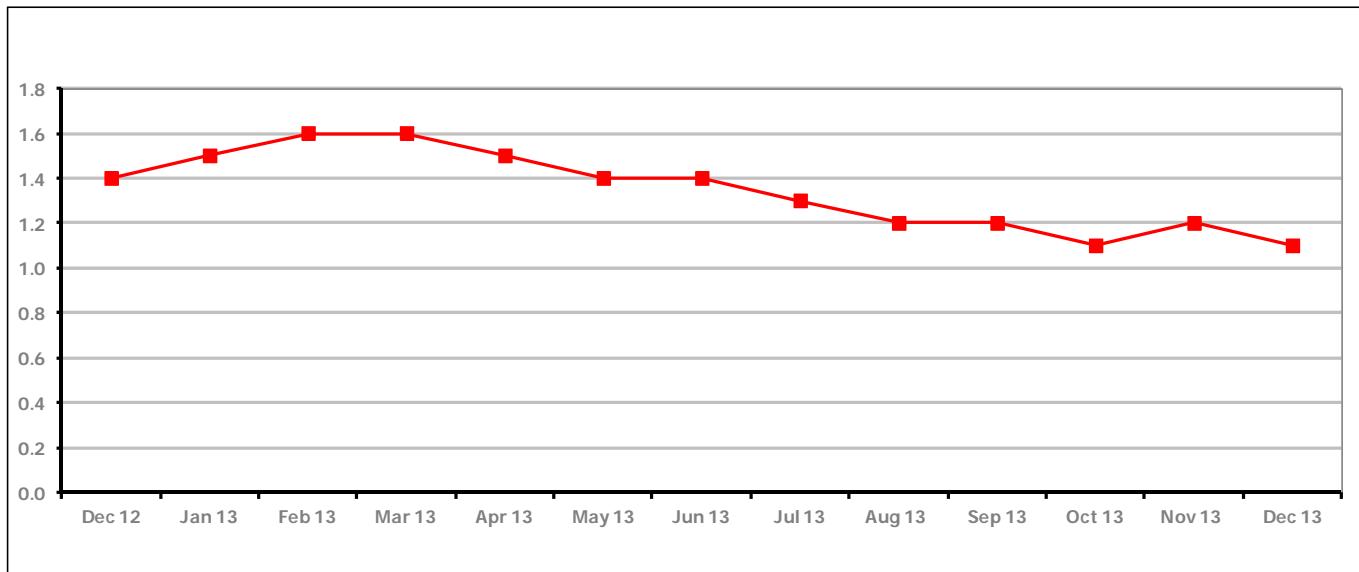
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased in December 2013 to 1.1%.

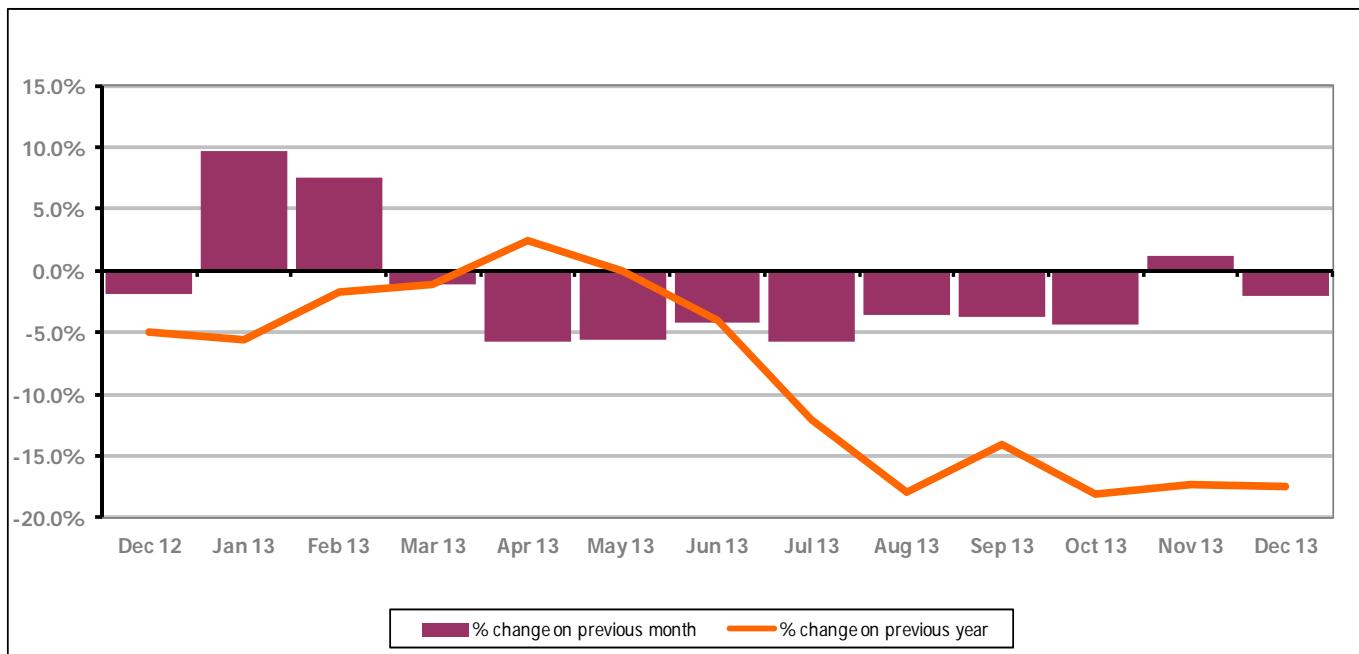
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by -2.1% since November 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from November 2013 compared to December 2013 to -17.5%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - December 2013

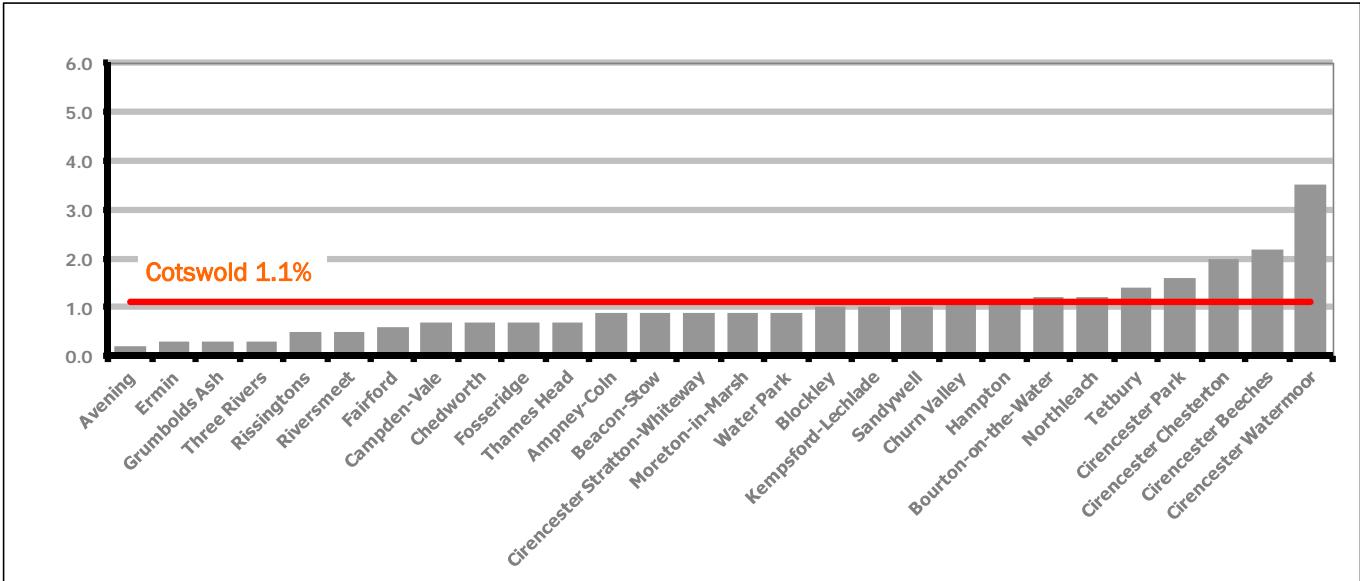
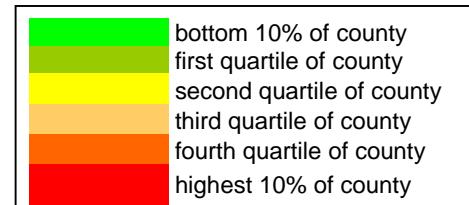


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - December 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Avening	0.2	1
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.3	2
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.3	2
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.3	2
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.5	7
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.5	7
Cotswolds	Fairford	0.6	11
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.7	13
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.7	13
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.7	13
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.7	13
Cotswolds	Ampney-Colin	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Water Park	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.0	41
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.0	41
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.0	41
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	1.1	54
Cotswolds	Hampton	1.1	54
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.2	62
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.2	62
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.4	72
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	1.6	87
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.0	99
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	2.2	108
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.5	128



* 1 = "best" and 128 = "worst"

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

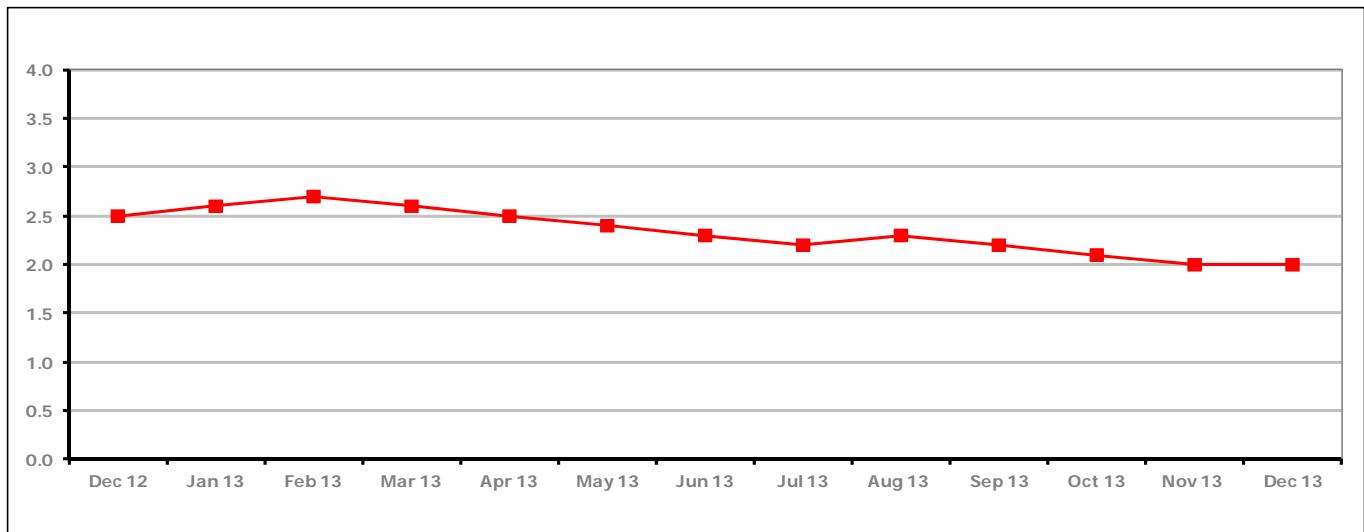
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained the same as November 2013 at 2.0%.

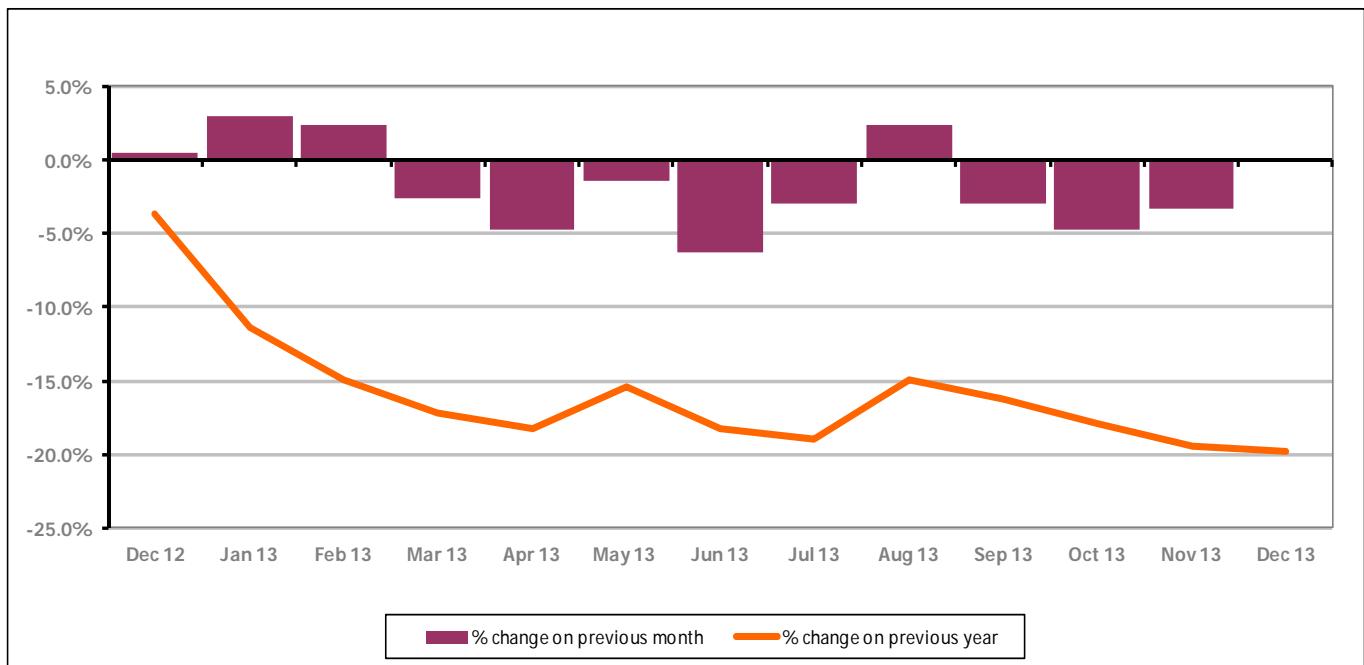
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count remained the same as November 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from November 2013 compared to December 2013 to -19.8%.

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 - December 2013

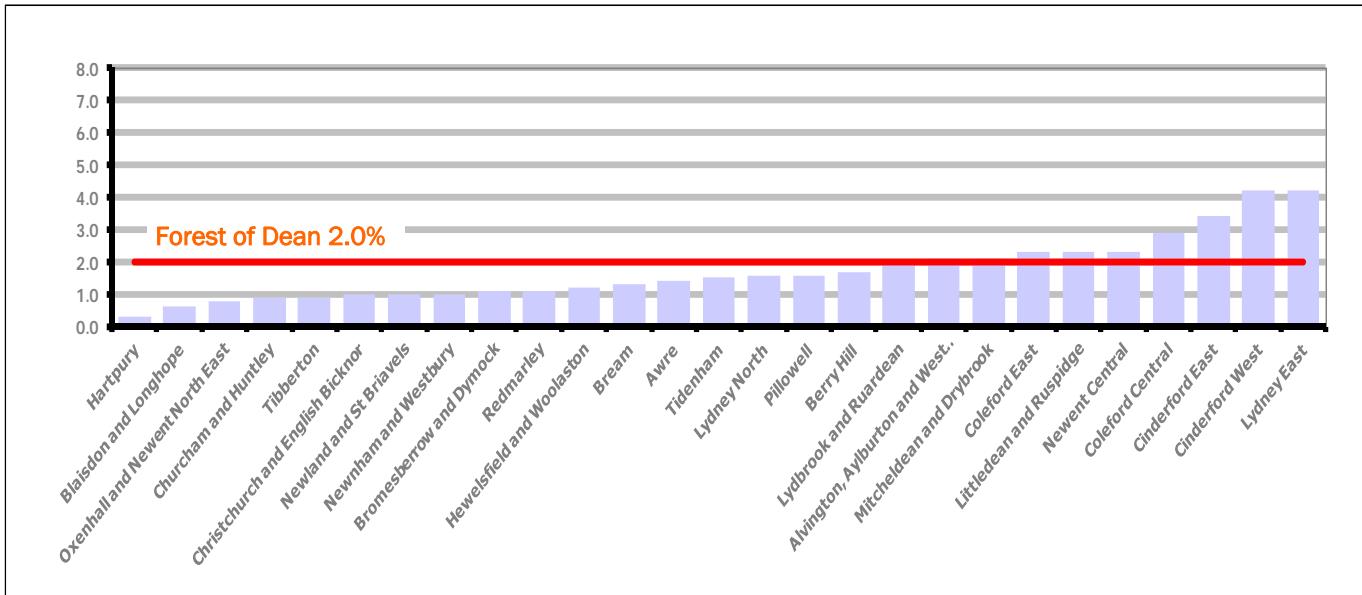
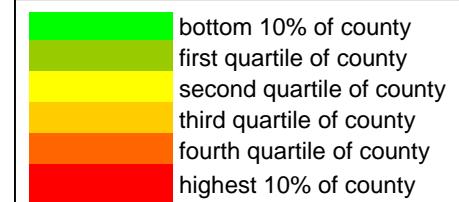


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0 %. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - December 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.3	2
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.6	11
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	0.8	22
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.9	27
Forest	Tibberton	0.9	27
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.0	41
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.0	41
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.0	41
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.1	54
Forest	Redmarley	1.1	54
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.2	62
Forest	Bream	1.3	69
Forest	Awre	1.4	72
Forest	Tidenham	1.5	82
Forest	Lydney North	1.6	87
Forest	Pillowell	1.6	87
Forest	Berry Hill	1.7	92
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.0	99
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.1	105
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.1	105
Forest	Coleford East	2.3	109
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	2.3	109
Forest	Newent Central	2.3	109
Forest	Coleford Central	2.9	122
Forest	Cinderford East	3.4	127
Forest	Cinderford West	4.2	132
Forest	Lydney East	4.2	132



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

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

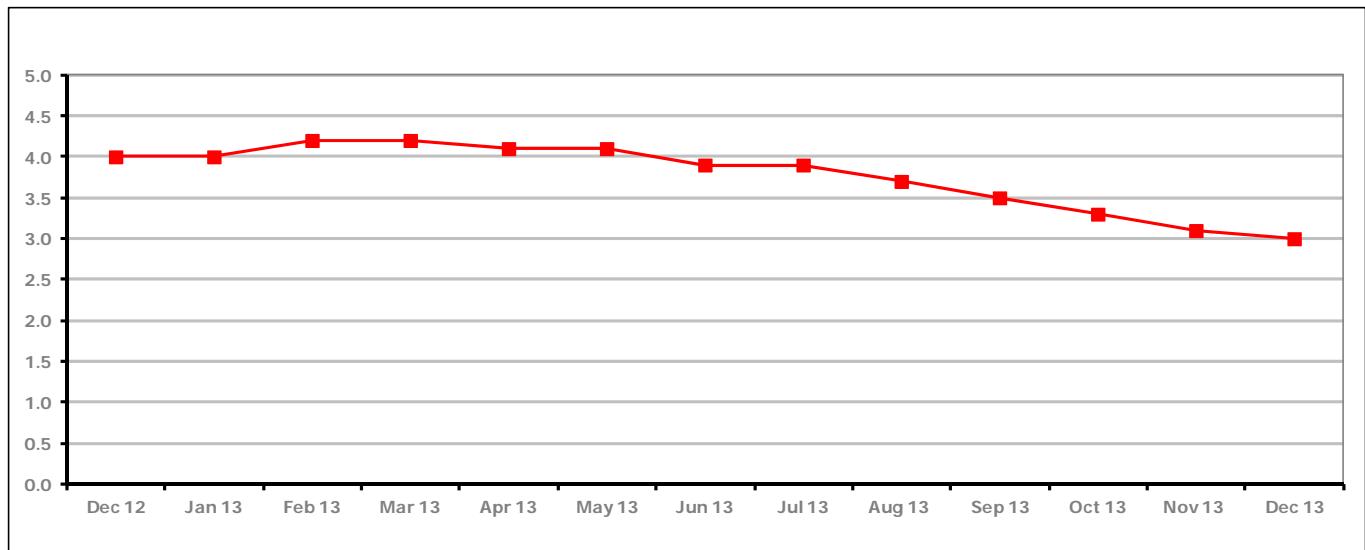
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased in December 2013 to 3.0%.

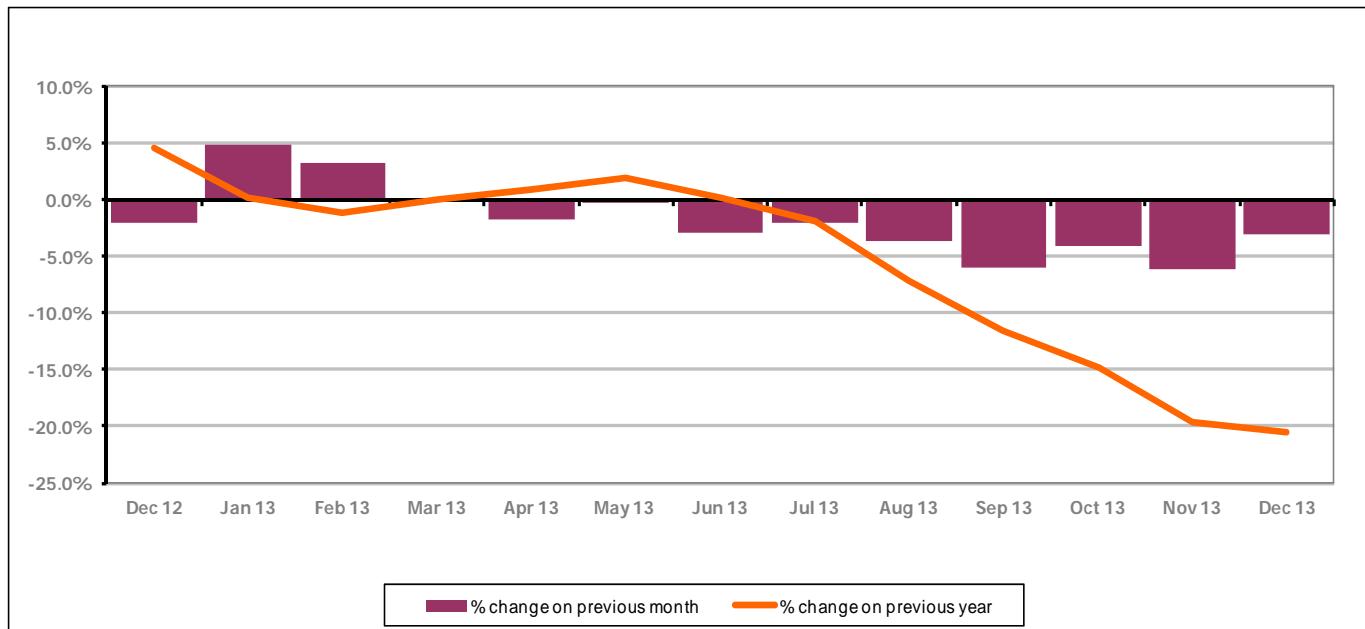
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -3.1% since November 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from November 2013 compared to December 2013 to -20.5%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - December 2013

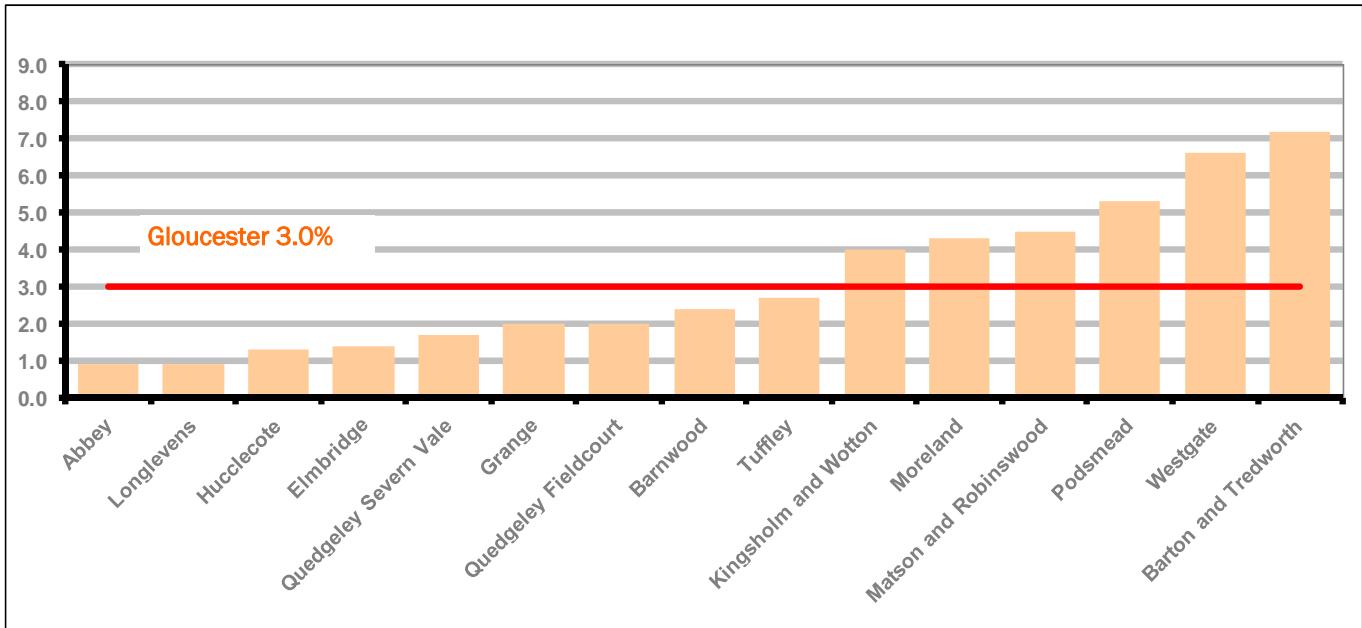
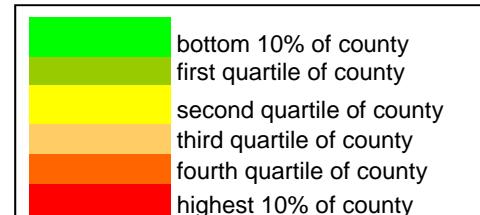


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.0%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - December 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	0.9	27
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.9	27
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.3	69
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.4	72
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.7	92
Gloucester	Grange	2.0	99
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.0	99
Gloucester	Barnwood	2.4	113
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.7	120
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.0	131
Gloucester	Moreland	4.3	134
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	4.5	135
Gloucester	Podsmead	5.3	140
Gloucester	Westgate	6.6	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	7.2	142



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

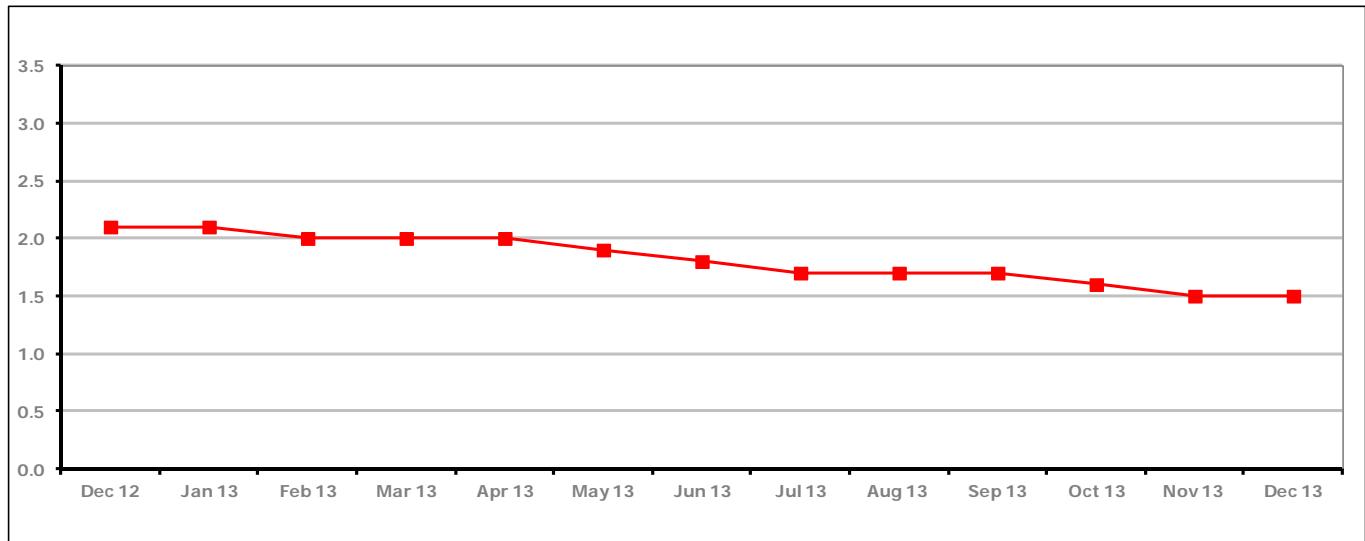
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

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

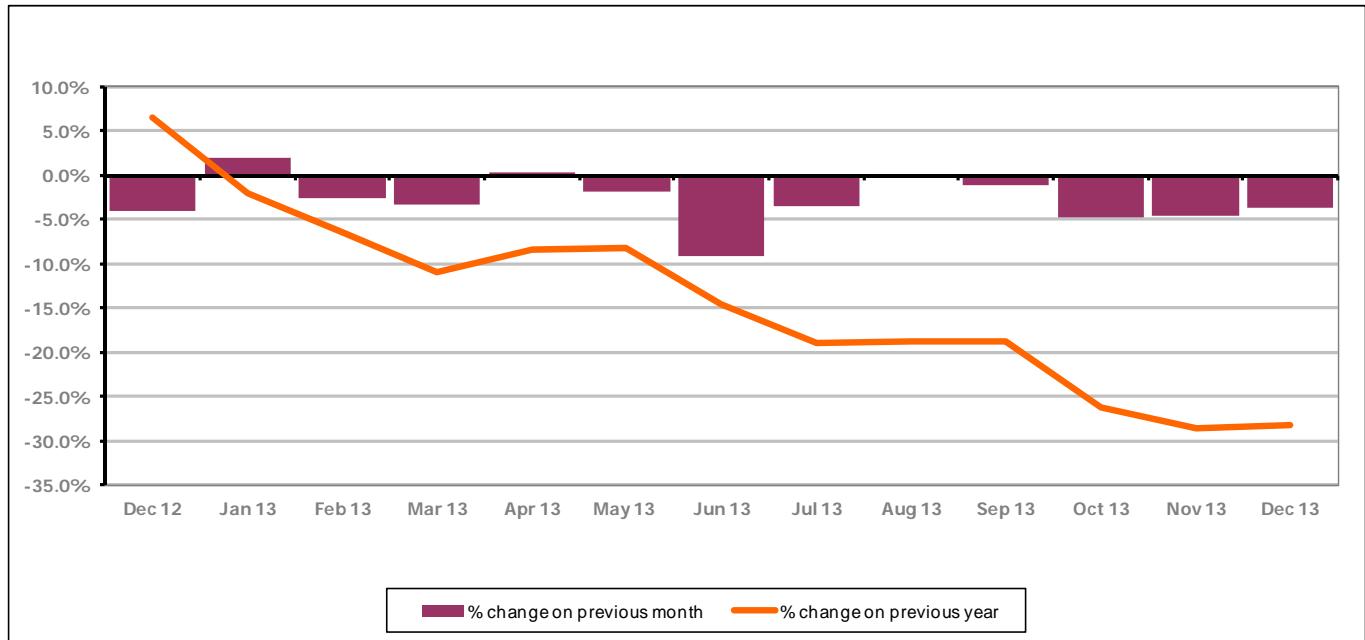
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -3.6% since November 2013. The change on the previous year has increased between November 2013 and December 2013 to -28.2%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - December 2013

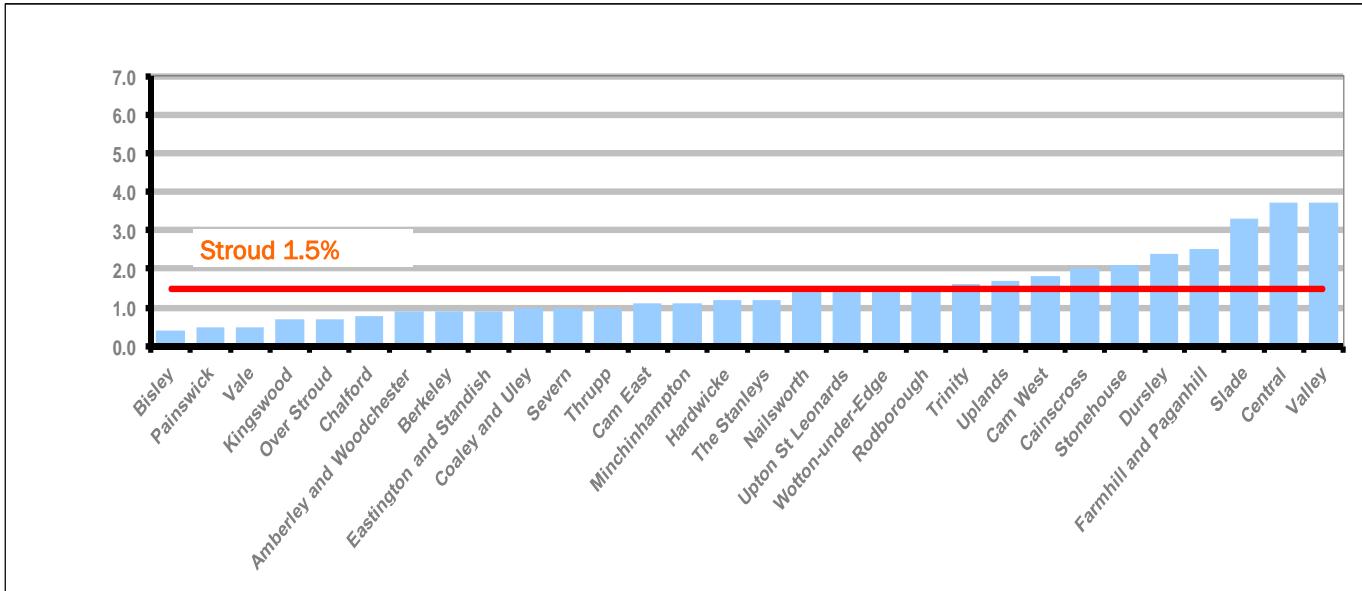
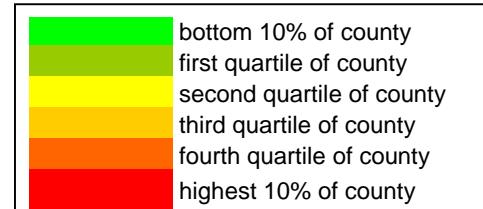


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.5%. Ten wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - December 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	0.4	6
Stroud	Painswick	0.5	7
Stroud	Vale	0.5	7
Stroud	Kingswood	0.7	13
Stroud	Over Stroud	0.7	13
Stroud	Chalford	0.8	22
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.9	27
Stroud	Berkeley	0.9	27
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.9	27
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.0	41
Stroud	Severn	1.0	41
Stroud	Thrupp	1.0	41
Stroud	Cam East	1.1	54
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.1	54
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.2	62
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.2	62
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.4	72
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	1.4	72
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.4	72
Stroud	Rodborough	1.5	82
Stroud	Trinity	1.6	87
Stroud	Uplands	1.7	92
Stroud	Cam West	1.8	96
Stroud	Cainscross	2.0	99
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.1	105
Stroud	Dursley	2.4	113
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	2.5	116
Stroud	Slade	3.3	126
Stroud	Central	3.7	129
Stroud	Valley	3.7	129



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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

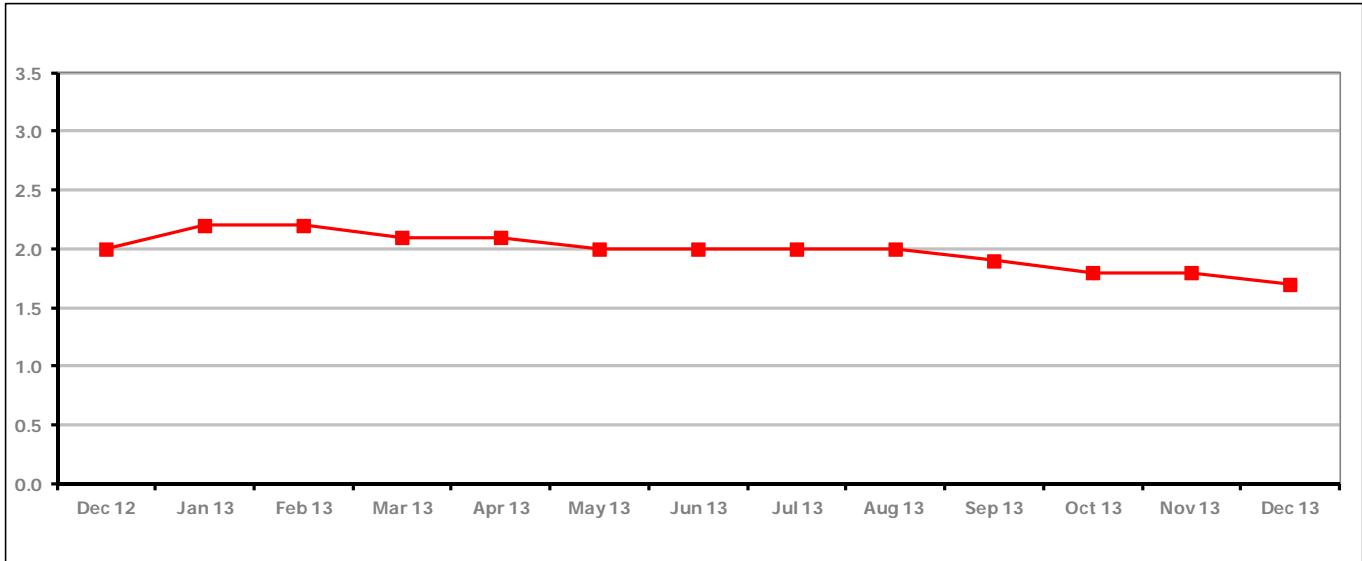


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District decreased in December 2013 to 1.7%

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

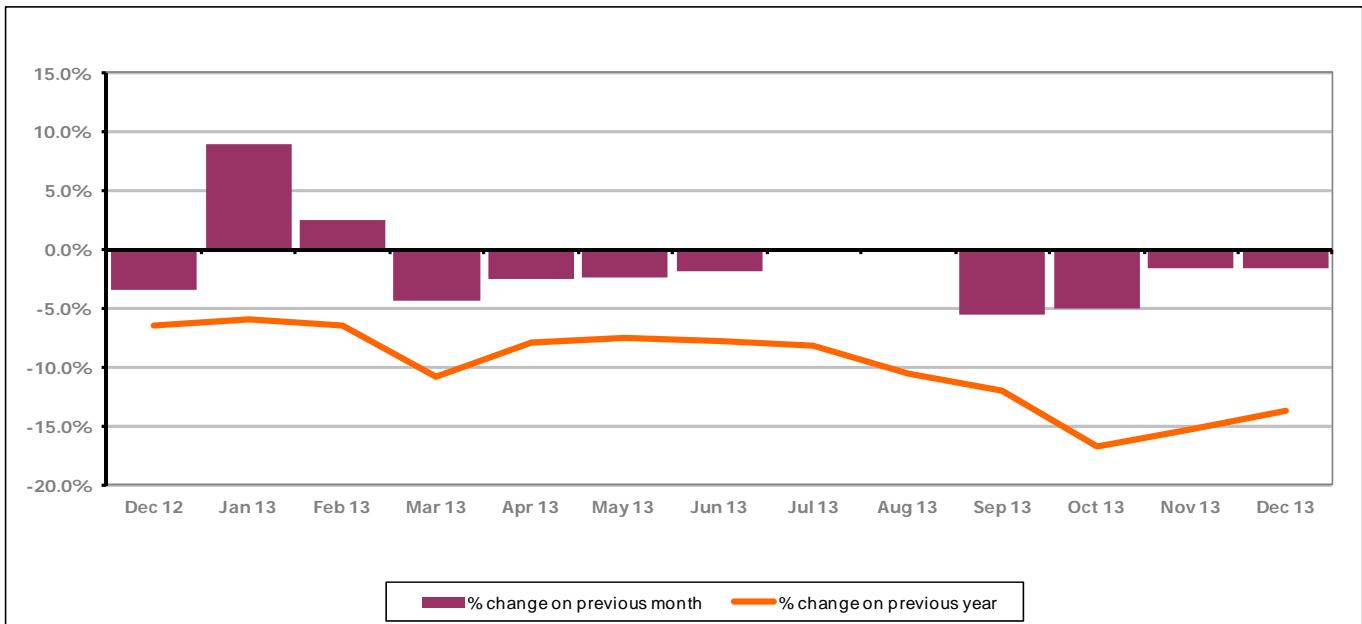


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased by -1.7% since November 2013. The change on the previous year increased between November 2013 and December 2013 to -13.8%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - December 2013

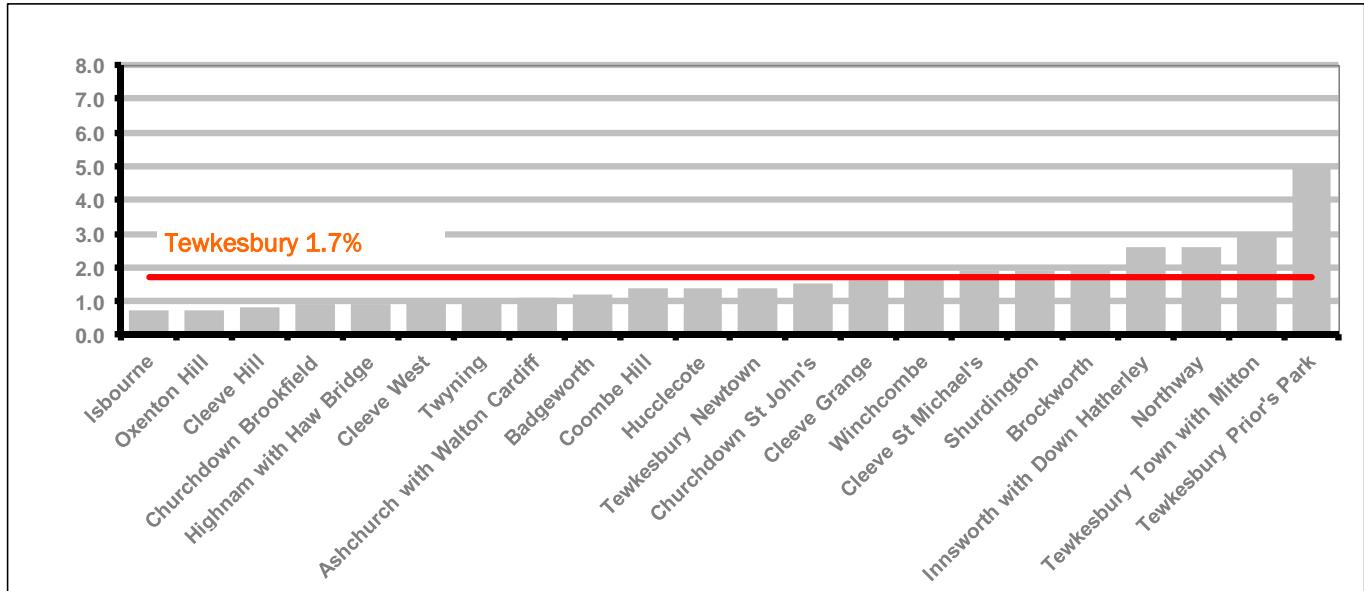
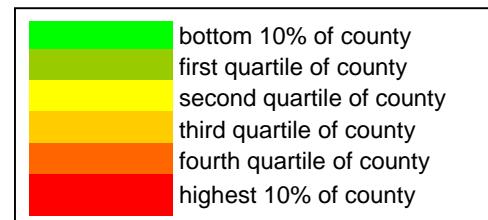


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.7% and seven wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - December 2013

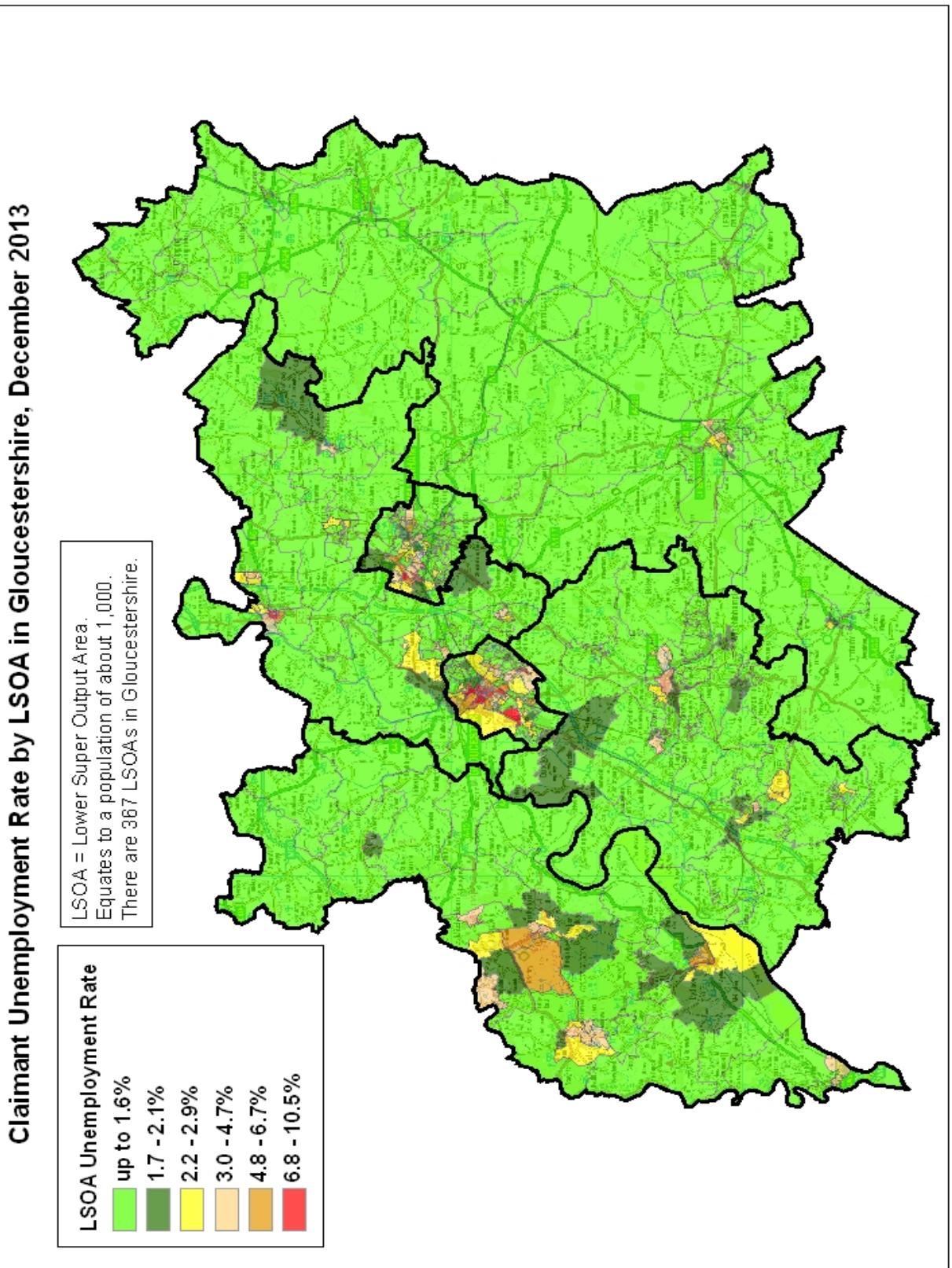
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.7	13
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	13
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.8	22
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.9	27
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.9	27
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.0	41
Tewkesbury	Twynning	1.0	41
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.1	54
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.2	62
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.4	72
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.4	72
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.4	72
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.5	82
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.6	87
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.7	92
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.9	97
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.9	97
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	2.0	99
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.6	118
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.6	118
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.0	124
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.0	139



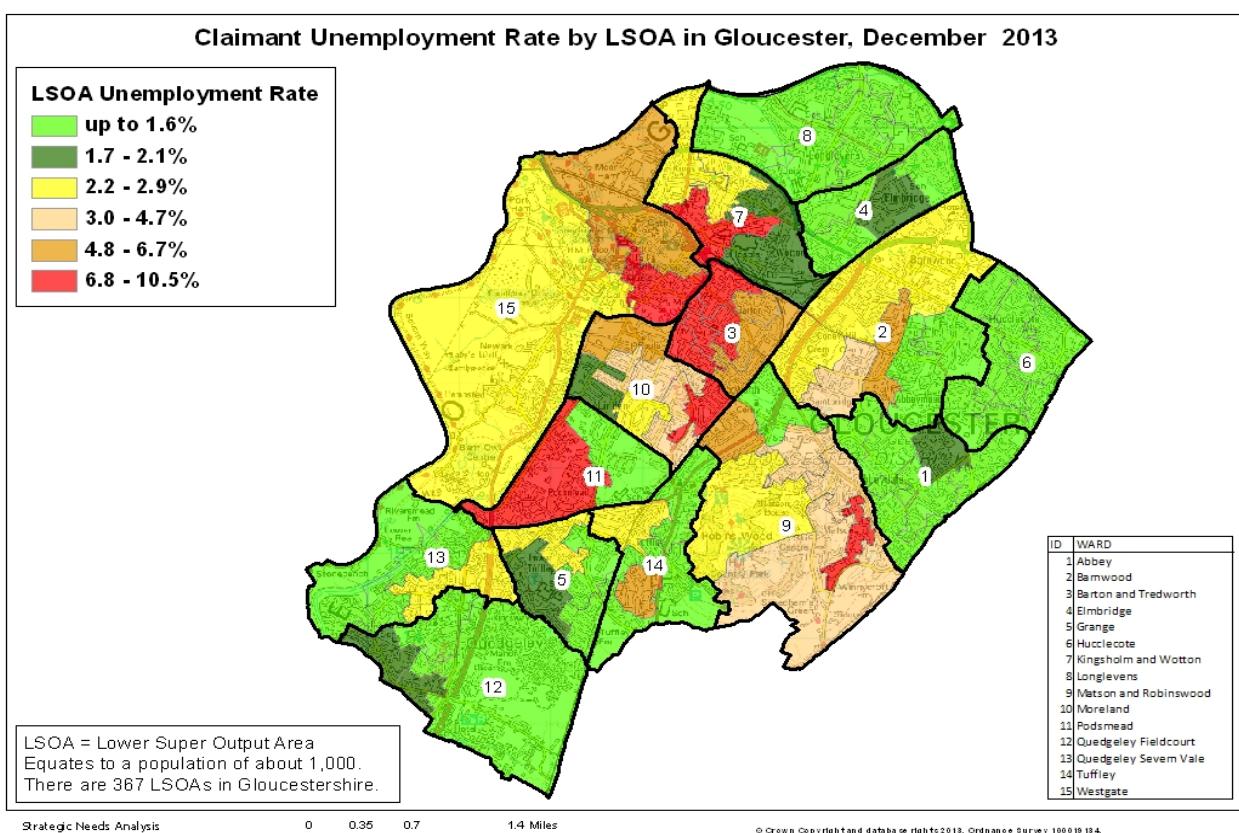
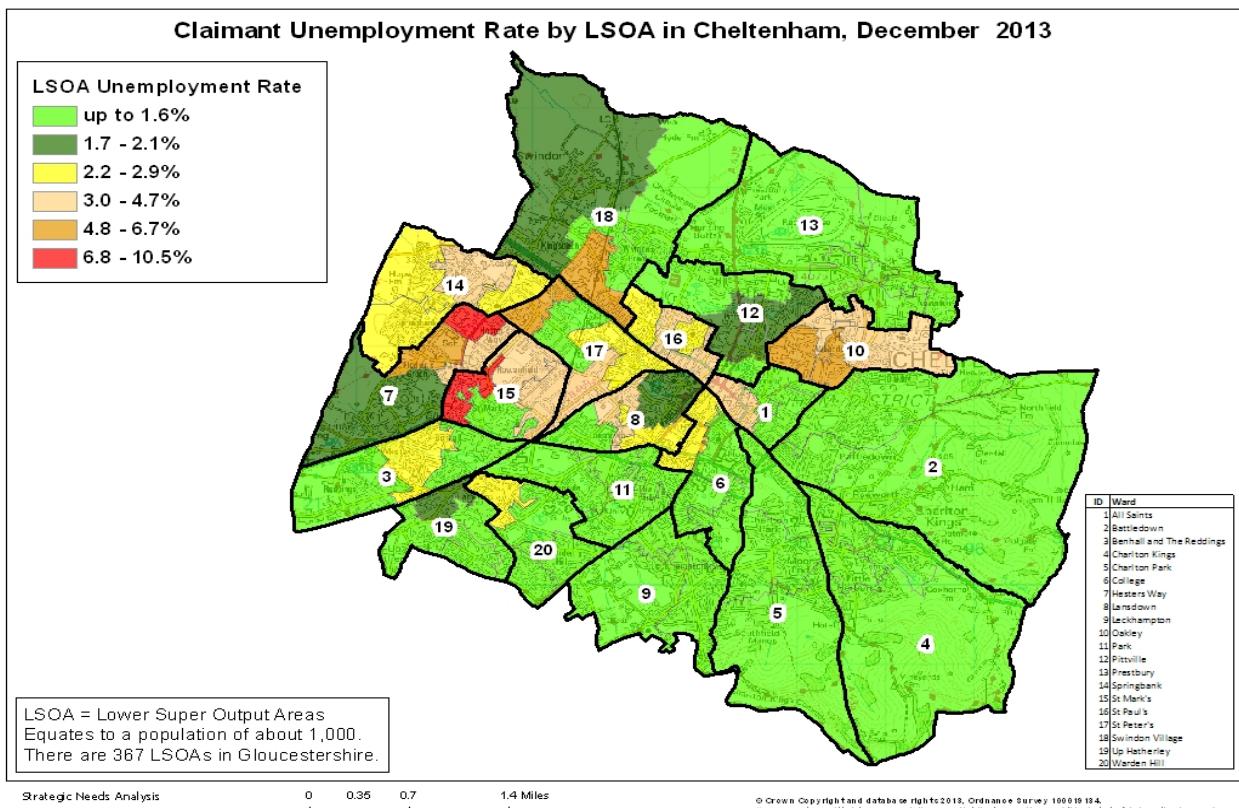
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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 December 2013 there were 639 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 4.2%. The total number of NEET decreased by 68 young people in December 2013 compared to November 2013. All Six districts saw a decrease in their NEET figures.

Total NEET Group by District Area

December 2013 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	120	55	95	198	87	84	639
Cohort	2773	2121	2360	4844	3073	1856	17027
% NEET	4.3	2.6	4.0	4.1	2.8	4.5	4.2

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.