

Unemployment Bulletin

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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 2.0% in January 2020. The South West rate increased to 2.2%, and the UK rate remained at 2.9%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.2% lower than the South West average of 2.2%, and 0.9% lower than the UK average of 2.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in January 2020 increased by 260 people. The amount of people claiming in January 2020 was 3.5% higher than the number in December 2019. This compares to a 2.3% increase in the South West and a 1.8% increase for 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 January 2020

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

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

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,565
Compared to last month:	7.9%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (5.2%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	2,290
Compared to last month:	2.0%
Claimant rate:	2.8%
Highest claiming wards	Westgate (5.6%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	715
Compared to last month:	2.9%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (4.1%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,080
Compared to last month:	2.9%
Claimant rate:	1.5%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (3.8%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,140
Compared to last month:	1.3%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (4.5%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	960
Compared to last month:	4.3%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (4.1%)

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

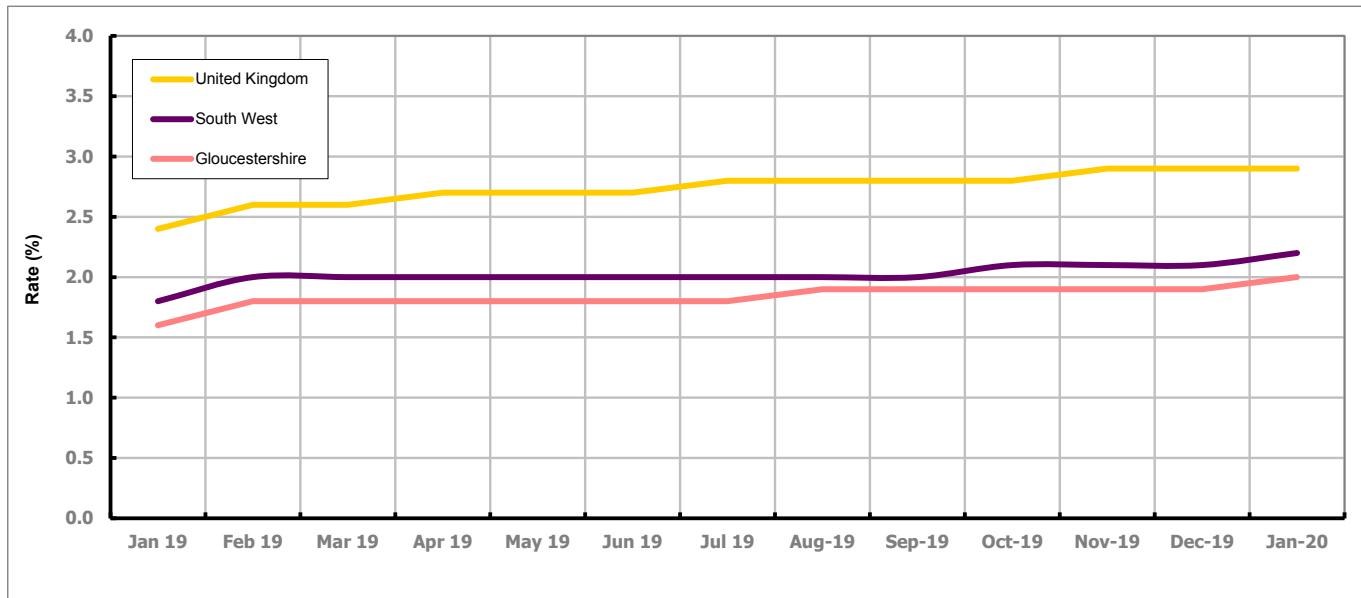


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.0% in January 2020. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in January 2020	% change on December 2019	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,224,535	1.8%	18
South West	73,260	2.3%	3
Gloucestershire	7,750	3.5%	3

Table 1 shows that in January 2020, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 3.5% higher than the number in December 2019.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

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

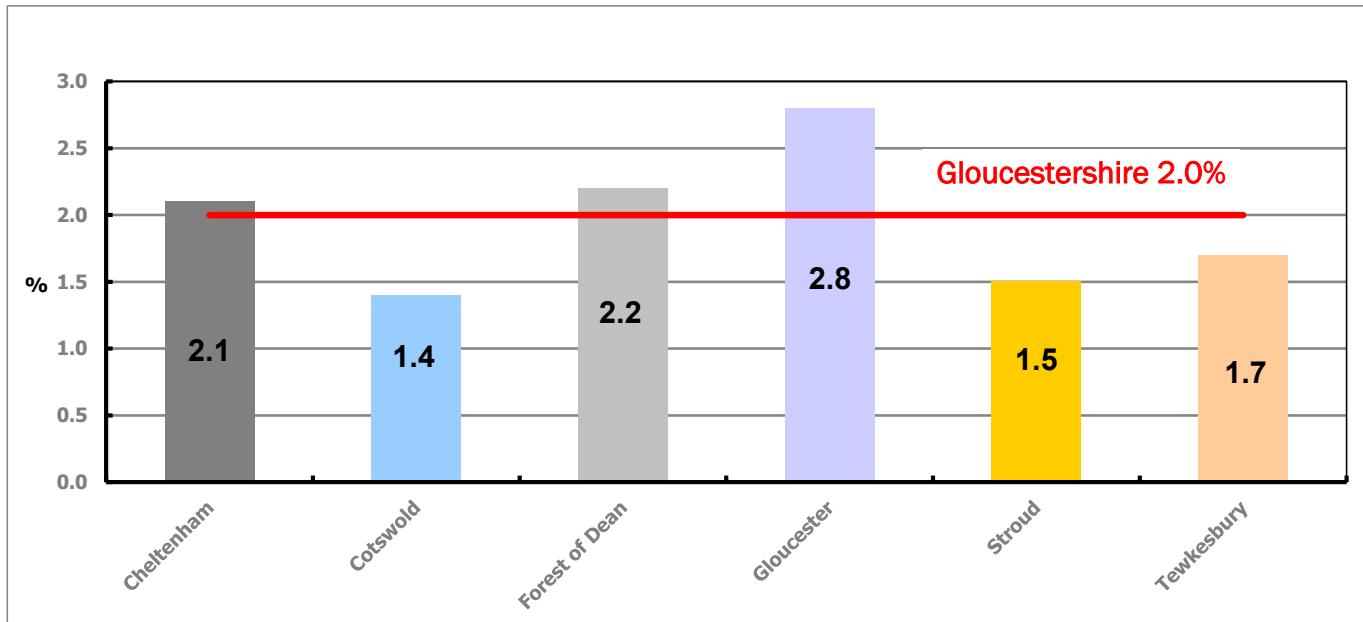


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for January 2020 in Gloucestershire. Between December 2019 and January 2020 the rate remained the same in all districts, except Cheltenham and Cotswold which saw an increase.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jan 20 Number	Jan 20 Rate	Dec 19 Number	Dec 19 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	7,750	2.0	7,490	1.9	260	3.5%	0.1
Cheltenham	1,565	2.1	1,450	2.0	115	7.9%	0.1
Cotswold	715	1.4	695	1.3	20	2.9%	0.1
Forest of Dean	1,140	2.2	1,125	2.2	15	1.3%	0.0
Gloucester	2,290	2.8	2,245	2.8	45	2.0%	0.0
Stroud	1,080	1.5	1,050	1.5	30	2.9%	0.0
Tewkesbury	960	1.7	920	1.7	40	4.3%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in January 2020 compared to December 2019. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jan 20 Number	Jan 20 Rate	Dec 19 Number	Dec 19 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,390	2.3	4,230	2.2	160	3.8%	0.1
Cheltenham	950	2.6	890	2.4	60	6.7%	0.2
Cotswold	370	1.5	360	1.4	10	2.8%	0.1
Forest of Dean	615	2.4	605	2.4	10	1.7%	0.0
Gloucester	1,355	3.3	1,335	3.3	20	1.5%	0.0
Stroud	575	1.6	550	1.6	25	4.5%	0.0
Tewkesbury	525	2.0	490	1.8	35	7.1%	0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in January 2020 compared to December 2019. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jan 20 Number	Jan 20 Rate	Dec 19 Number	Dec 19 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,355	1.7	3,260	1.7	95	2.9%	0.0
Cheltenham	615	1.7	565	1.5	50	8.8%	0.2
Cotswold	345	1.3	330	1.3	15	4.5%	0.0
Forest of Dean	525	2.0	525	2.0	0	0.0%	0.0
Gloucester	935	2.3	910	2.2	25	2.7%	0.1
Stroud	500	1.4	500	1.4	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	430	1.5	430	1.5	0	0.0%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in January 2020 compared to December 2019. All districts saw an increase in the number of female claimants except the Forest of Dean, Stroud and Tewkesbury which stayed 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

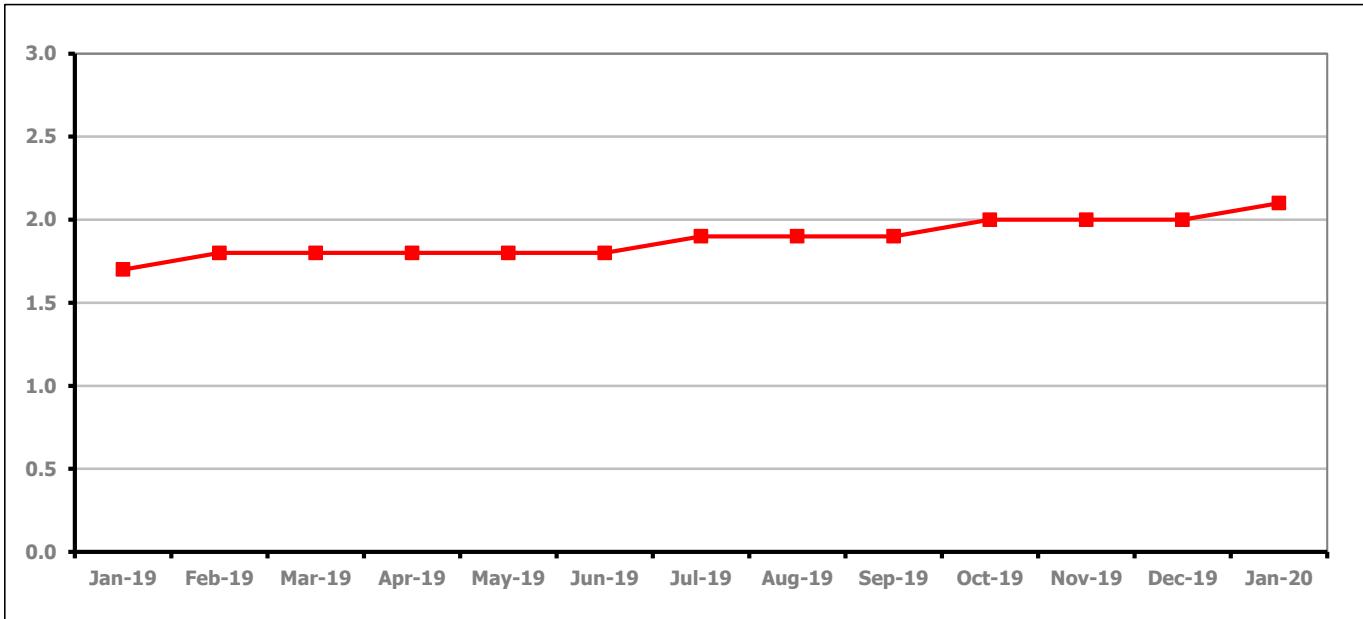


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased to 2.1% in January 2020.

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

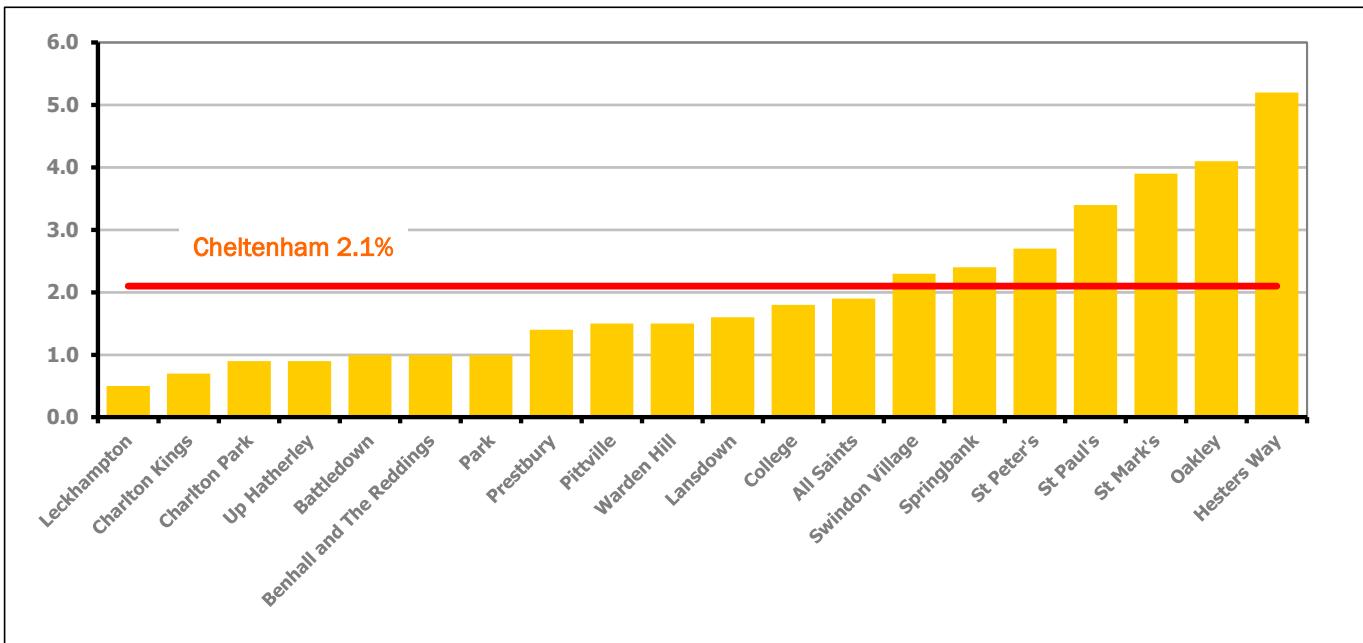


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.1%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.5	2
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.7	7
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.9	20
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.9	20
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.0	28
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.0	28
Cheltenham	Park	1.0	28
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.4	62
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.5	69
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.5	69
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.6	77
Cheltenham	College	1.8	95
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.9	100
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.3	112
Cheltenham	Springbank	2.4	116
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.7	122
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.4	130
Cheltenham	St Mark's	3.9	136
Cheltenham	Oakley	4.1	138
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	5.2	145

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* 1 = "best" and 146 = "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

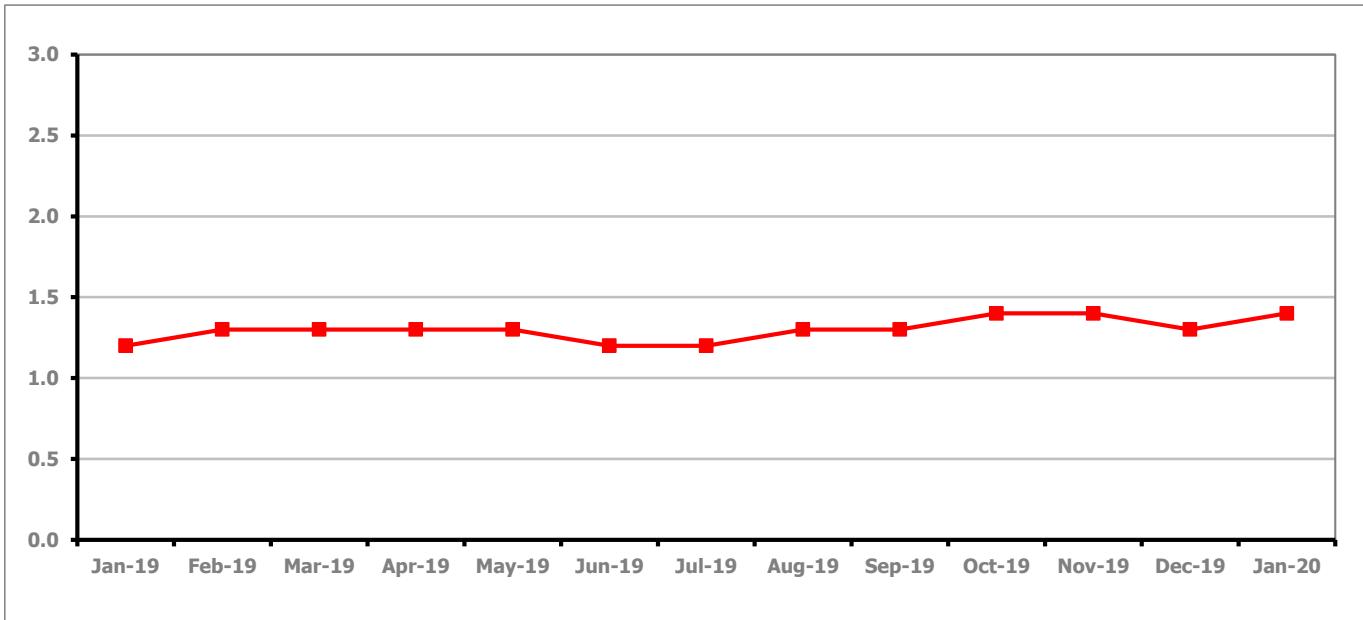


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased to 1.4% in January 2020.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - January 2020

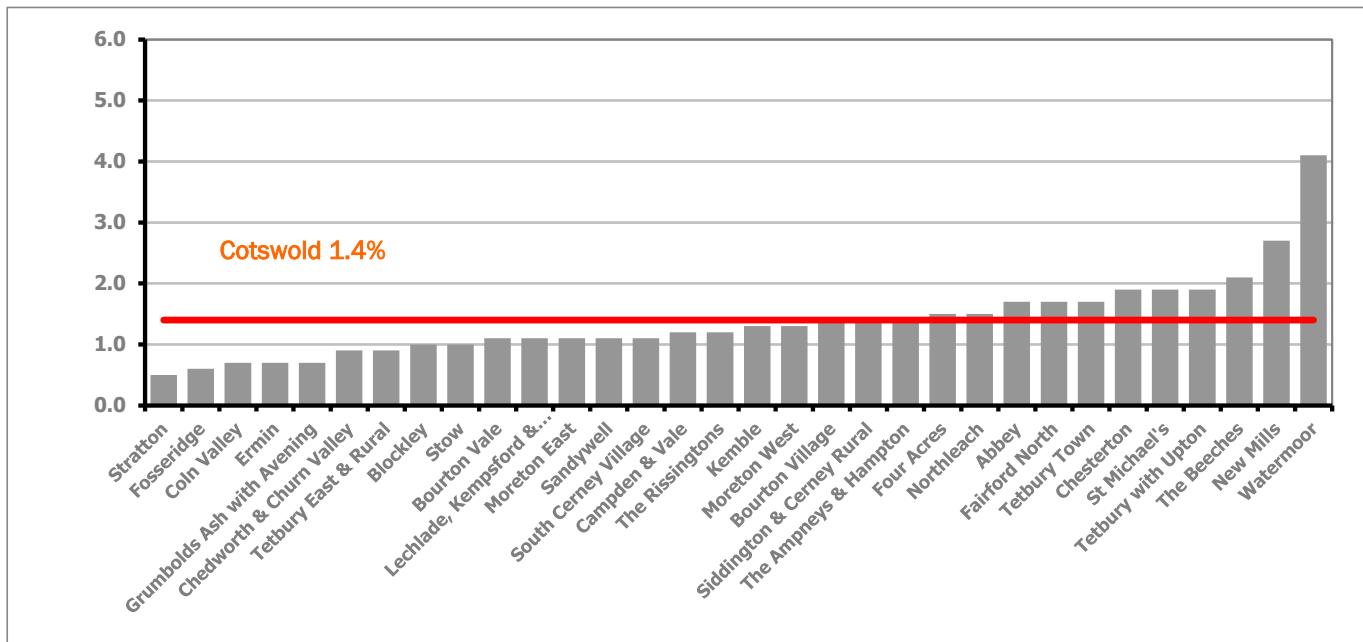


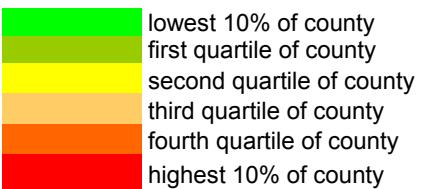
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.4%. Eleven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.5	2
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.6	5
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.7	7
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.7	7
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.7	7
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	0.9	20
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	0.9	20
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.0	28
Cotswolds	Stow	1.0	28
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Moreton East	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.1	38
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	1.2	48
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.2	48
Cotswolds	Kemble	1.3	54
Cotswolds	Moreton West	1.3	54
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	1.4	62
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.4	62
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.4	62
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.5	69
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.5	69
Cotswolds	Abbey	1.7	87
Cotswolds	Fairford North	1.7	87
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.7	87
Cotswolds	Chesterton	1.9	100
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.9	100
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	1.9	100
Cotswolds	The Beeches	2.1	107
Cotswolds	New Mills	2.7	122
Cotswolds	Watermoor	4.1	138


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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

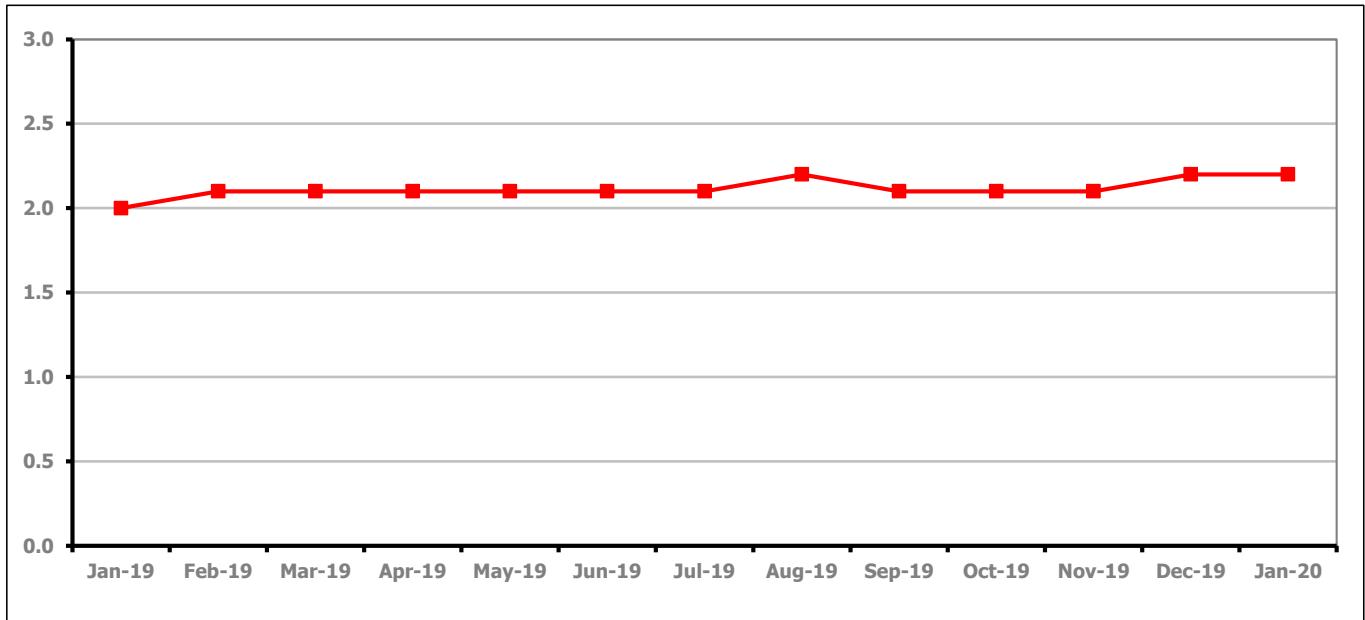


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained at 2.2% in January 2020.

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

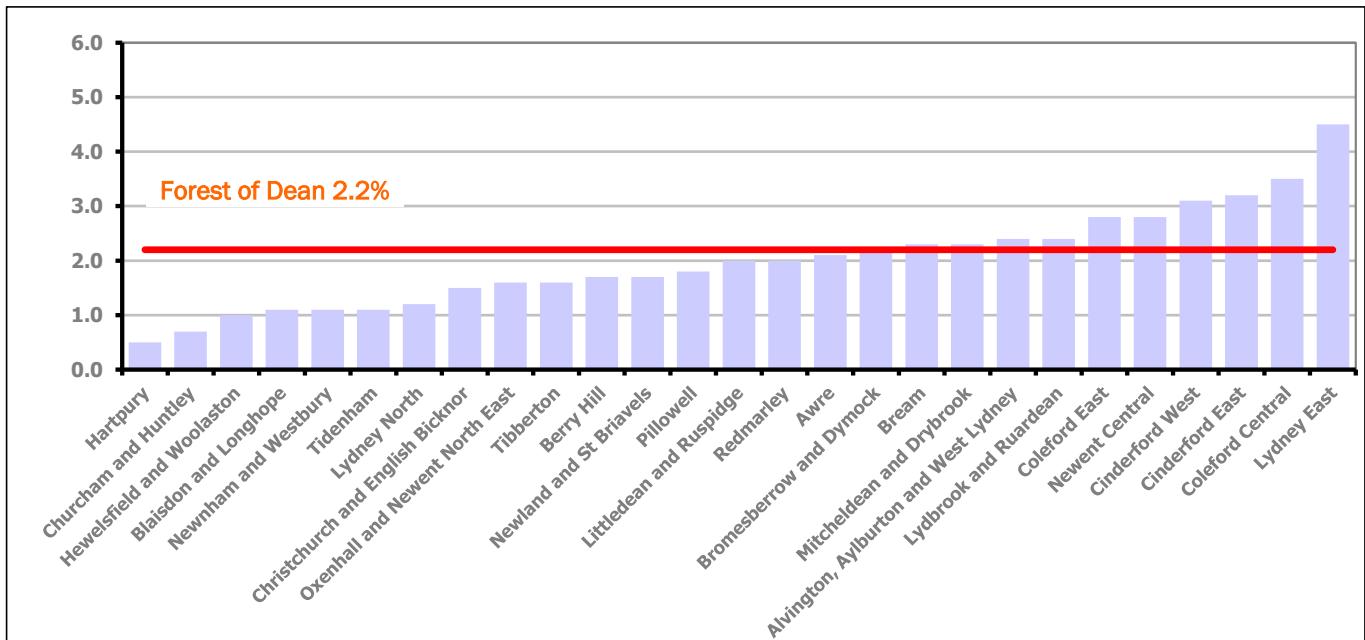


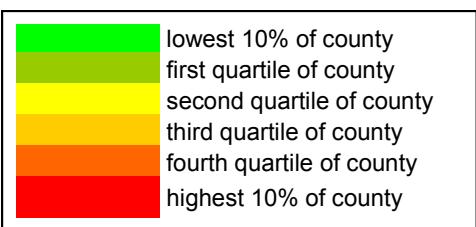
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.2%. Ten wards lie above the average.

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 - January 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.5	2
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.7	7
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.0	28
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	1.1	38
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.1	38
Forest	Tidenham	1.1	38
Forest	Lydney North	1.2	48
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.5	69
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.6	77
Forest	Tibberton	1.6	77
Forest	Berry Hill	1.7	87
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.7	87
Forest	Pillowell	1.8	95
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	2.0	105
Forest	Redmarley	2.0	105
Forest	Awre	2.1	107
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	2.2	110
Forest	Bream	2.3	112
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.3	112
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.4	116
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.4	116
Forest	Coleford East	2.8	124
Forest	Newent Central	2.8	124
Forest	Cinderford West	3.1	127
Forest	Cinderford East	3.2	128
Forest	Coleford Central	3.5	132
Forest	Lydney East	4.5	142



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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.

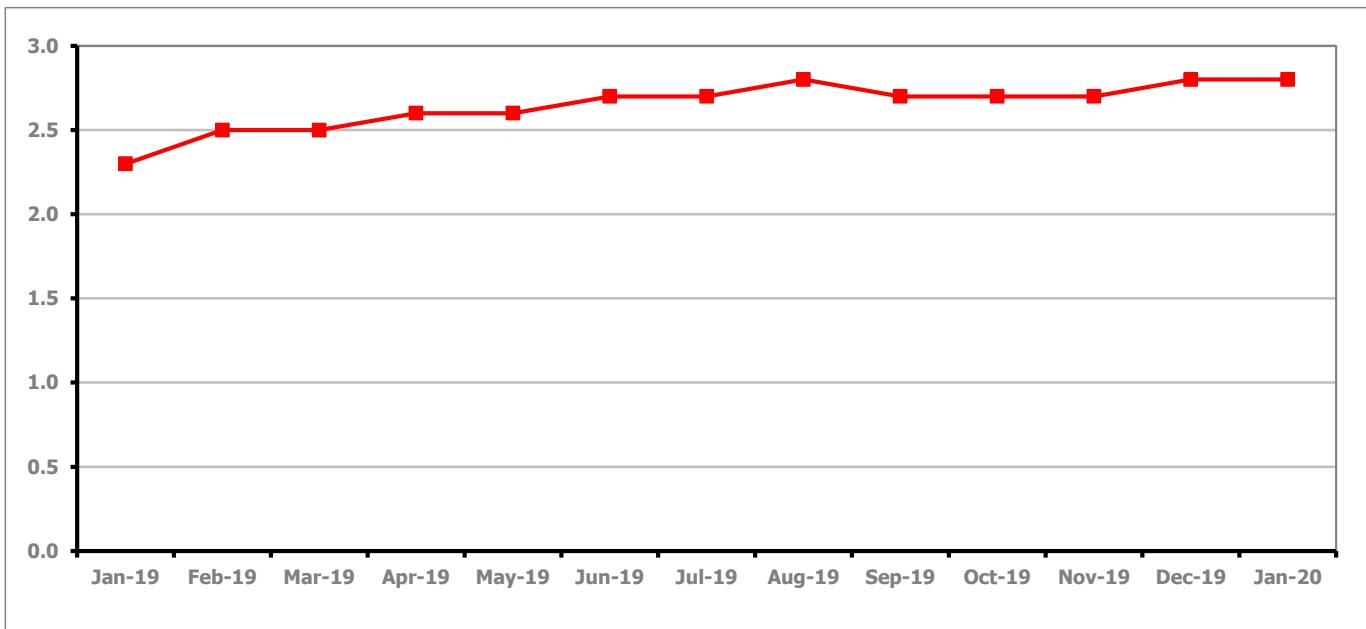
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained at 2.8% in January 2020.

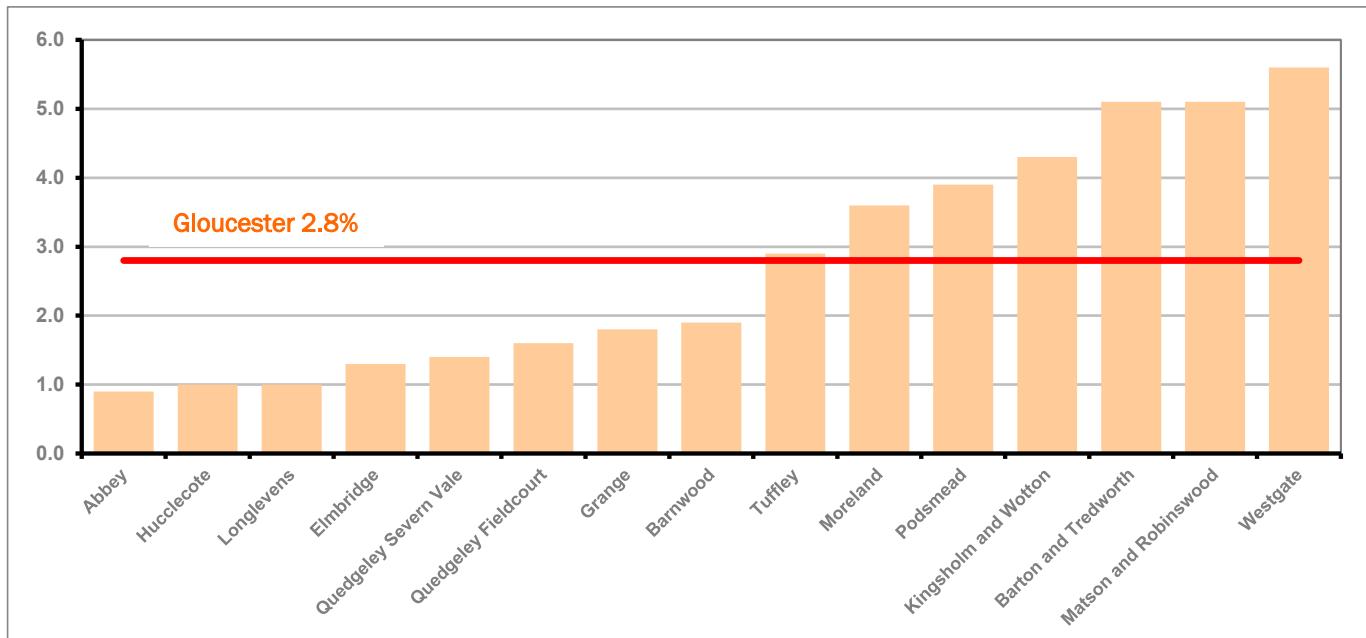
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - January 2020

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.8%. 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 - January 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	0.9	20
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.0	28
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.0	28
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.3	54
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.4	62
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.6	77
Gloucester	Grange	1.8	95
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.9	100
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.9	126
Gloucester	Moreland	3.6	134
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.9	136
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.3	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	5.1	143
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	5.1	143
Gloucester	Westgate	5.6	146

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

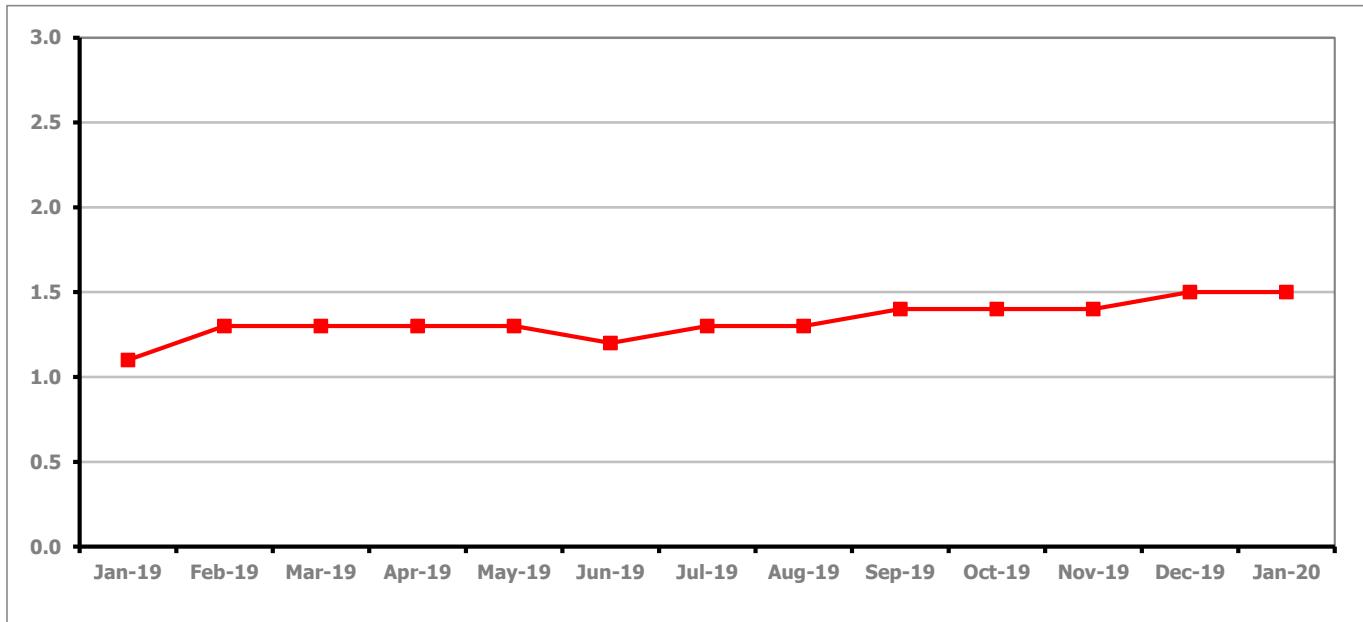
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained at 1.5% in January 2020.

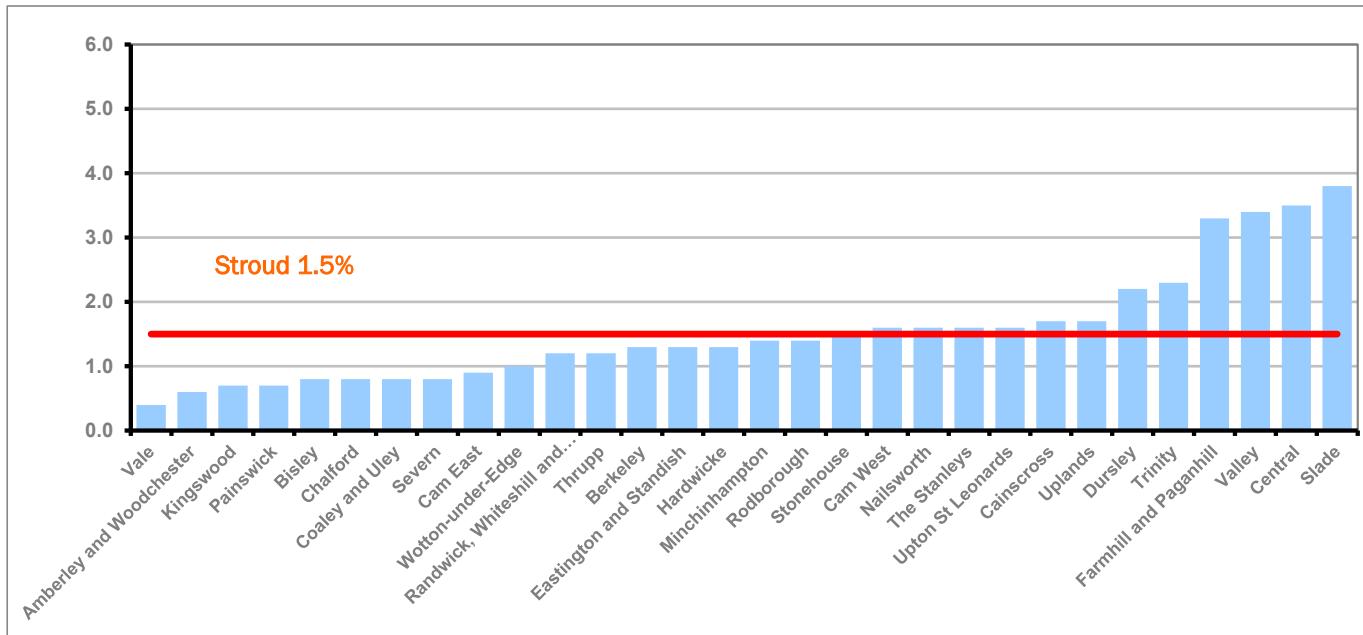
Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - January 2020

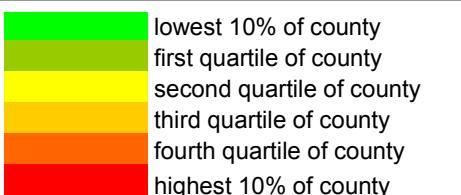
Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.5%. Twelve wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Vale	0.4	1
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.6	5
Stroud	Kingswood	0.7	7
Stroud	Painswick	0.7	7
Stroud	Bisley	0.8	15
Stroud	Chalford	0.8	15
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.8	15
Stroud	Severn	0.8	15
Stroud	Cam East	0.9	20
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.0	28
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.2	48
Stroud	Thrupp	1.2	48
Stroud	Berkeley	1.3	54
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.3	54
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.3	54
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.4	62
Stroud	Rodborough	1.4	62
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.5	69
Stroud	Cam West	1.6	77
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.6	77
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.6	77
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	1.6	77
Stroud	Cainscross	1.7	87
Stroud	Uplands	1.7	87
Stroud	Dursley	2.2	110
Stroud	Trinity	2.3	112
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	3.3	129
Stroud	Valley	3.4	130
Stroud	Central	3.5	132
Stroud	Slade	3.8	135


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

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4.6 Tewkesbury Borough

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year

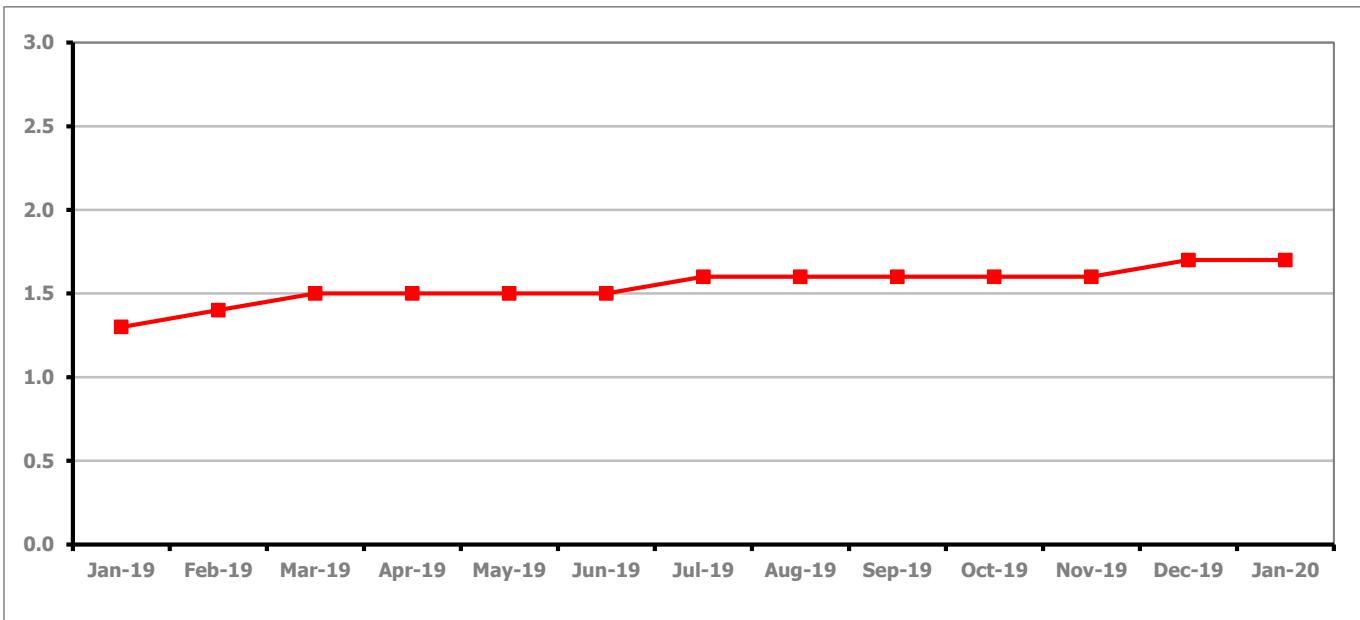


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough remained at 1.7% in January 2020.

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

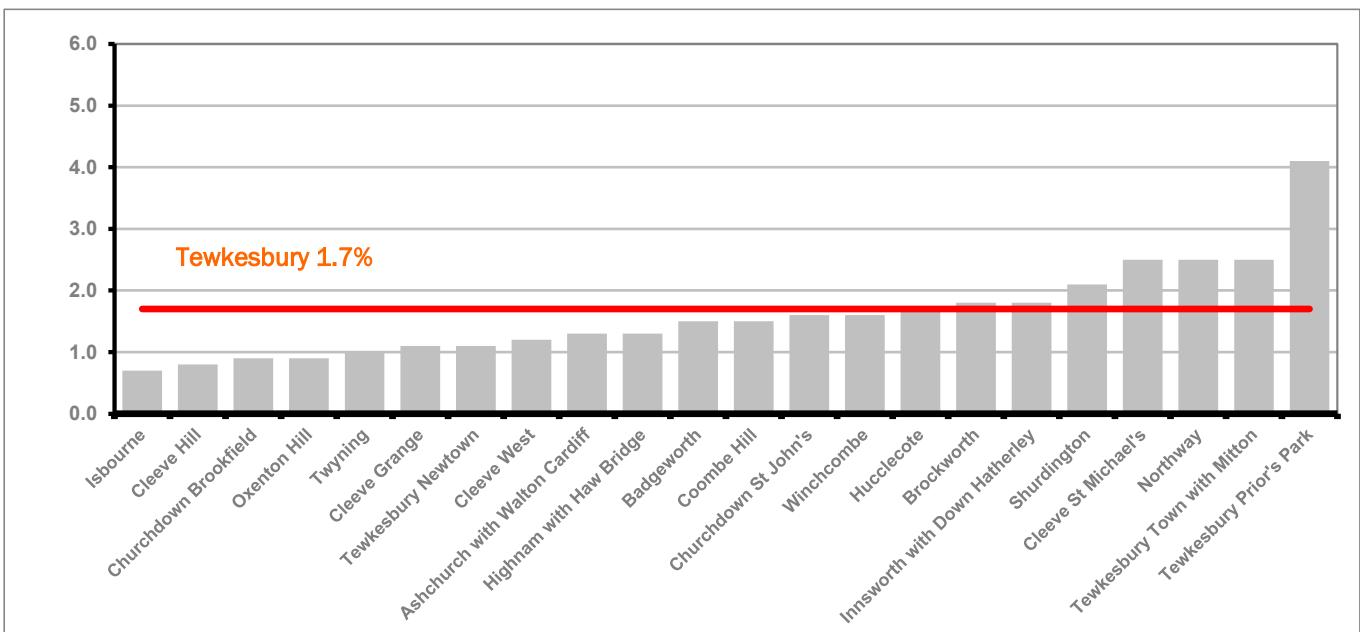


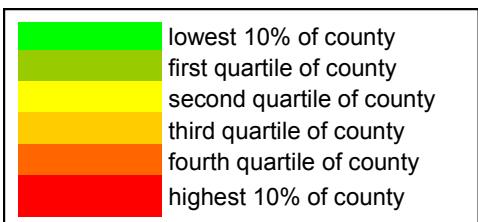
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.7%. Seven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.7	7
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.8	15
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.9	20
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.9	20
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.0	28
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.1	38
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.1	38
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.2	48
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.3	54
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.3	54
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.5	69
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.5	69
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.6	77
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.6	77
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.7	87
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.8	95
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.8	95
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.1	107
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.5	119
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.5	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	2.5	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	4.1	138



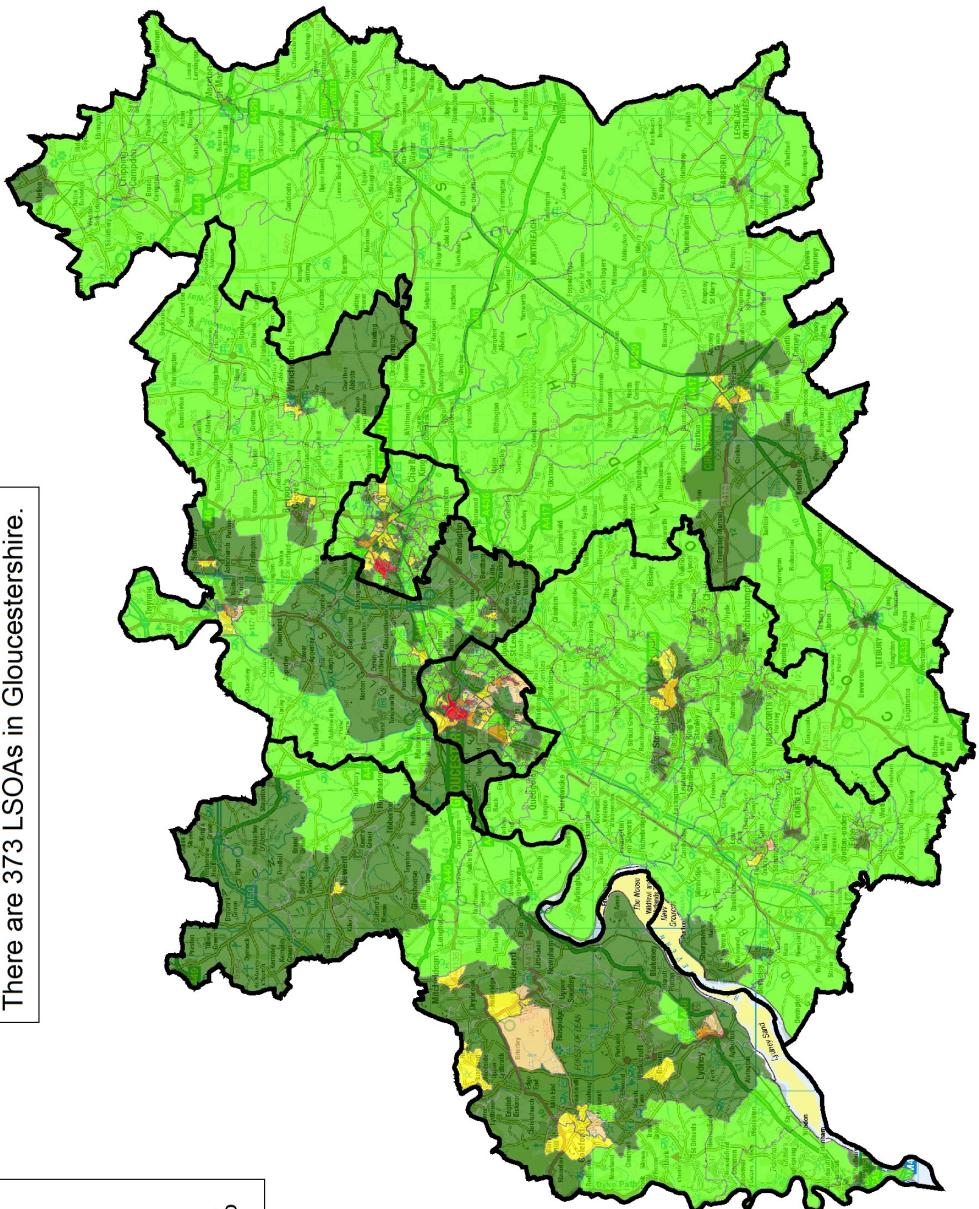
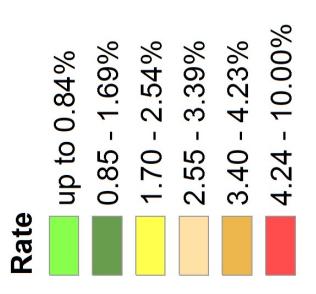
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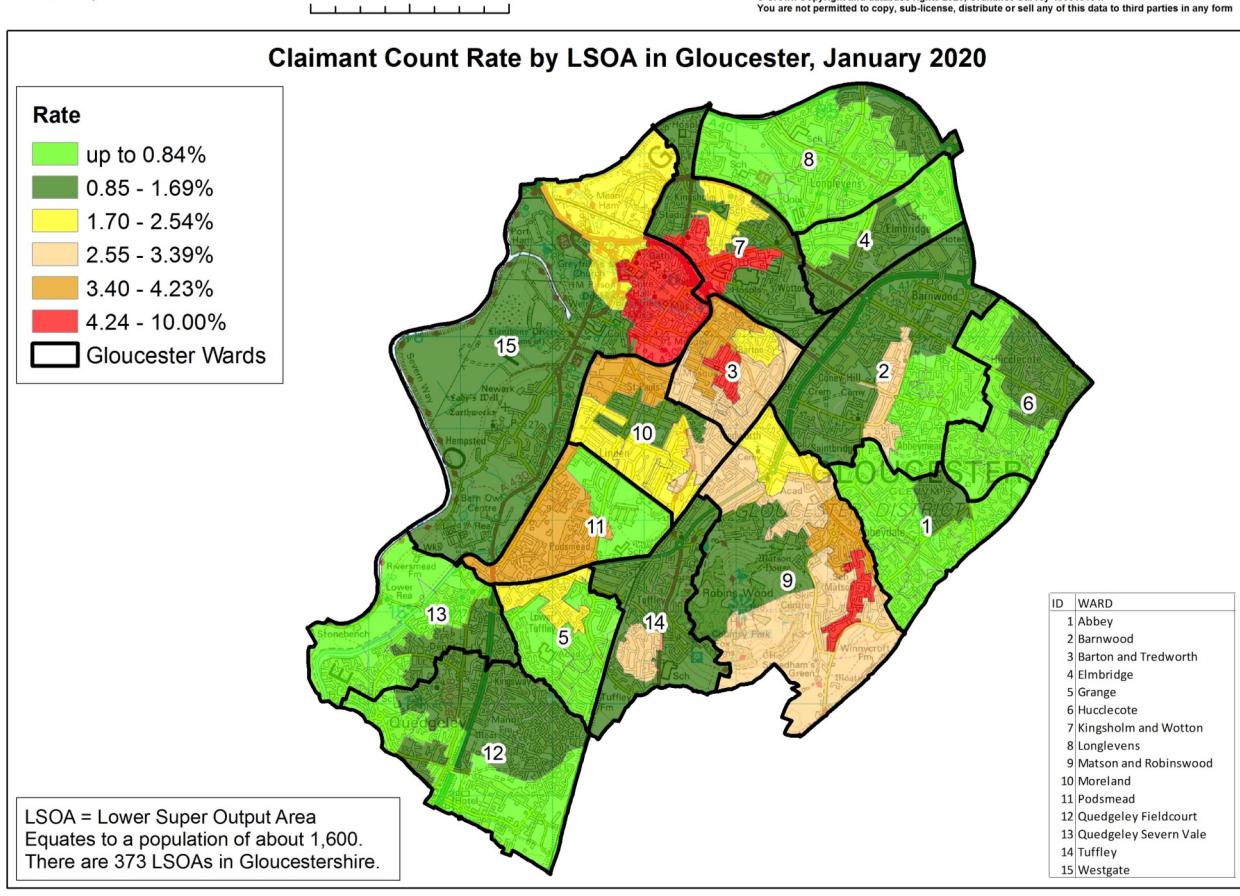
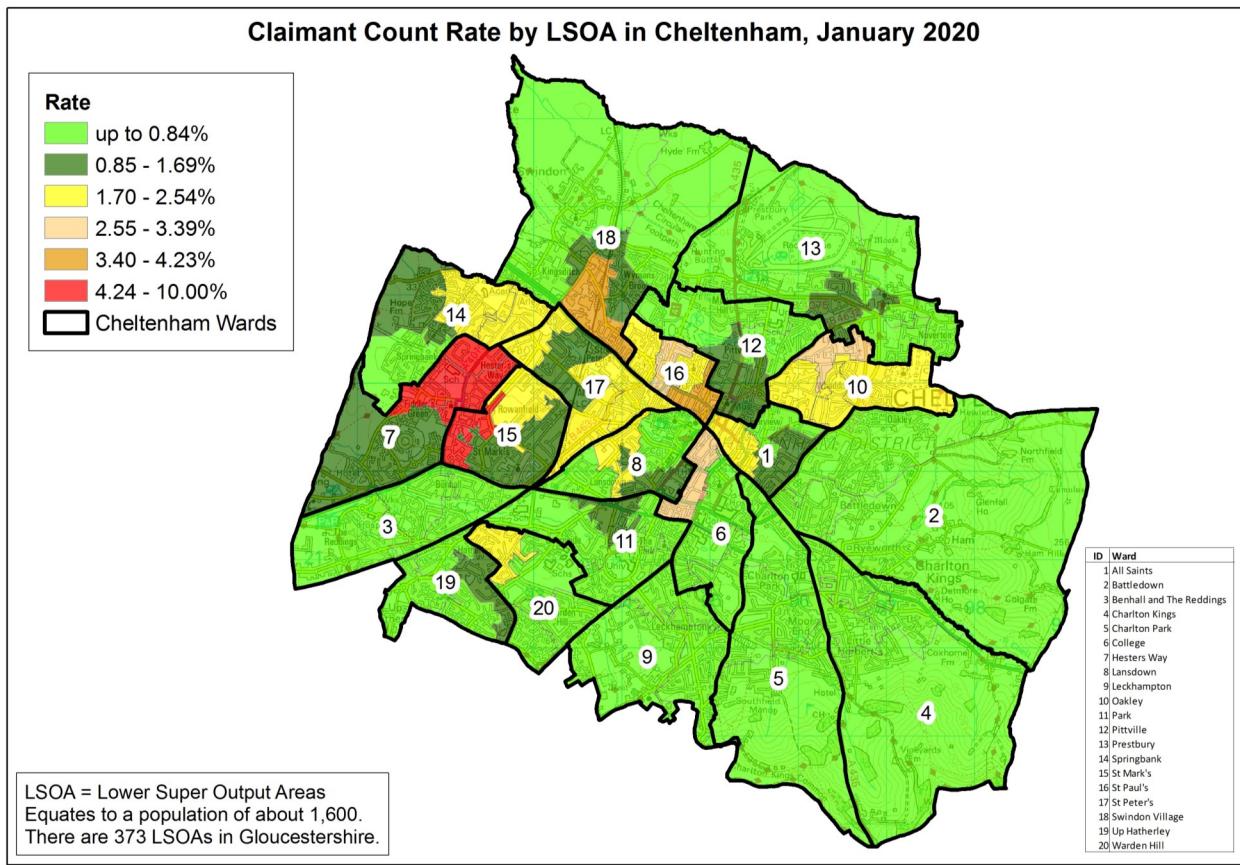
PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, January 2020

LSOA = Lower Super Output Area.
Equates to a population of about 1,600.
There are 373 LSOAs in Gloucestershire.



PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

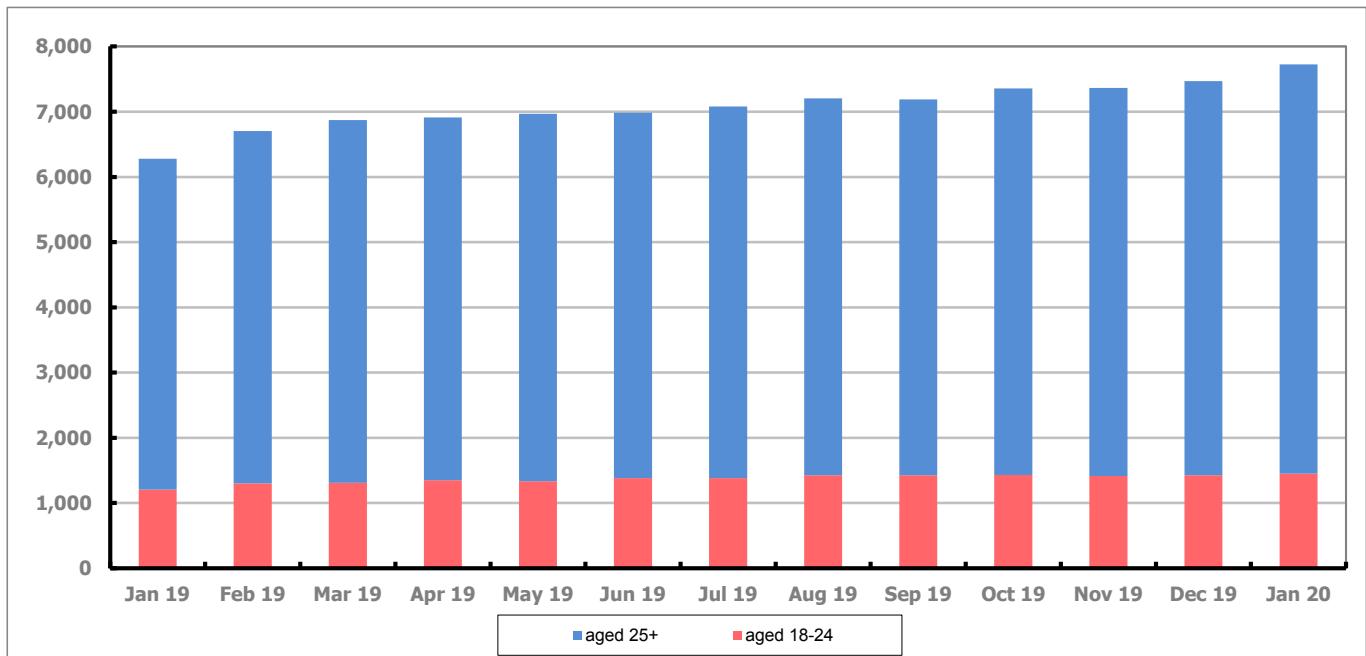


Figure 15 shows that in January 2020, 1,450 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 18.7% of total working age claimants.

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 January 2020 there were 392 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 2.54%. The total number of NEET young people decreased by 59 in January 2020 compared to December 2019, all districts saw a decrease in their figures.

Total NEET Group by District Area

January 2020 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	78	31	60	116	55	52	392
Cohort	2827	2229	2129	3797	3319	2353	16654
% NEET	2.76	1.39	2.82	3.06	1.66	2.21	2.54*

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.