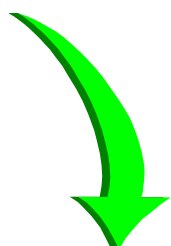


CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 62 persons to 11,020, a rate of 3.0%.

Unemployment for the UK, GB, England & Wales, the SW, Gloucestershire and its Local Authority Districts

Area	Mar'12 Number	Mar'12 Rate	Feb'12 Number	Feb'12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,666,859	4.1	1,685,989	4.2	-19,130	-1.1	-0.1
GB	1,604,509	4.1	1,623,211	4.1	-18,702	-1.2	0.0
England & Wales	1,454,132	4.1	1,471,315	4.1	-17,183	-1.2	0.0
England	1,370,504	4.0	1,386,368	4.1	-15,864	-1.1	-0.1
South West	96,978	2.9	98,939	3.0	-1,961	-2.0	-0.1
Gloucestershire	11,020	3.0	11,082	3.0	-62	-0.6	0.0
Cheltenham	2,513	3.3	2,543	3.4	-30	-1.2	-0.1
Cotswold	816	1.6	830	1.6	-14	-1.7	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,603	3.1	1,603	3.1	0	0.0	0.0
Gloucester	3,303	4.3	3,346	4.4	-43	-1.3	-0.1
Stroud	1,561	2.3	1,538	2.2	23	1.5	0.1
Tewkesbury	1,224	2.4	1,222	2.4	2	0.2	0.0

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 18,702 persons to **1,604,509** a rate of **4.1%**.

The County rate of unemployment has remained the same as last month at **3.0%**.

Cheltenham, Cotswold and Gloucester district showed an decrease in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County increased to **7,504 (4.0%)**. The number of females unemployed stands at **3,516 (1.9%)** representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.65 million** unemployed at a rate of **8.3 %**. This is based on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. It is obtained from an ongoing national household survey and updated on a quarterly basis.
- 2) the seasonally adjusted unemployment claimant count for the UK of **1.61 million** at a rate of **4.0%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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