

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 out of work. For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](http://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 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).

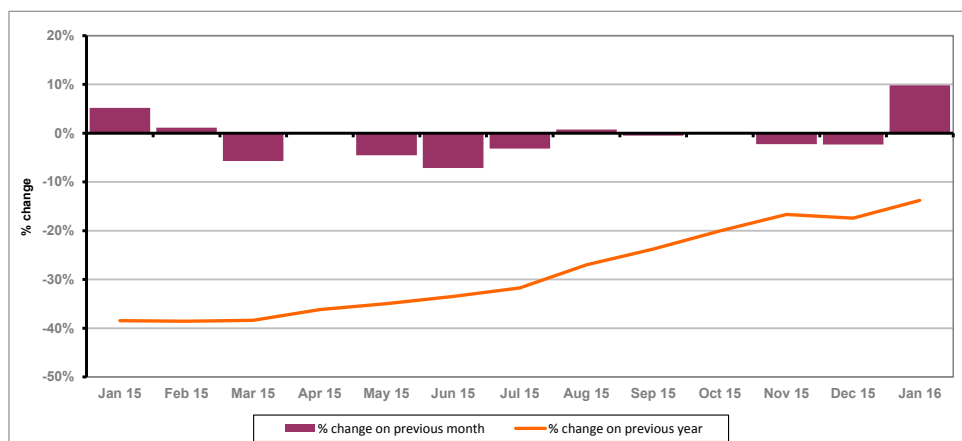
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.1% in January 2016. This was a 0.1% increase on the December 2015 figure. The UK and the South West rate also increased to 1.9% and 1.2% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.1% lower than the South West average of 1.2%, and 0.8% lower than the UK average of 1.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in January 2016 increased by 375 people. The amount of people claiming in January 2016 was 9.8% higher than the number in December 2015. This compares to a 10.6% increase in the South West and a 7.1% increase for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has increased since last month. The count was 13.8% lower in January 2016 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: January 2015 to January 2016



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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 2016

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 2016

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	795
Compared to last month:	13.6%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (2.1%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,340
Compared to last month:	11.7%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming wards	Barton and Tredworth (3.5%), Westgate (3.5%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	330
Compared to last month:	8.2%
Claimant rate:	0.7%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (1.6%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	540
Compared to last month:	5.9%
Claimant rate:	0.8%
Highest claiming wards	Central (1.9%), Slade (1.9%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	665
Compared to last month:	5.6%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford East (2.8%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	510
Compared to last month:	9.7%
Claimant rate:	1.0%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (2.7%)

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

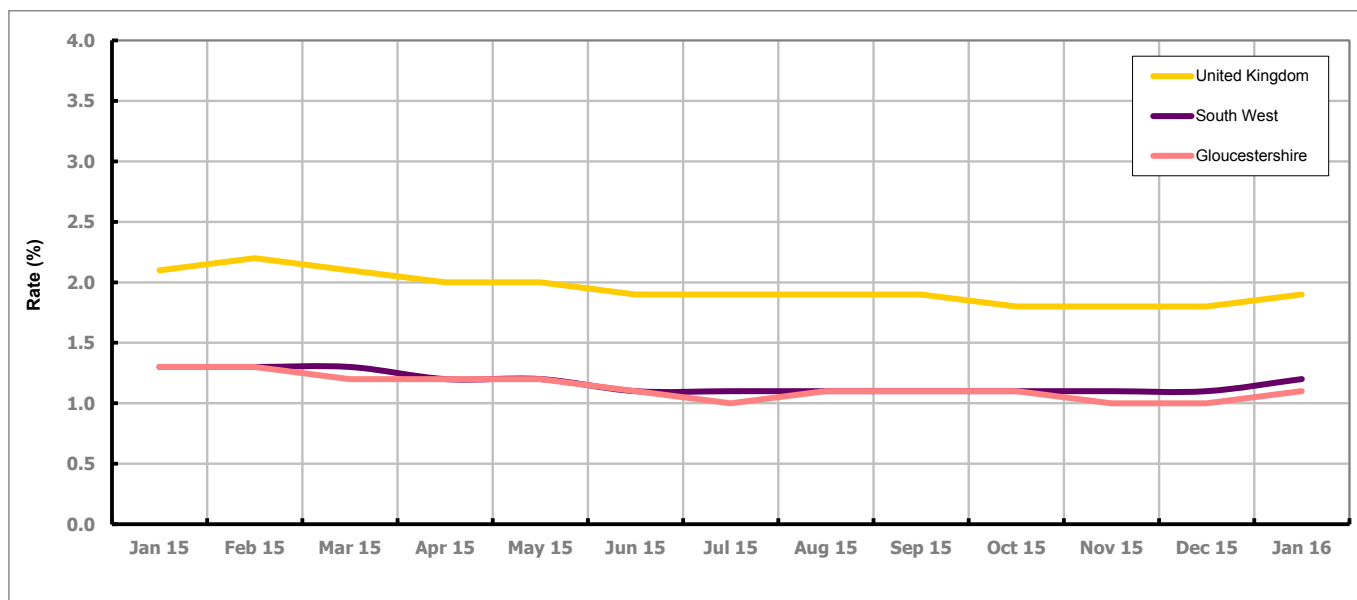


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.1% in January 2016. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since November 2015. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.8% against the UK average.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in January 2016	% change on December 2015	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	790,355	7.1%	0.2%	0
South West	40,905	10.6%	2.0%	0
Gloucestershire	4,185	9.8%	0.8%	0

Table 1 shows that in January 2016, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 9.8% higher than the number in December 2015.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to January 2016 was 0.8%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - January 2016

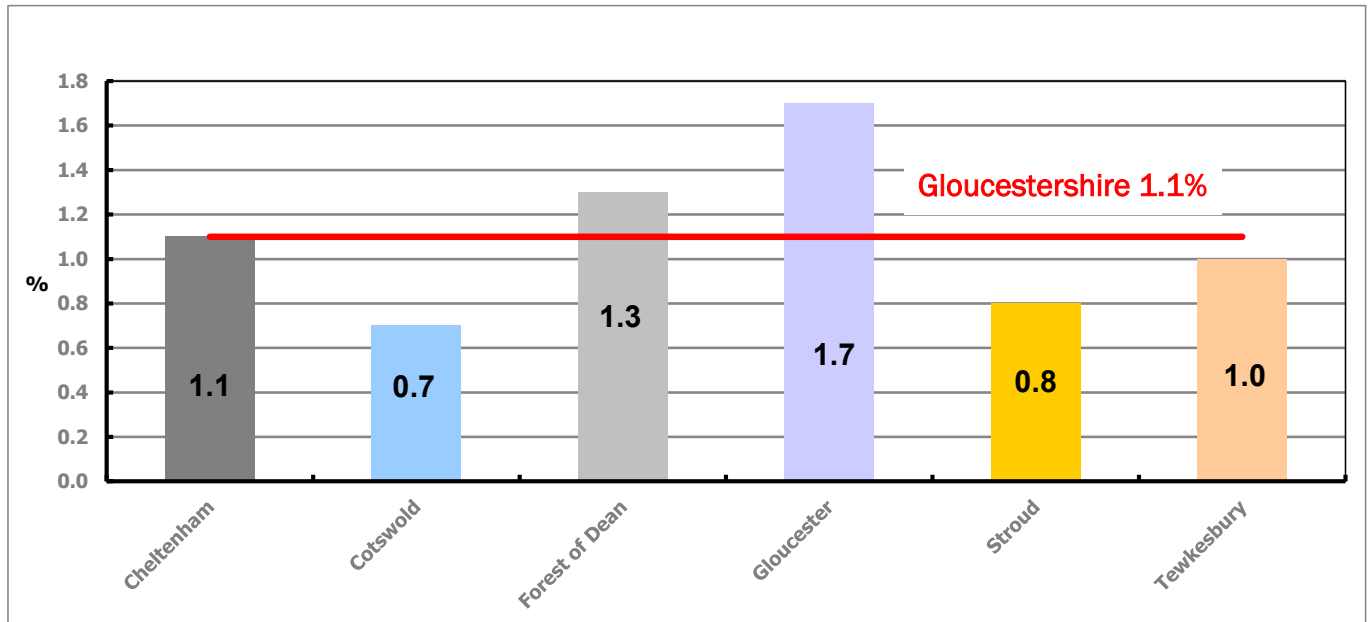


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for January 2016 in Gloucestershire. Between December 2015 and January 2016, the rate increased in all districts.

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

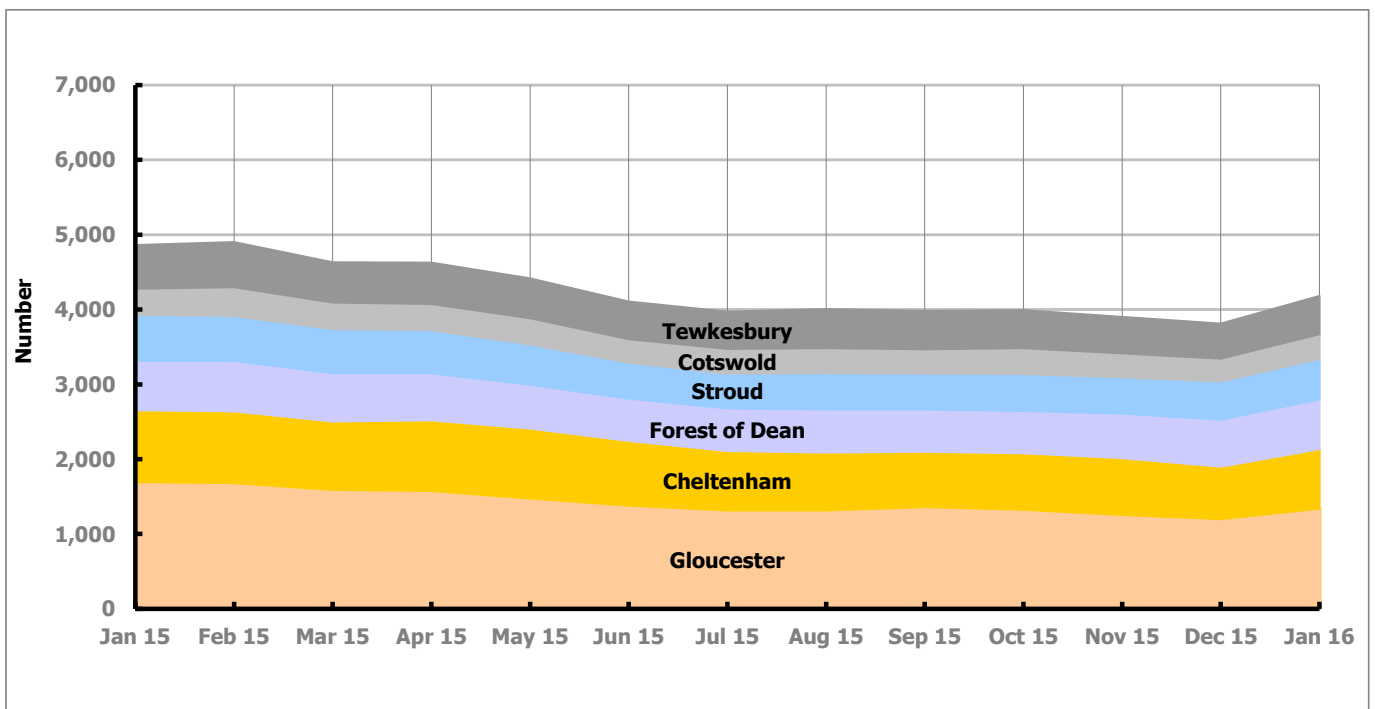


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants has decreased over the last year, with the exception of February, August, October, and January 2016 when there was an increase.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jan 16 Number	Jan 16 Rate	Dec 15 Number	Dec 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,185	1.1	3,810	1.0	375	9.8%	0.1
Cheltenham	795	1.1	700	0.9	95	13.6%	0.2
Cotswold	330	0.7	305	0.6	25	8.2%	0.1
Forest of Dean	665	1.3	630	1.2	35	5.6%	0.1
Gloucester	1,340	1.7	1,200	1.5	140	11.7%	0.2
Stroud	540	0.8	510	0.7	30	5.9%	0.1
Tewkesbury	510	1.0	465	0.9	45	9.7%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in January 2016 compared to December 2015. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jan 16 Number	Jan 16 Rate	Dec 15 Number	Dec 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,765	1.5	2,545	1.4	220	8.6%	0.1
Cheltenham	535	1.4	475	1.3	60	12.6%	0.1
Cotswold	210	0.9	200	0.8	10	5.0%	0.1
Forest of Dean	435	1.7	420	1.7	15	3.6%	0.0
Gloucester	900	2.2	805	2.0	95	11.8%	0.2
Stroud	350	1.0	340	1.0	10	2.9%	0.0
Tewkesbury	330	1.3	305	1.2	25	8.2%	0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in January 2016 compared to December 2015. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jan 16 Number	Jan 16 Rate	Dec 15 Number	Dec 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	1,420	0.7	1,265	0.7	155	12.3%	0.0
Cheltenham	260	0.7	225	0.6	35	15.6%	0.1
Cotswold	120	0.5	105	0.4	15	14.3%	0.1
Forest of Dean	230	0.9	210	0.8	20	9.5%	0.1
Gloucester	440	1.1	395	1.0	45	11.4%	0.1
Stroud	190	0.5	170	0.5	20	11.8%	0.0
Tewkesbury	175	0.7	160	0.6	15	9.4%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in January 2016 compared to December 2015. 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 4: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

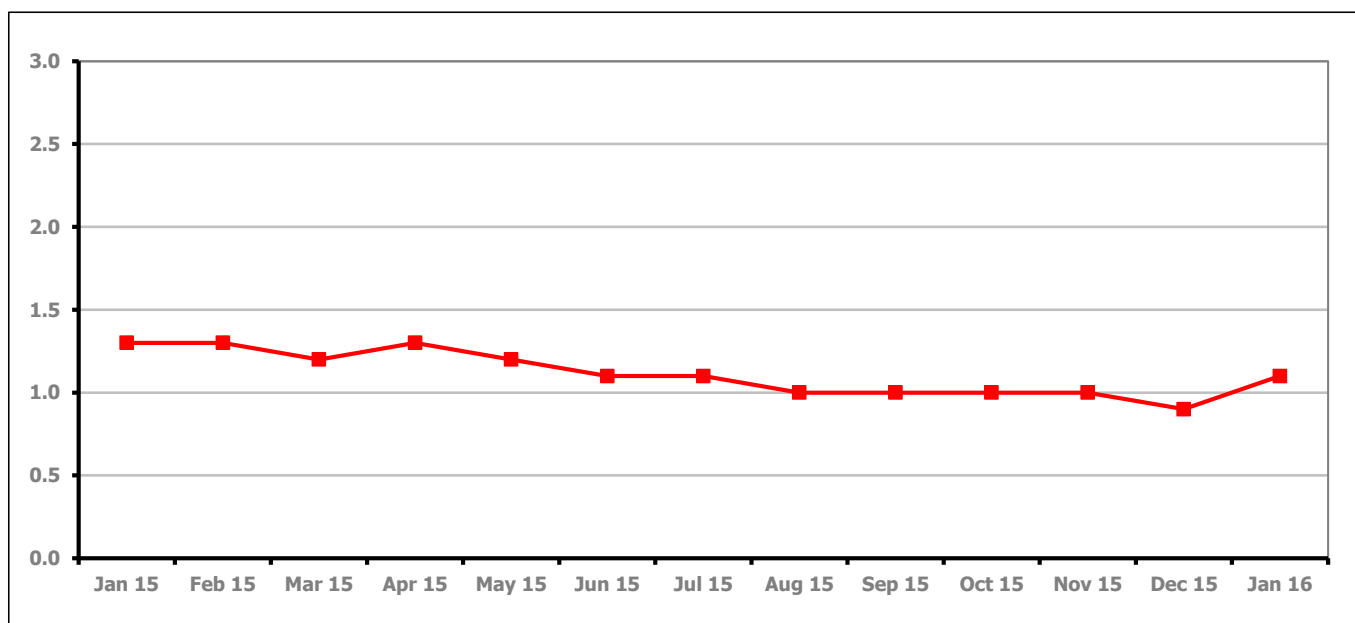


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased in January 2016 to 1.1%.

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

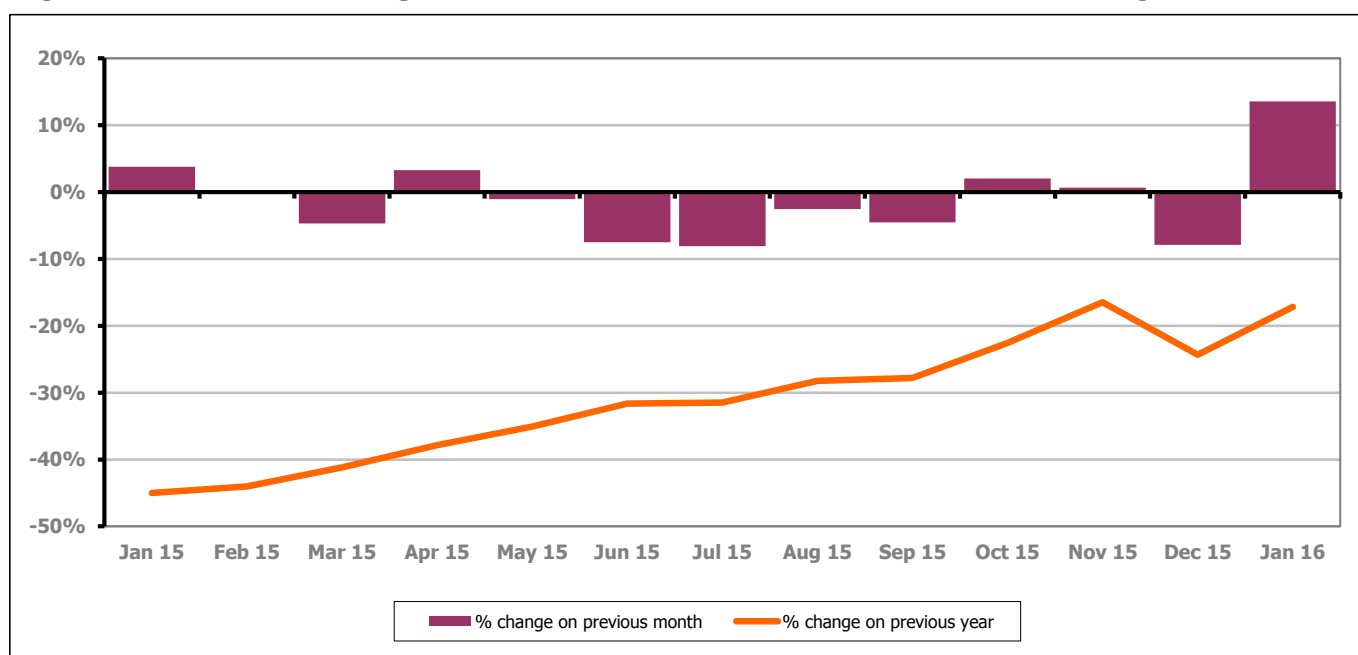


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by 13.6% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between December 2015 and January 2016 to -17.2%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - January 2016

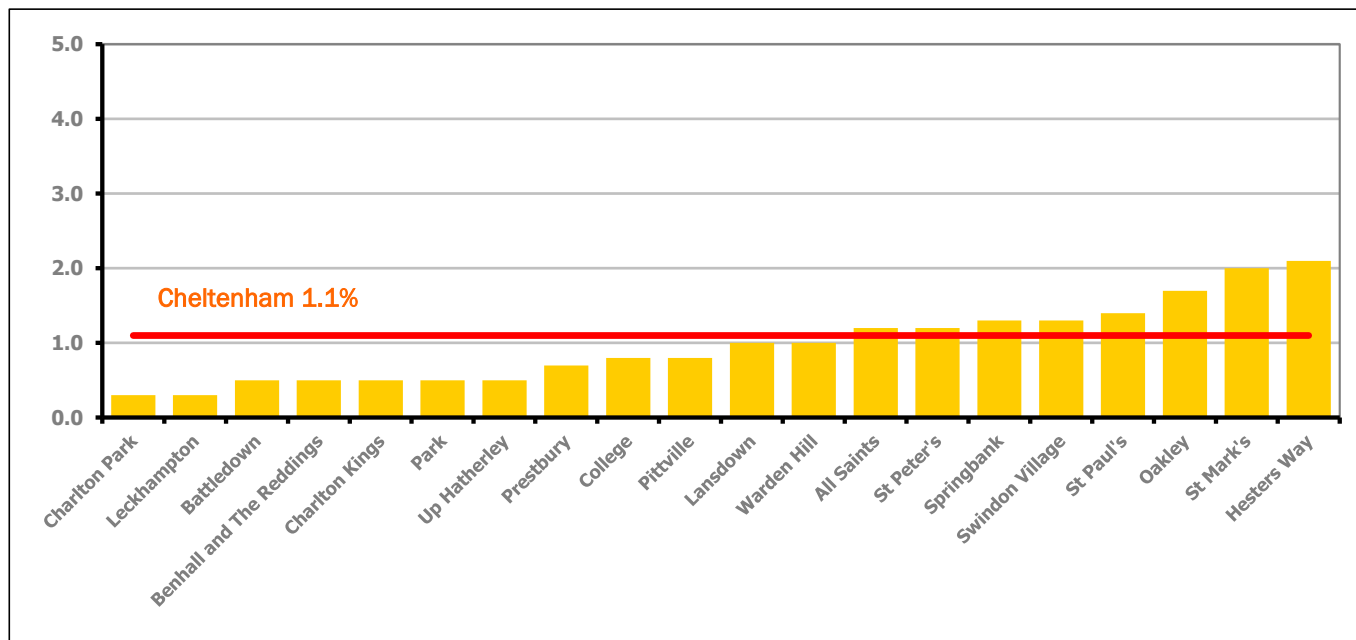
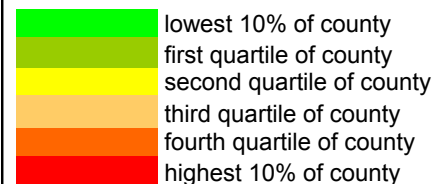


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.1%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - January 2016

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.3	9
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.3	9
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.5	28
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.5	28
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.5	28
Cheltenham	Park	0.5	28
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.5	28
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.7	50
Cheltenham	College	0.8	66
Cheltenham	Pittville	0.8	66
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.0	92
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.0	92
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.2	106
Cheltenham	St Peter's	1.2	106
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.3	110
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.3	110
Cheltenham	St Paul's	1.4	118
Cheltenham	Oakley	1.7	125
Cheltenham	St Mark's	2.0	132
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	2.1	133



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

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

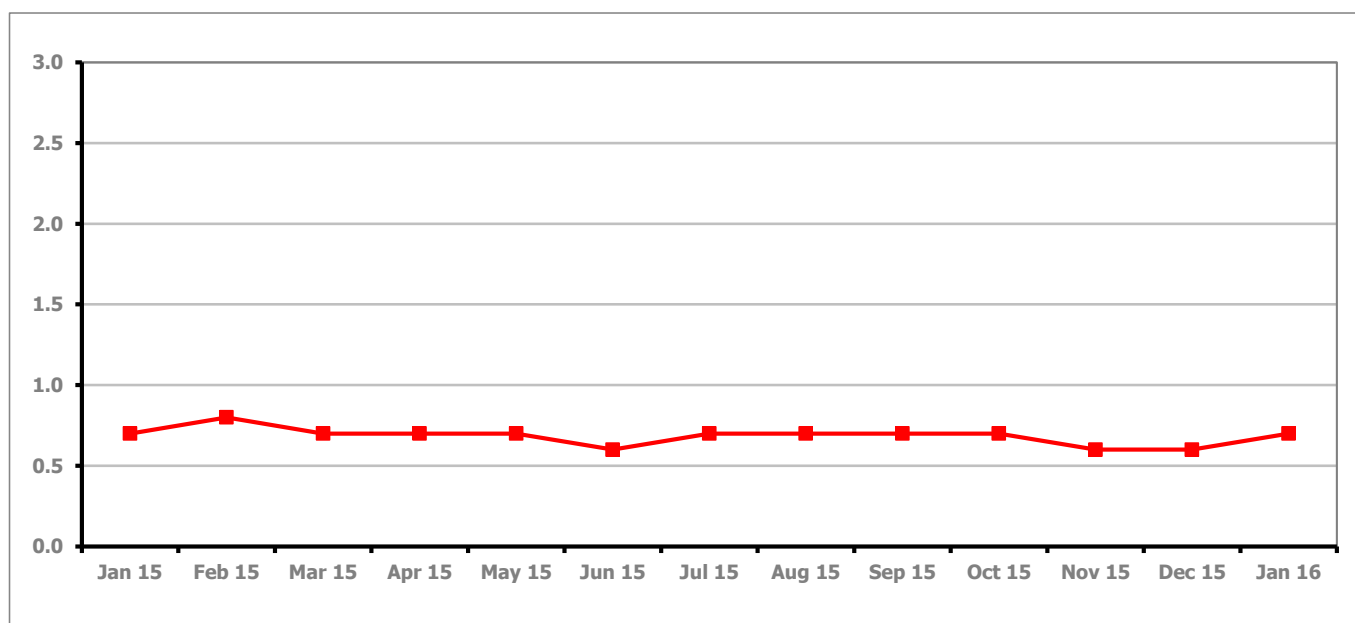
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased in January 2016 to 0.7%.

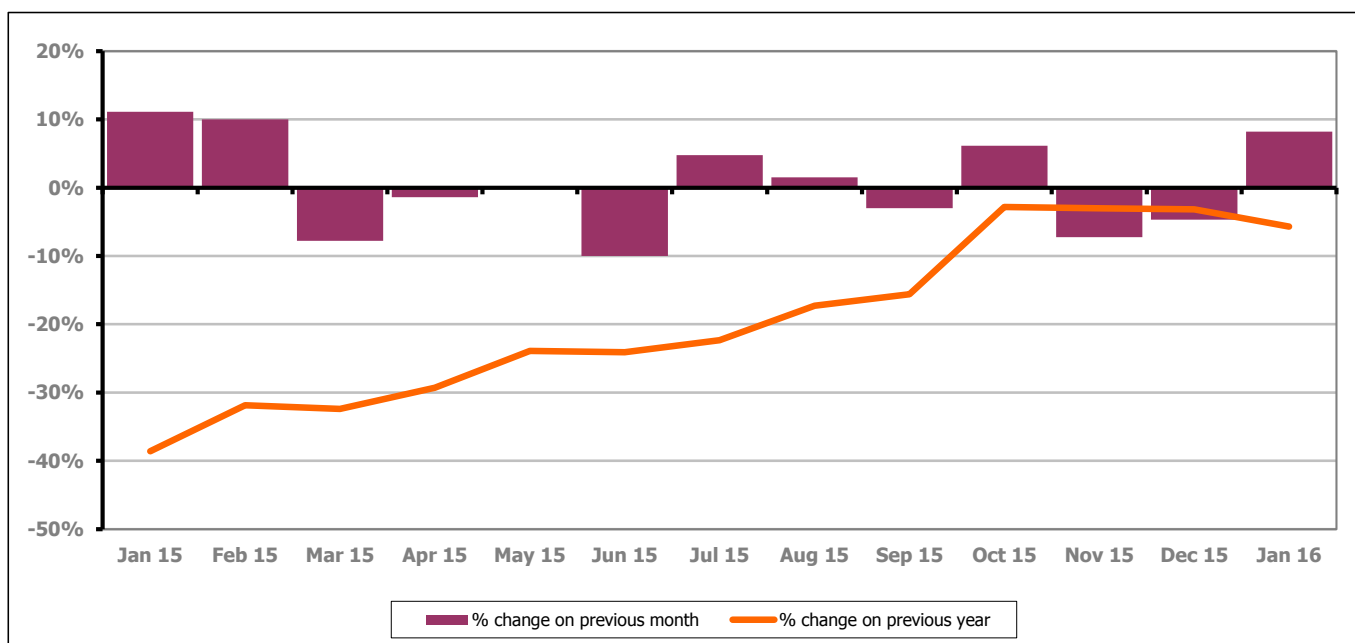
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by 8.2% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased between December 2015 and January 2016 to -5.7%.

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4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - January 2016

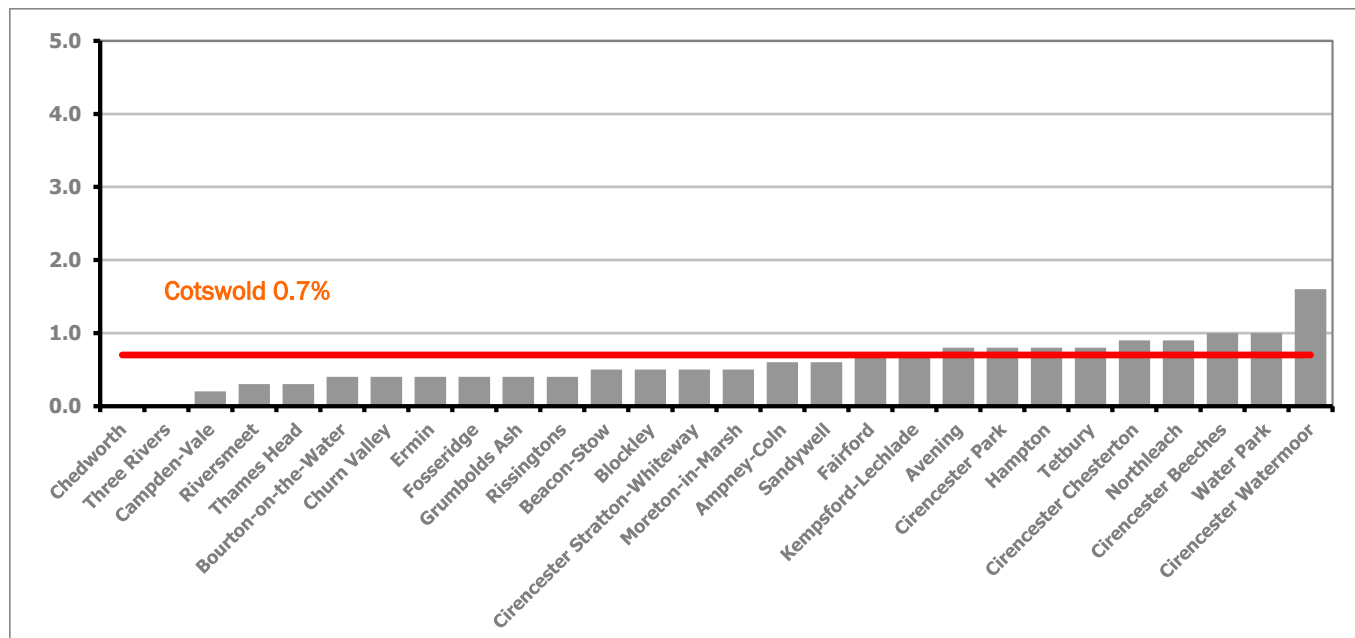
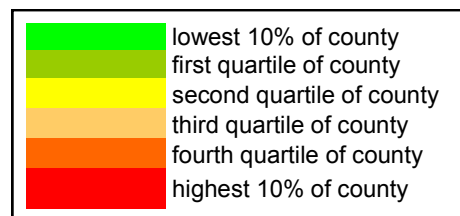


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.7%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - January 2016

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.0	1
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.2	7
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.3	9
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.3	9
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	0.4	15
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	0.4	15
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	15
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.4	15
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.4	15
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.4	15
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.5	28
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.5	28
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	0.5	28
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	0.5	28
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coln	0.6	39
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.6	39
Cotswolds	Fairford	0.7	50
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	0.7	50
Cotswolds	Avening	0.8	66
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	0.8	66
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.8	66
Cotswolds	Tetbury	0.8	66
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	0.9	83
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.9	83
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	1.0	92
Cotswolds	Water Park	1.0	92
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	1.6	124



* 1 = "best" and 142 = "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 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

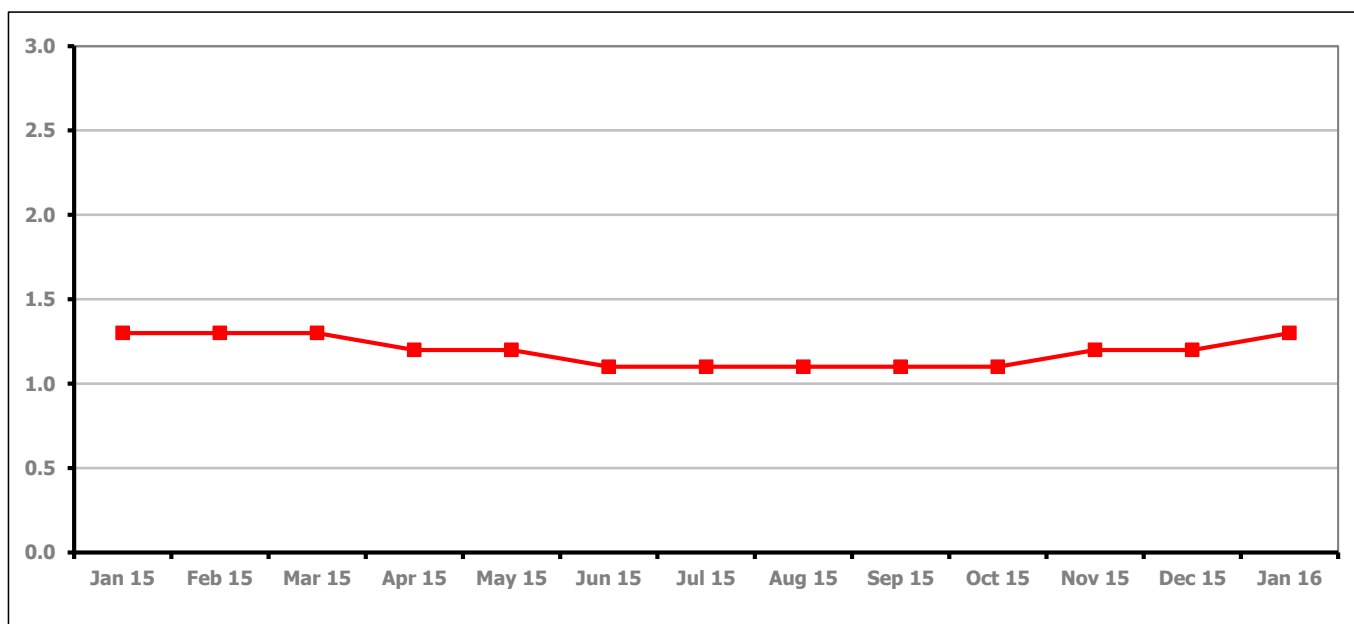


Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased in January 2016 to 1.3%.

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

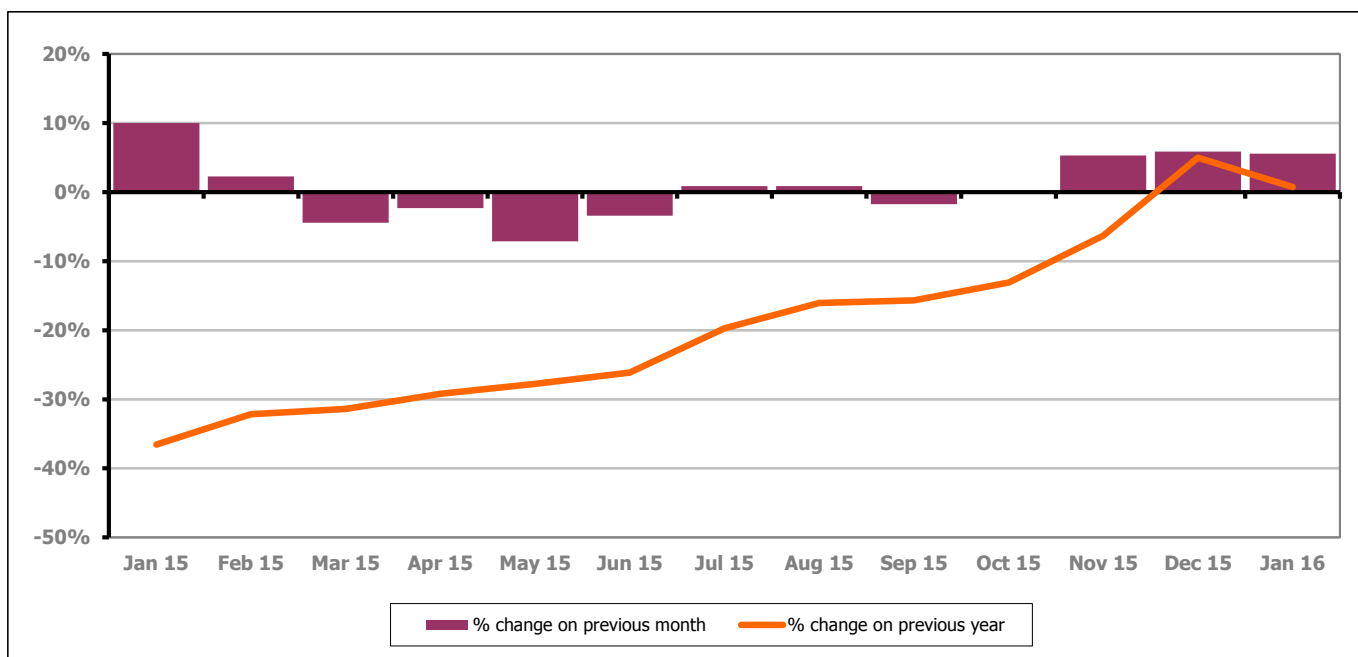


Figure 11 shows the claimant count increased by 5.6% since December 2015. The change on the previous year has decreased between December 2015 and January 2016 to 0.8%.

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 - January 2016

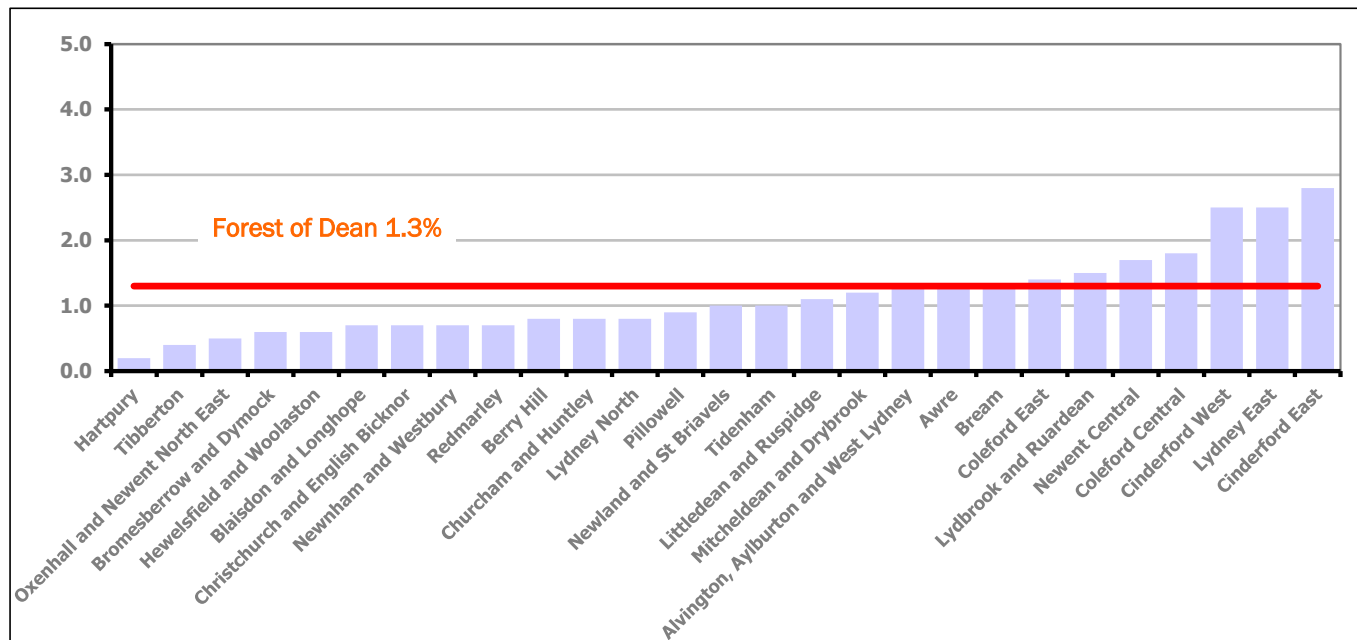
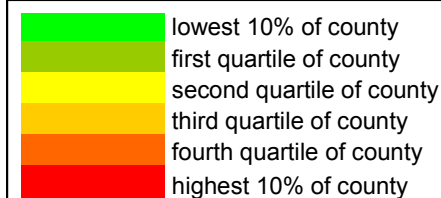


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.3%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - January 2016

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.2	7
Forest	Tibberton	0.4	15
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	0.5	28
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.6	39
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.6	39
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.7	50
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	0.7	50
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.7	50
Forest	Redmarley	0.7	50
Forest	Berry Hill	0.8	66
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.8	66
Forest	Lydney North	0.8	66
Forest	Pillowell	0.9	83
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.0	92
Forest	Tidenham	1.0	92
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.1	103
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.2	106
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.3	110
Forest	Awre	1.3	110
Forest	Bream	1.3	110
Forest	Coleford East	1.4	118
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.5	122
Forest	Newent Central	1.7	125
Forest	Coleford Central	1.8	128
Forest	Cinderford West	2.5	135
Forest	Lydney East	2.5	135
Forest	Cinderford East	2.8	138



* 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.

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4.4 Gloucester City

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

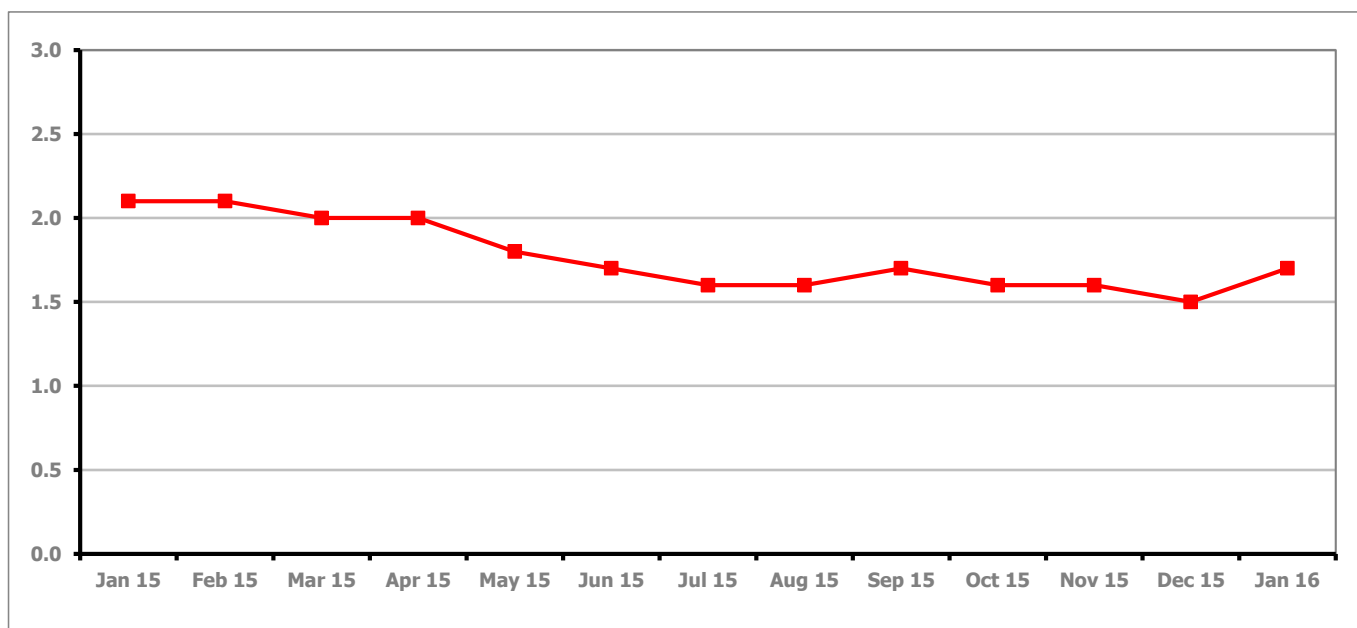


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased in January 2016 to 1.7%.

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

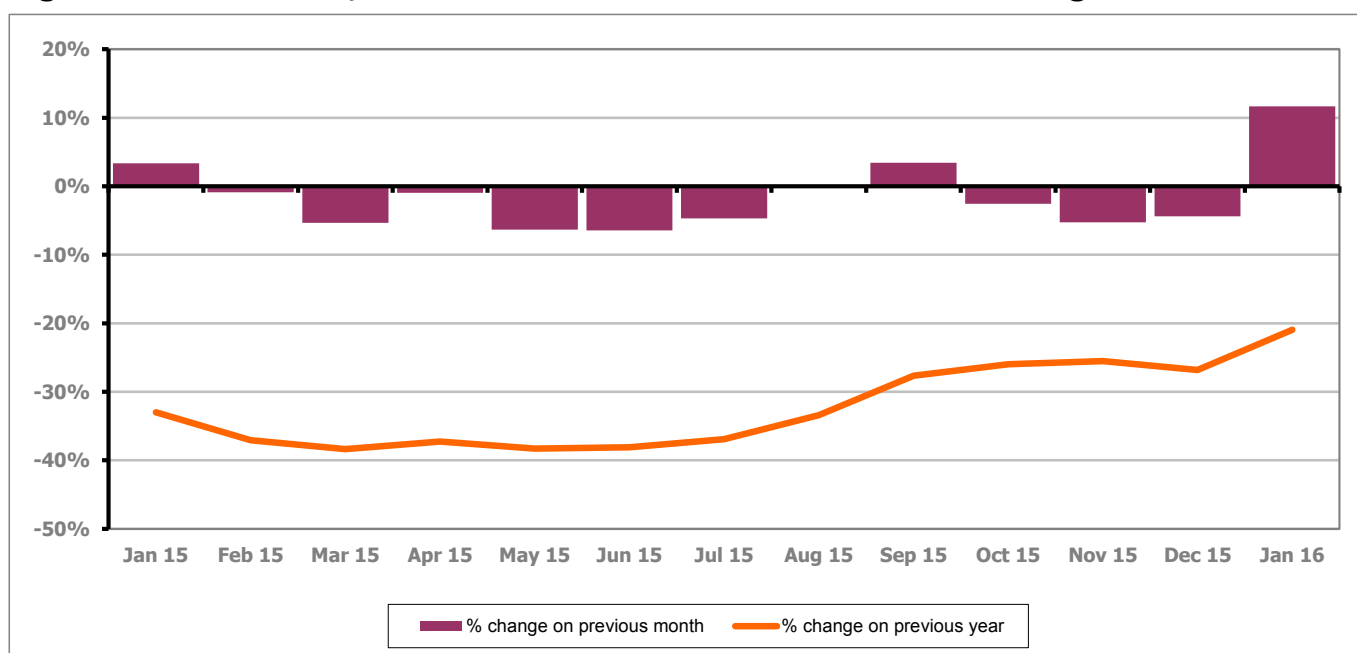


Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count increased by 11.7% since December 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between December 2015 and January 2016 to -20.9%.

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4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - January 2016

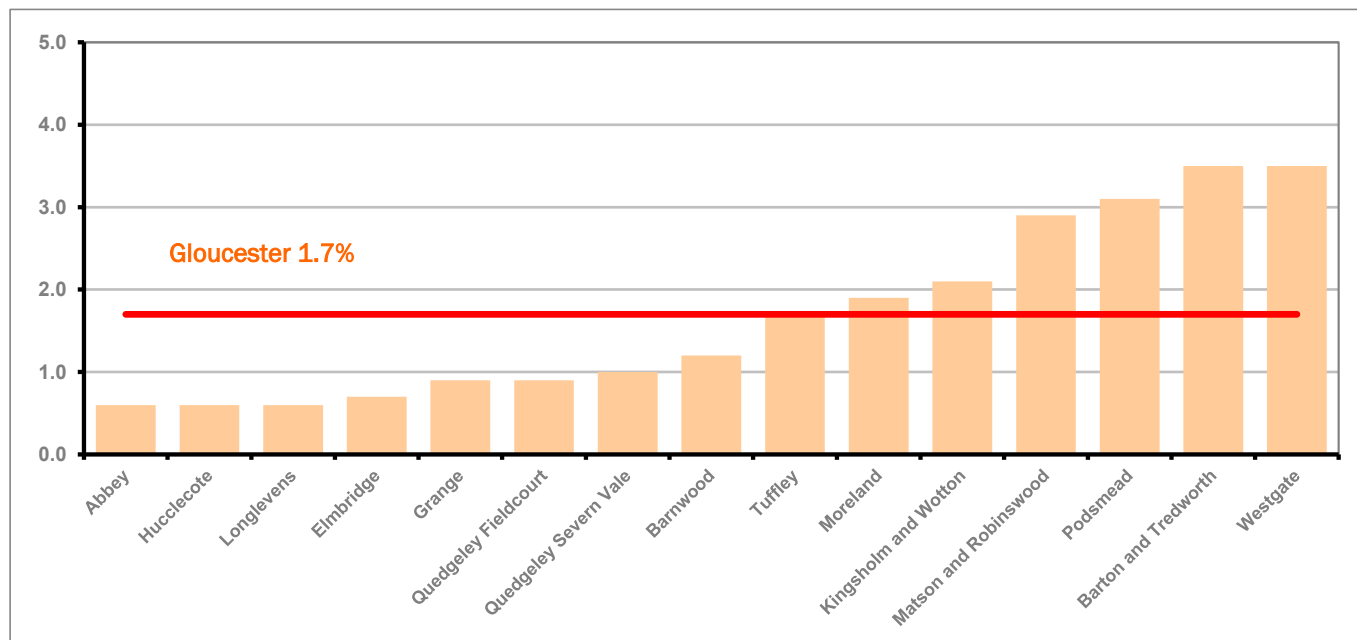
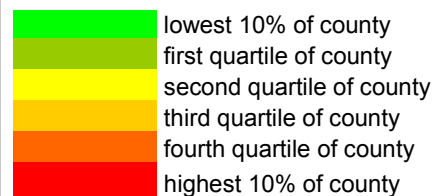


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 1.7%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - January 2016

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	0.6	39
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.6	39
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.6	39
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.7	50
Gloucester	Grange	0.9	83
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	0.9	83
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.0	92
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.2	106
Gloucester	Tuffley	1.7	125
Gloucester	Moreland	1.9	129
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	2.1	133
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	2.9	139
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.1	140
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	3.5	141
Gloucester	Westgate	3.5	141



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

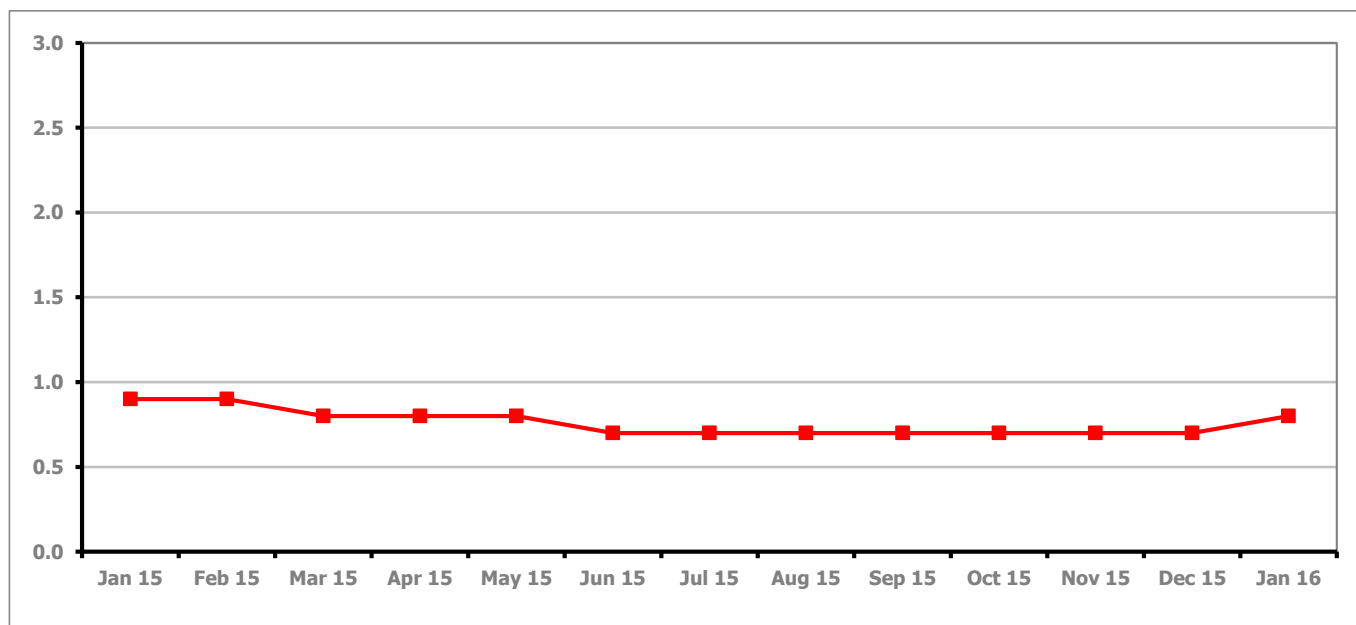
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased in January 2016 to 0.8%.

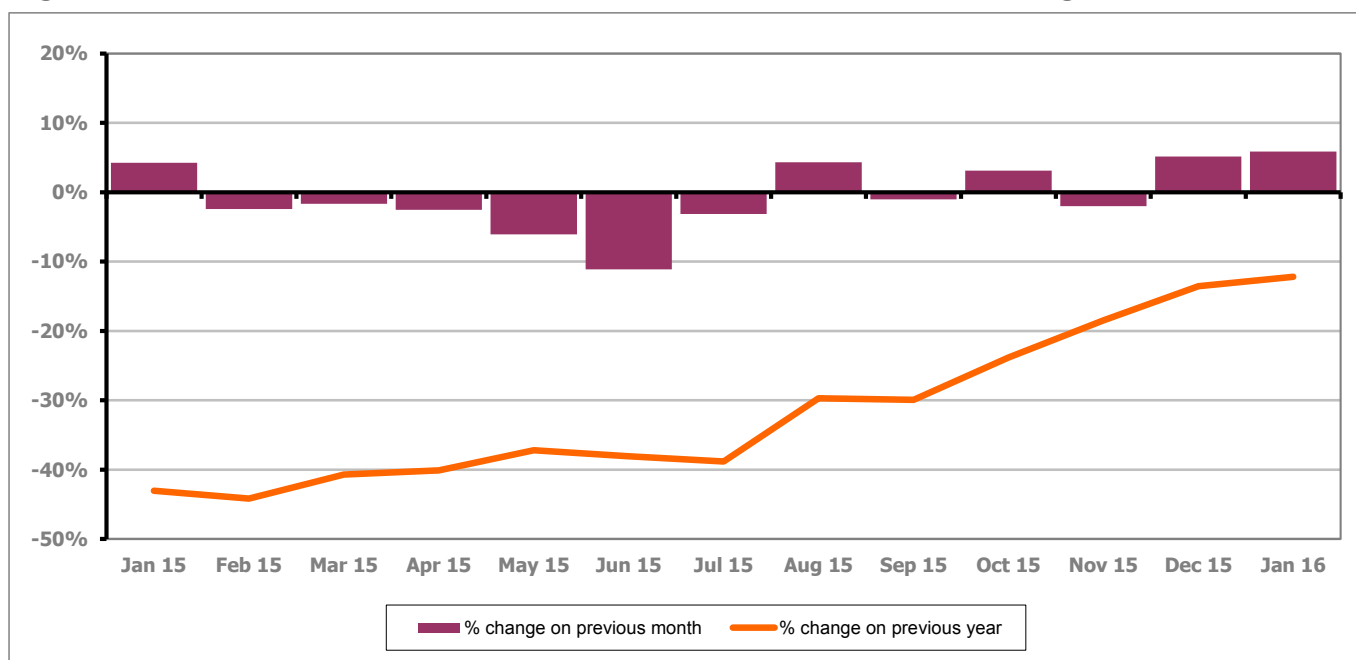
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count increased by 5.9% since December 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between December 2015 and January 2016 to -12.2%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - January 2016

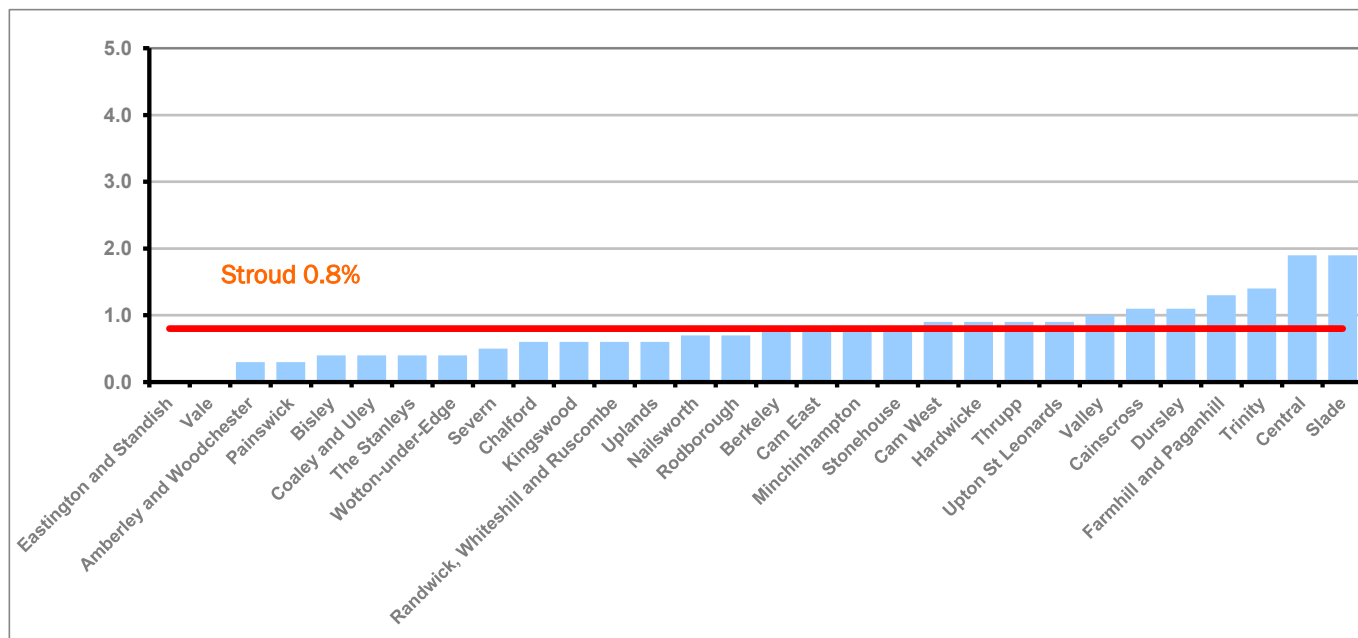
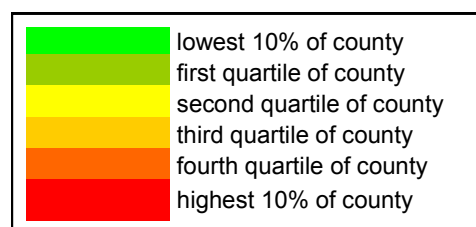


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.8%. Eleven wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - January 2016

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	<0.2	1
Stroud	Vale	<0.2	1
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.3	9
Stroud	Painswick	0.3	9
Stroud	Bisley	0.4	15
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.4	15
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.4	15
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.4	15
Stroud	Severn	0.5	28
Stroud	Chalford	0.6	39
Stroud	Kingswood	0.6	39
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.6	39
Stroud	Uplands	0.6	39
Stroud	Nailsworth	0.7	50
Stroud	Rodborough	0.7	50
Stroud	Berkeley	0.8	66
Stroud	Cam East	0.8	66
Stroud	Minchinhampton	0.8	66
Stroud	Stonehouse	0.8	66
Stroud	Cam West	0.9	83
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.9	83
Stroud	Thrupp	0.9	83
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.9	83
Stroud	Valley	1.0	92
Stroud	Cainscross	1.1	103
Stroud	Dursley	1.1	103
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	1.3	110
Stroud	Trinity	1.4	118
Stroud	Central	1.9	129
Stroud	Slade	1.9	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

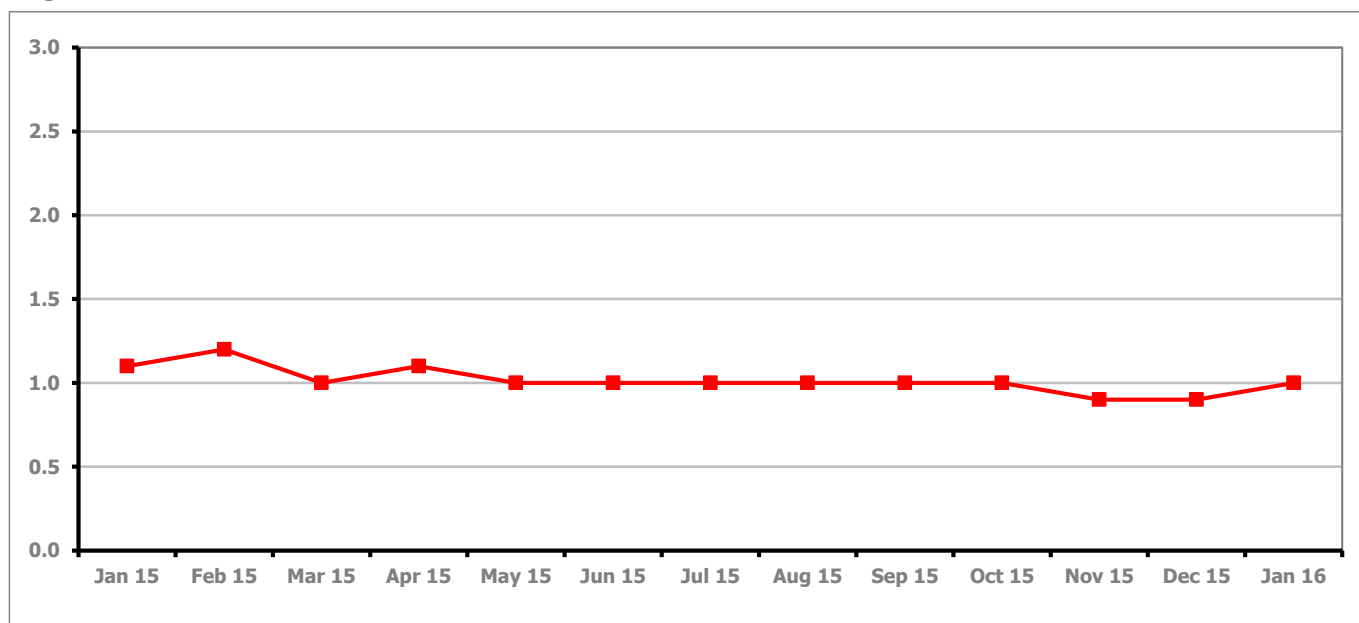


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District increased in January 2016 to 1.0%.

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

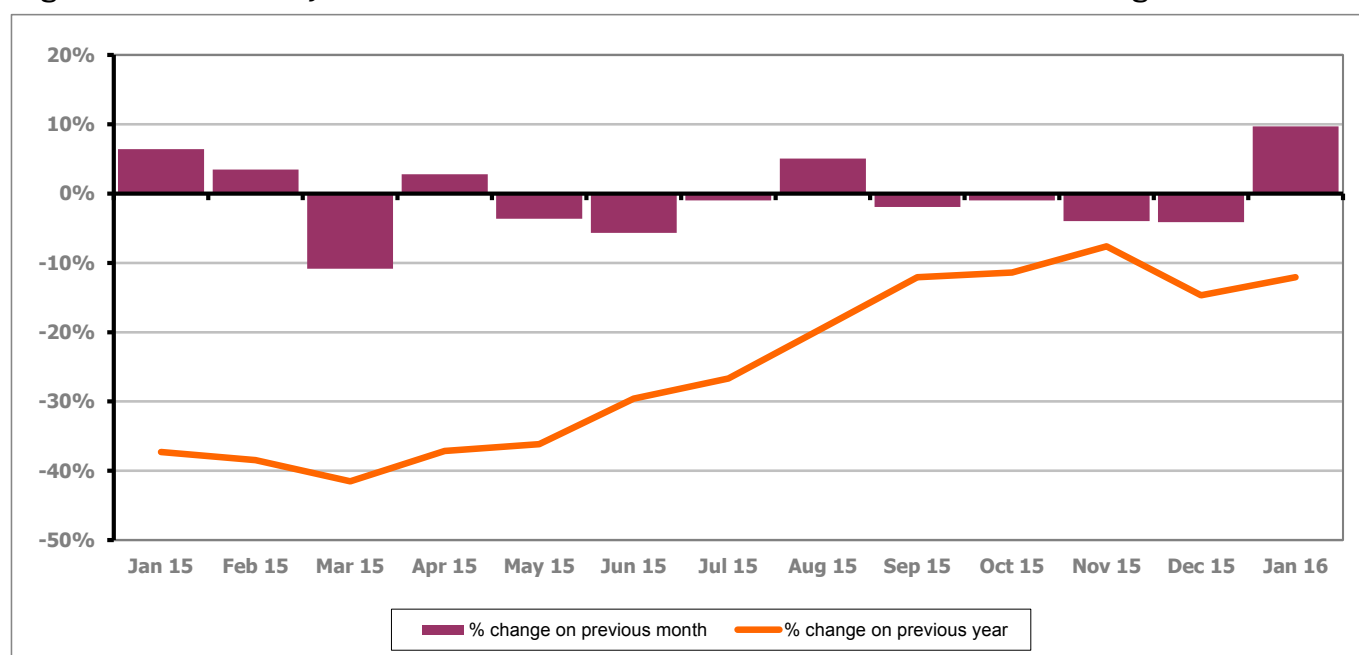


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count increased by 9.7% since December 2015. The change on the previous year increased between December 2015 and January 2016 to -12.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - January 2016

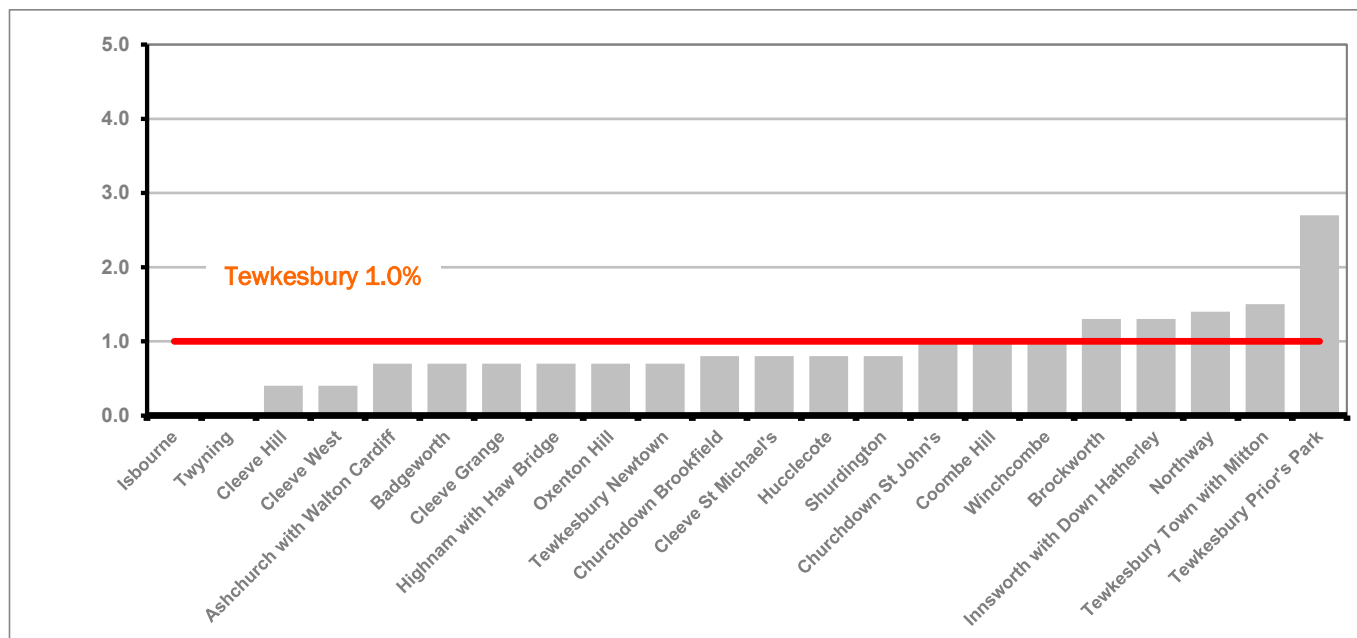
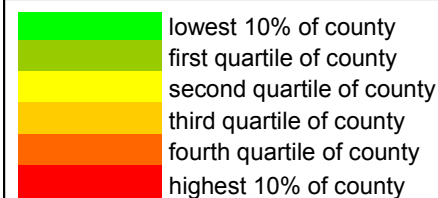


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.0% and five wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - January 2016

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	<0.2	1
Tewkesbury	Twyning	<0.2	1
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.4	15
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.4	15
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	0.7	50
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.7	50
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	0.7	50
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.7	50
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	50
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	0.7	50
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.8	66
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	0.8	66
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	0.8	66
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	0.8	66
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.0	92
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.0	92
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.0	92
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.3	110
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.3	110
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.4	118
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.5	122
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	2.7	137

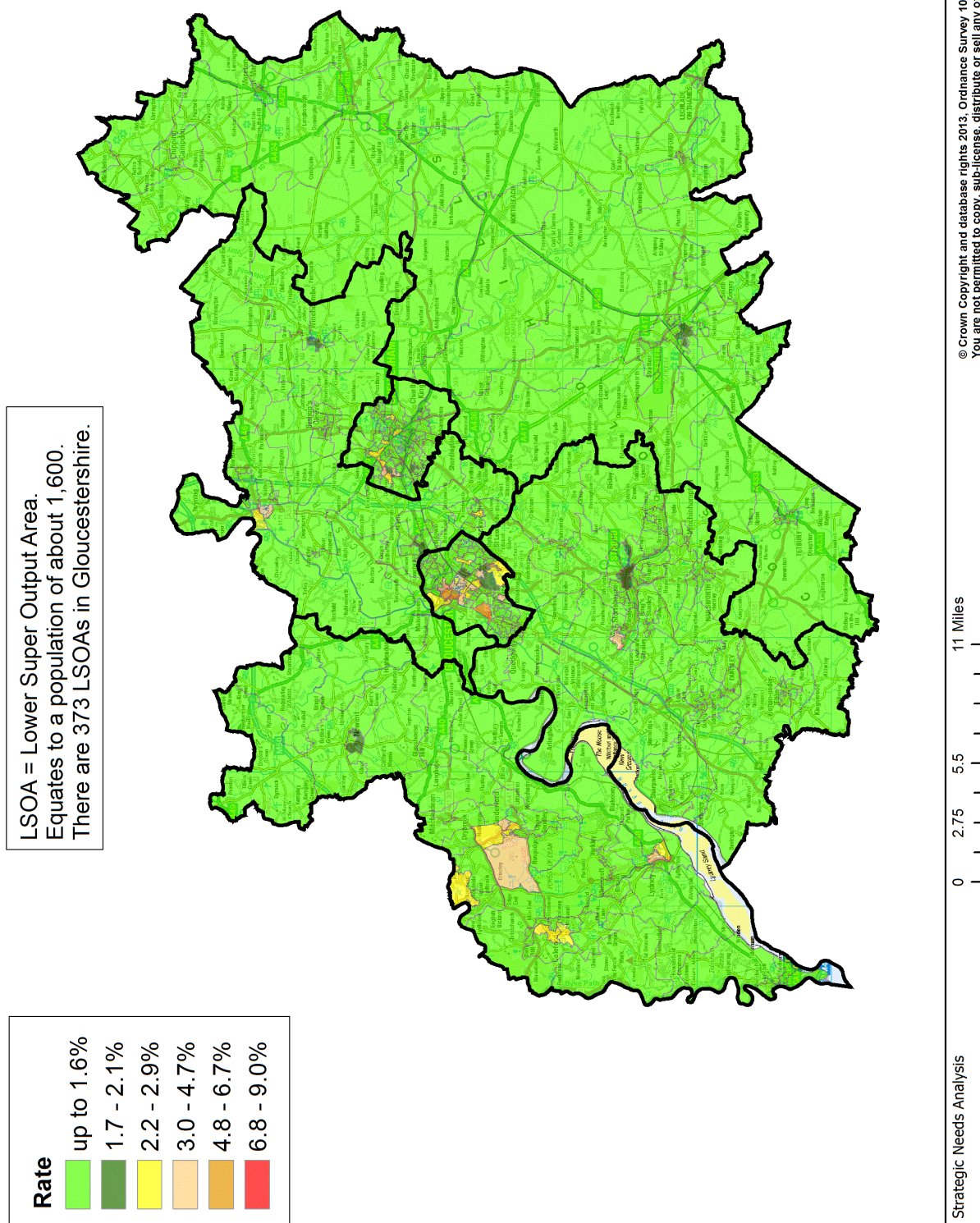


* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

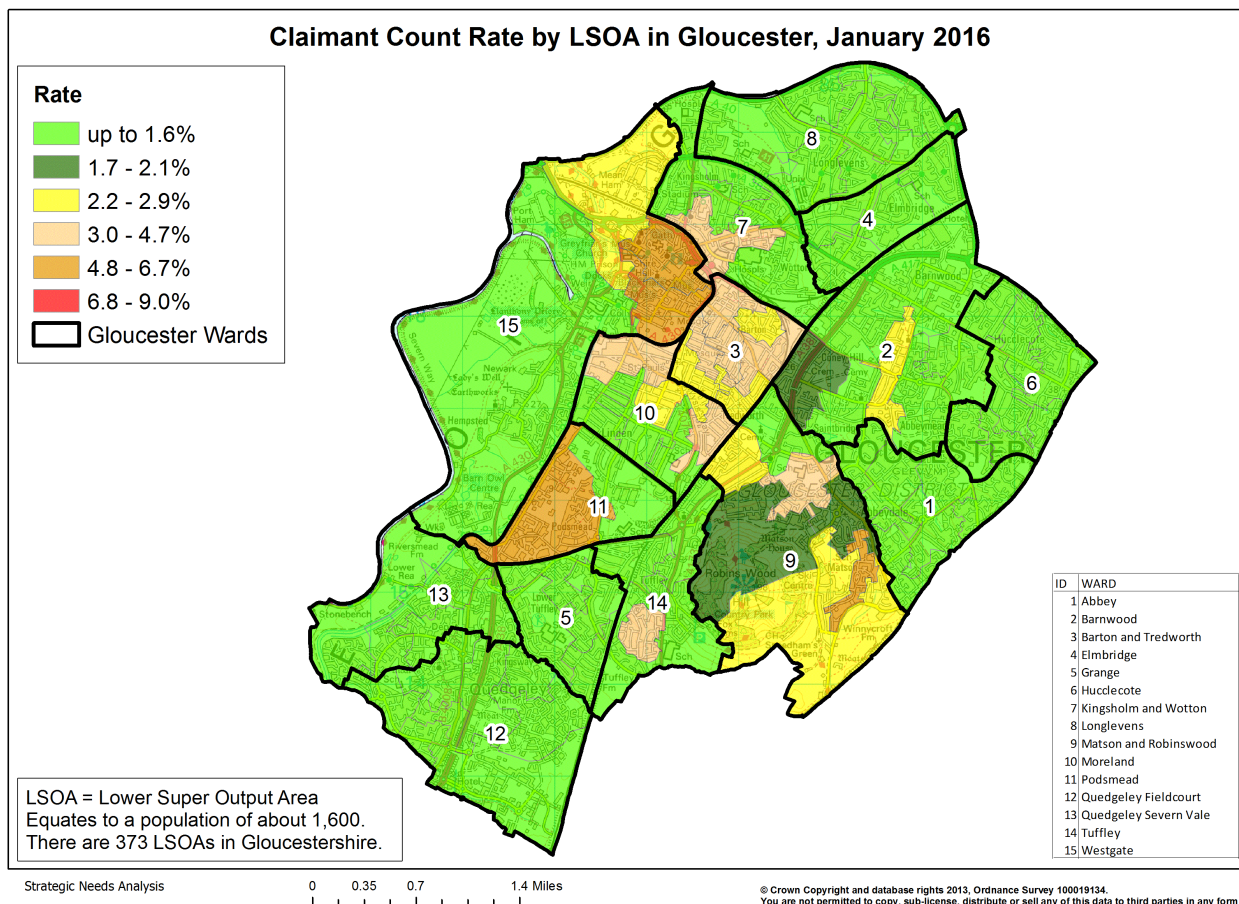
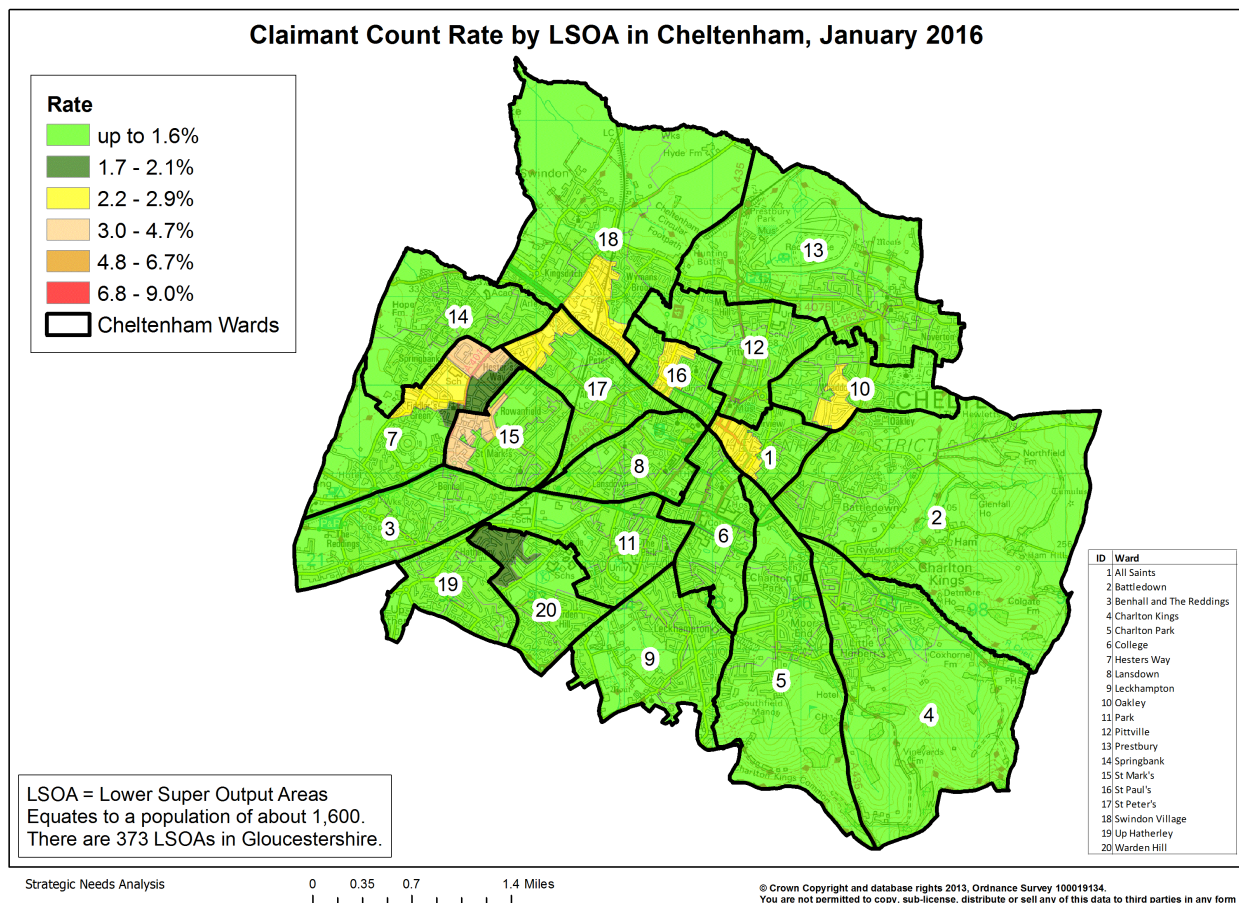
Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, January 2016



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 22: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

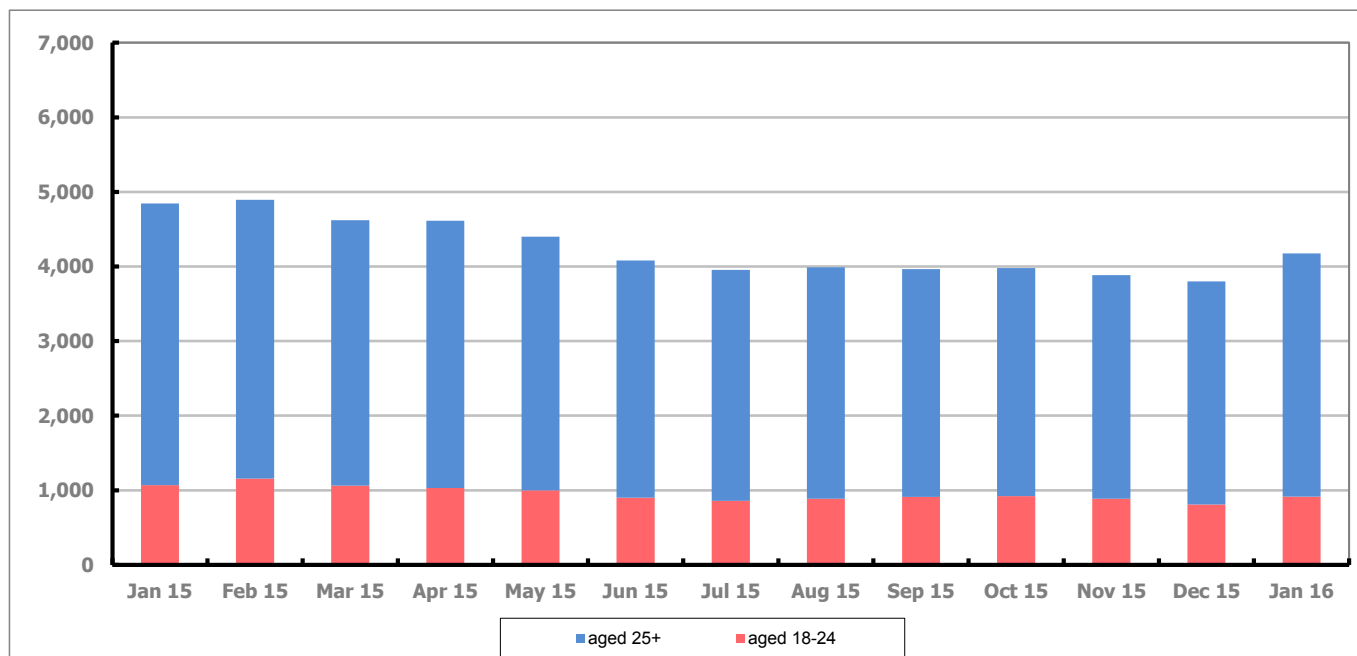


Figure 22 shows that in January 2016, 915 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 21.9% of total working age claimants.

Figure 23: Youth Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

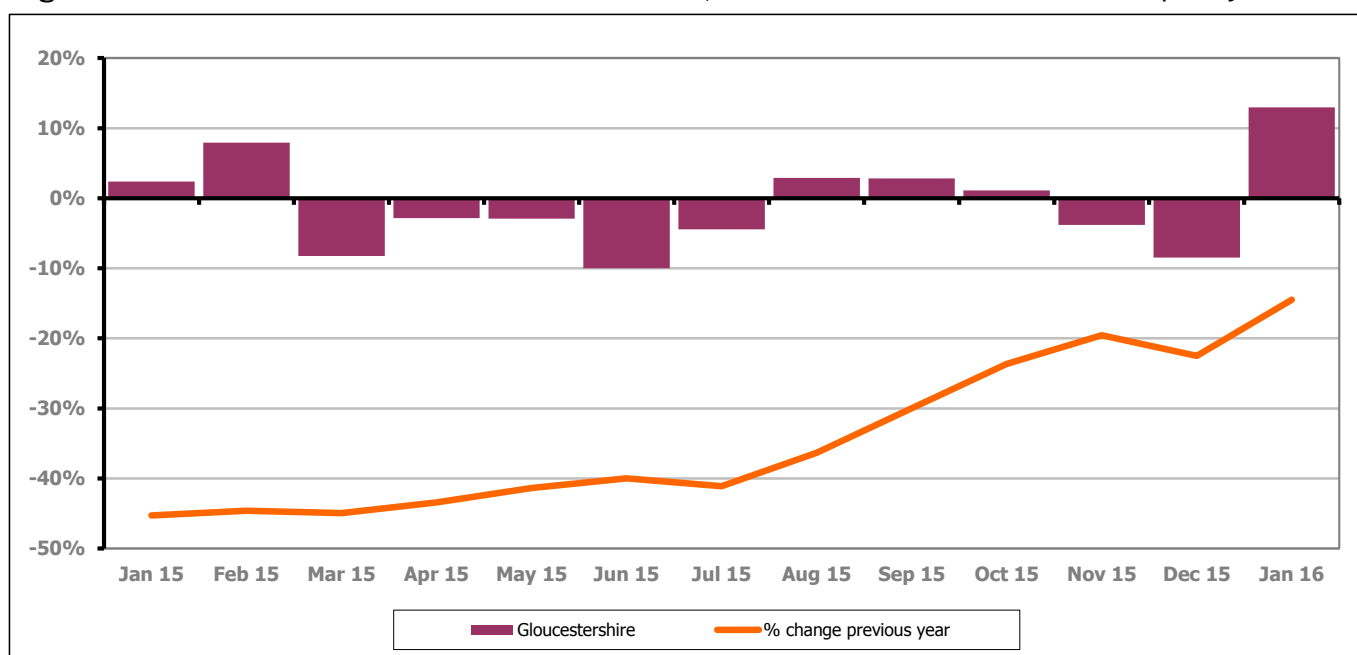


Figure 23 shows the number of young claimants increased in January 2016 by 13.0% this represented 105 people. Over the last year the number of young claimants fell by 14.5% or 155 people.

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 2016 there were 486 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 3.12%. The total number of NEET young people decreased by 25 in January 2016 compared to December 2015. Five districts saw a decrease in their figures and one district's figure stayed the same.

Total NEET Group by District Area

January 2016 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	81	44	63	173	66	59	486
Cohort	2767	2251	2318	3962	3350	2282	16930
% NEET	2.93	1.95	2.72	4.37	1.97	2.59	3.12*

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact Ruth.Critchlow@Prospects.co.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.