

Unemployment Bulletin

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Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 8 October 2020. 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.**

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](https://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 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 4.7% in October 2020. The South West rate decreased to 5.0% and the UK rate decreased to 6.3%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 5.0%, and 1.6% lower than the UK average of 6.3%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in October 2020 decreased by 715 people. The amount of people claiming in October 2020 was 3.8% lower than the number in September 2020. This compares to a 4.1% decrease in the South West and a 1.6% decrease in 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 October 2020

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

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

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	3,730
Claimant count change on previous month:	-2.1%
Claimant rate:	5.1%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (8.0%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	4,925
Claimant count change on previous month:	-1.5%
Claimant rate:	6.1%
Highest claiming wards	Barton and Tredworth (11.6%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,935
Claimant count change on previous month:	-8.3%
Claimant rate:	3.7%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (6.8%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	2,740
Claimant count change on previous month:	-7.1%
Claimant rate:	3.8%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (7.8%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	2,370
Claimant count change on previous month:	-2.9%
Claimant rate:	4.6%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (8.3%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	2,190
Claimant count change on previous month:	-4.6%
Claimant rate:	3.9%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.5%)

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

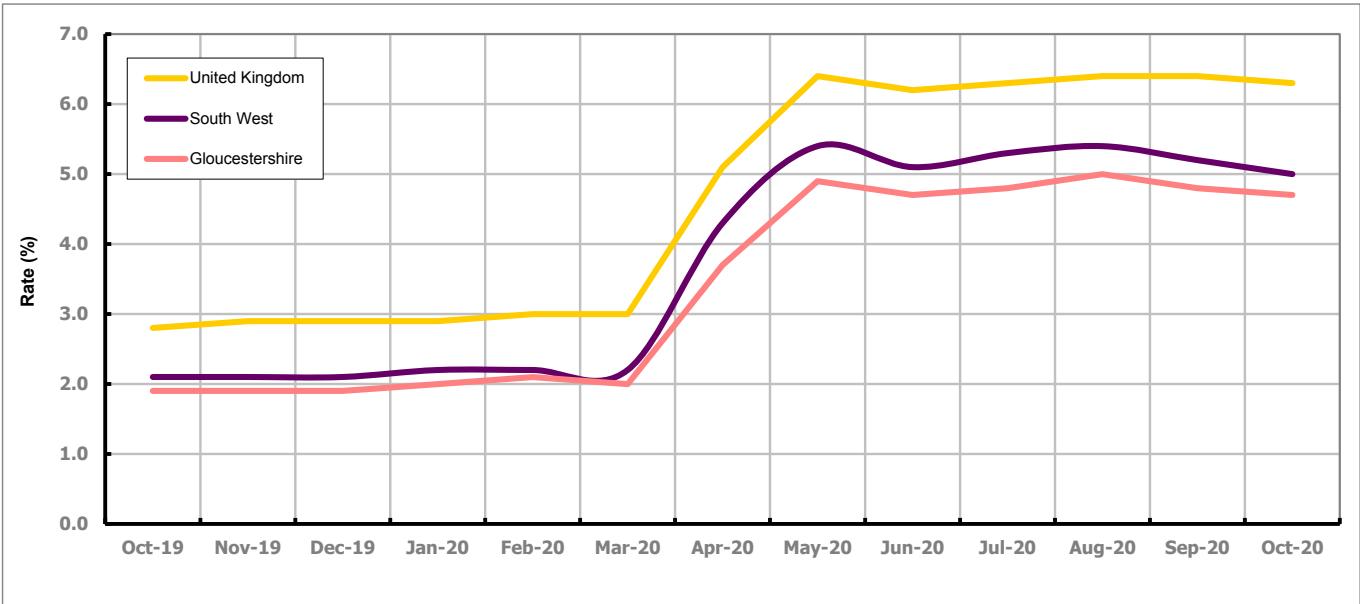


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 4.7% in October 2020. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.2% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in October 2020	% change on September 2020	Consecutive months increasing
UK	2,612,550	-1.6%	0
South West	168,090	-4.1%	0
Gloucestershire	17,890	-3.8%	0

Table 1 shows that in October 2020, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 3.8% lower than the number in September 2020.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

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

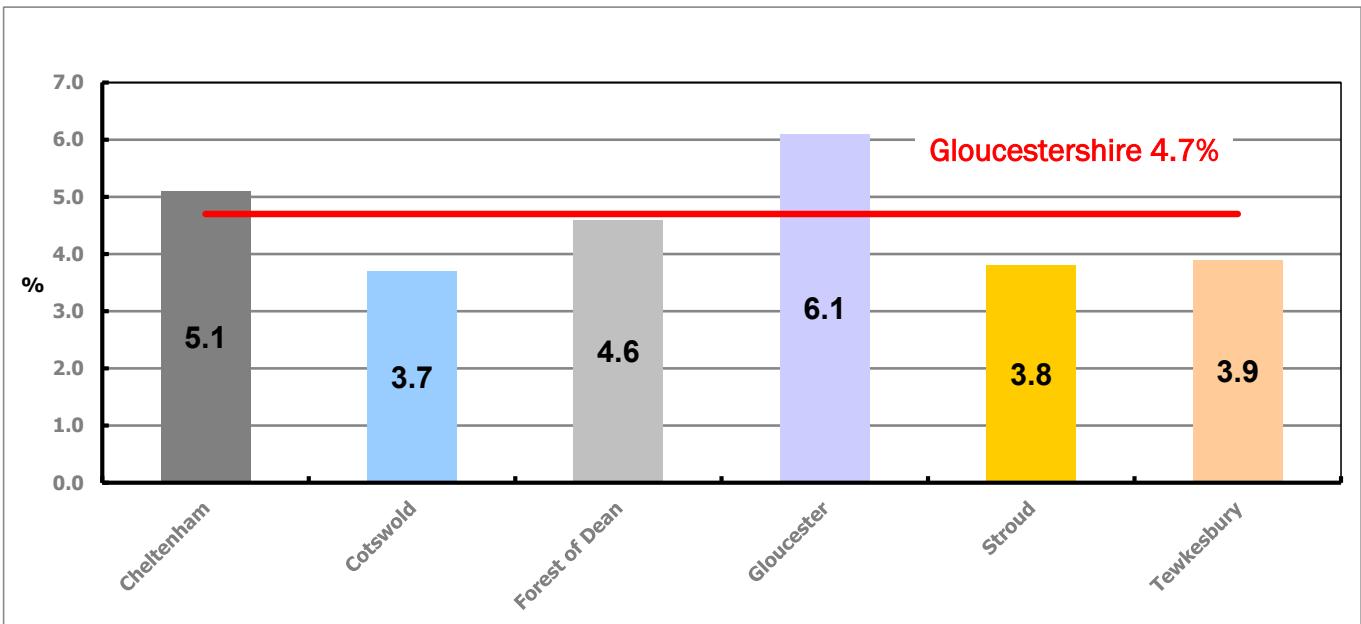


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for October 2020 in Gloucestershire. Between September 2020 and October 2020 the rate decreased in all districts except Gloucester which remained the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Oct 20 Number	Oct 20 Rate	Sep 20 Number	Sep 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	17,890	4.7	18,605	4.8	-715	-3.8%	-0.1
Cheltenham	3,730	5.1	3,810	5.2	-80	-2.1%	-0.1
Cotswold	1,935	3.7	2,110	4.1	-175	-8.3%	-0.4
Forest of Dean	2,370	4.6	2,440	4.8	-70	-2.9%	-0.2
Gloucester	4,925	6.1	5,000	6.1	-75	-1.5%	0.0
Stroud	2,740	3.8	2,950	4.1	-210	-7.1%	-0.3
Tewkesbury	2,190	3.9	2,295	4.1	-105	-4.6%	-0.2

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in October 2020 compared to September 2020. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Oct 20 Number	Oct 20 Rate	Sep 20 Number	Sep 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	10,420	5.5	10,930	5.7	-510	-4.7%	-0.2
Cheltenham	2,200	6.0	2,270	6.2	-70	-3.1%	-0.2
Cotswold	1,065	4.2	1,160	4.6	-95	-8.2%	-0.4
Forest of Dean	1,370	5.4	1,410	5.6	-40	-2.8%	-0.2
Gloucester	3,005	7.4	3,090	7.6	-85	-2.8%	-0.2
Stroud	1,555	4.4	1,675	4.7	-120	-7.2%	-0.3
Tewkesbury	1,225	4.5	1,325	4.8	-100	-7.5%	-0.3

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in October 2020 compared to September 2020. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Oct 20 Number	Oct 20 Rate	Sep 20 Number	Sep 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	7,470	3.9	7,680	4.0	-210	-2.7%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,530	4.2	1,540	4.3	-10	-0.6%	-0.1
Cotswold	870	3.3	950	3.6	-80	-8.4%	-0.3
Forest of Dean	1,005	3.9	1,030	4.0	-25	-2.4%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,915	4.7	1,910	4.7	5	0.3%	0.0
Stroud	1,185	3.3	1,275	3.6	-90	-7.1%	-0.3
Tewkesbury	965	3.4	970	3.4	-5	-0.5%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in October 2020 compared to September 2020. All districts saw a decrease in the number of female claimants except Gloucester 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

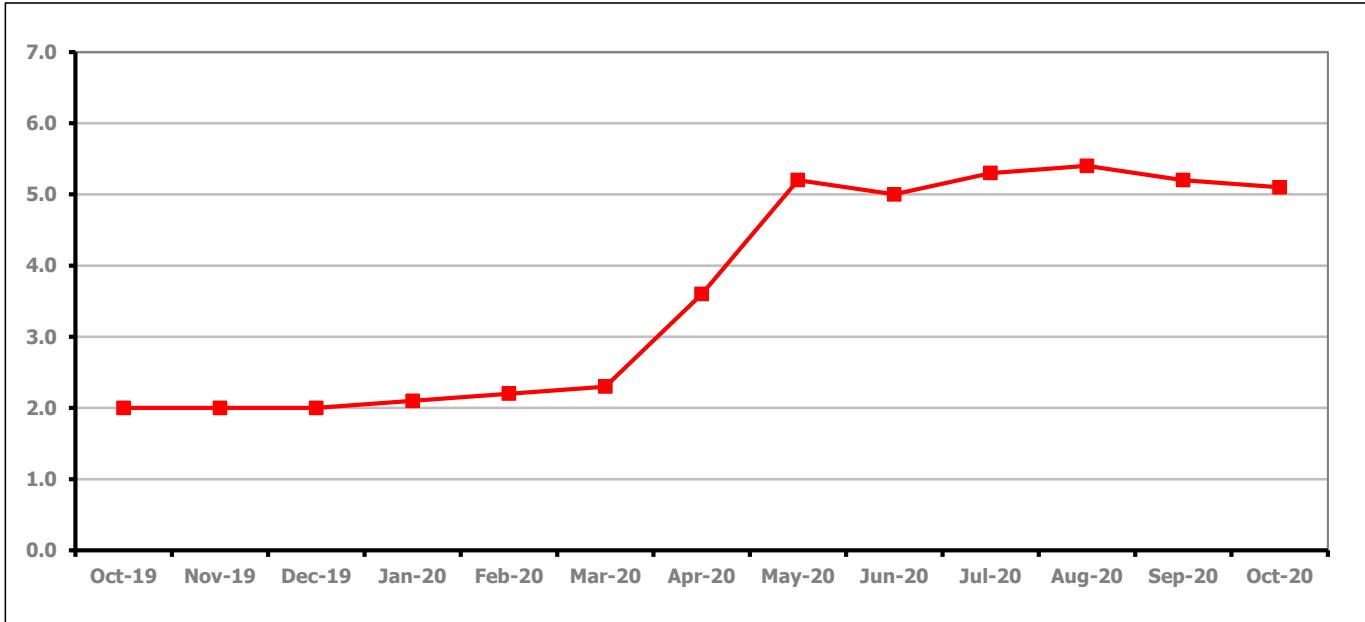


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased to 5.1% in October 2020.

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

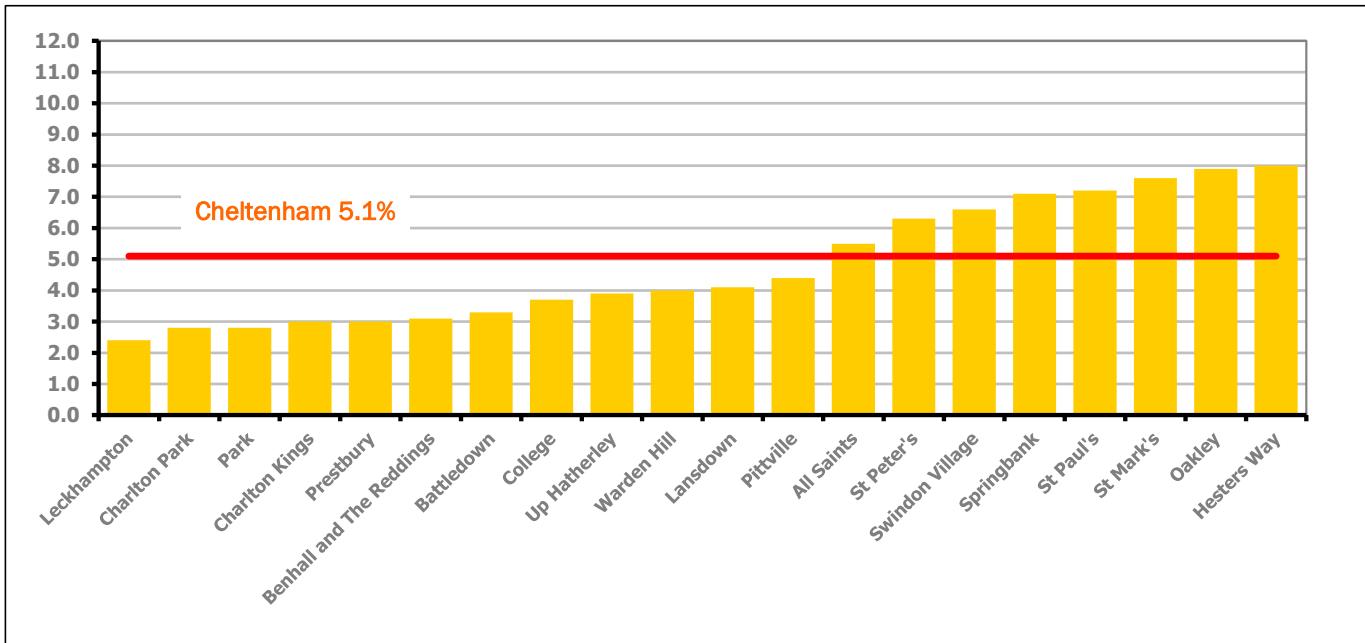


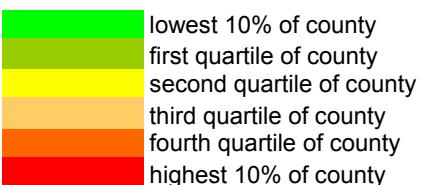
Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 5.1%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	2.4	7
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	2.8	19
Cheltenham	Park	2.8	19
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	3.0	28
Cheltenham	Prestbury	3.0	28
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	3.1	31
Cheltenham	Battledown	3.3	39
Cheltenham	College	3.7	60
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	3.9	72
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	4.0	73
Cheltenham	Lansdown	4.1	80
Cheltenham	Pittville	4.4	96
Cheltenham	All Saints	5.5	119
Cheltenham	St Peter's	6.3	129
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	6.6	130
Cheltenham	Springbank	7.1	135
Cheltenham	St Paul's	7.2	136
Cheltenham	St Mark's	7.6	137
Cheltenham	Oakley	7.9	140
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	8.0	142


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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

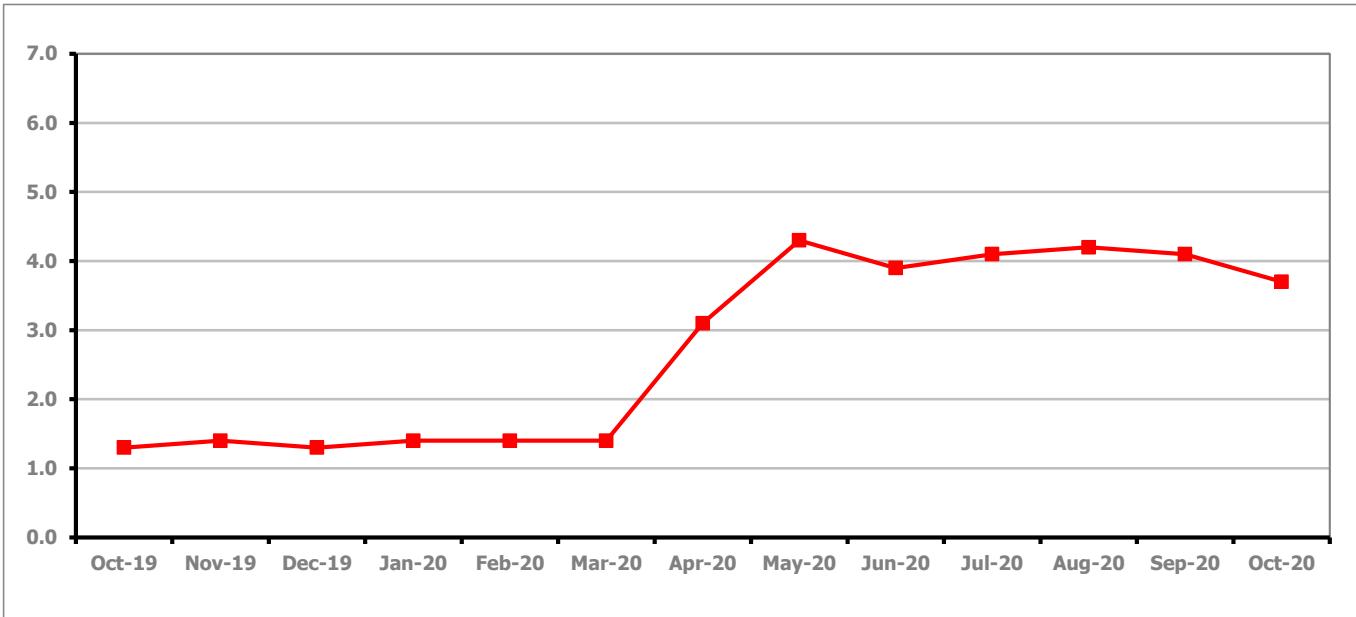


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased to 3.7% in October 2020.

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

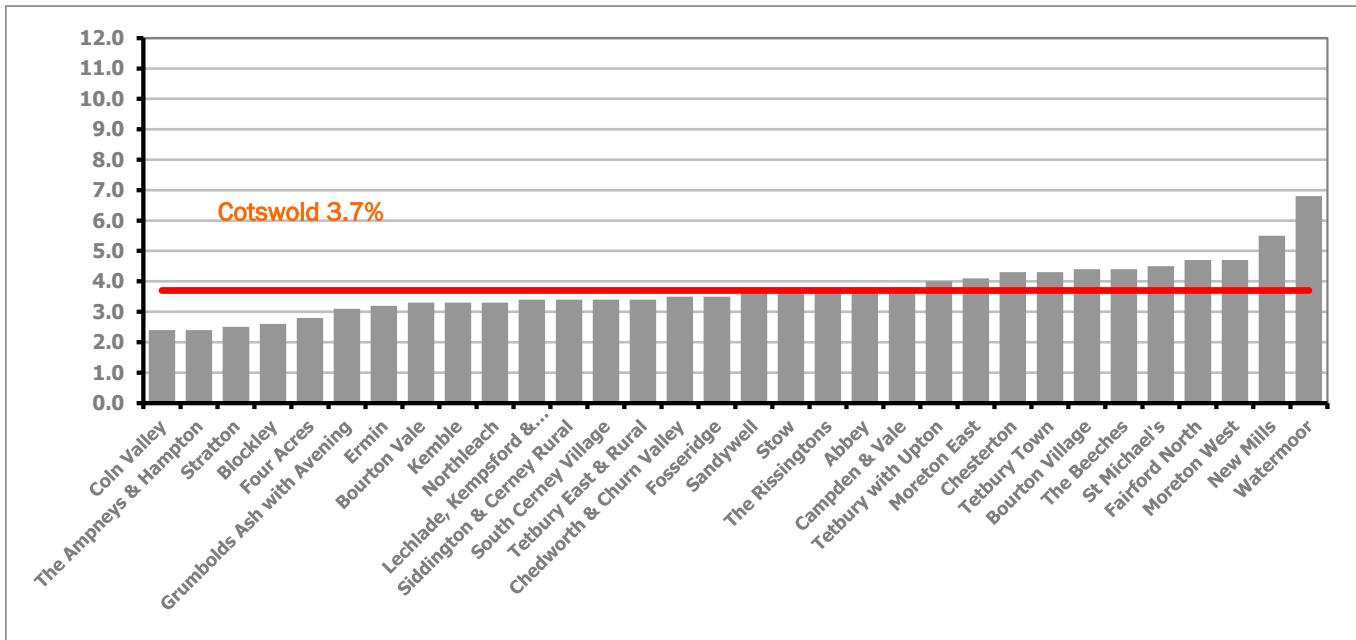


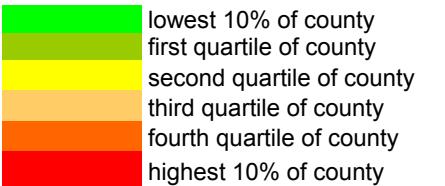
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 3.7%. Thirteen wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	2.4	7
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	2.4	7
Cotswolds	Stratton	2.5	10
Cotswolds	Blockley	2.6	14
Cotswolds	Four Acres	2.8	19
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	3.1	31
Cotswolds	Ermin	3.2	37
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	3.3	39
Cotswolds	Kemble	3.3	39
Cotswolds	Northleach	3.3	39
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	3.4	44
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	3.4	44
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	3.4	44
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	3.4	44
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	3.5	51
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	3.5	51
Cotswolds	Sandywell	3.7	60
Cotswolds	Stow	3.7	60
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	3.7	60
Cotswolds	Abbey	3.8	67
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	3.8	67
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	4.0	73
Cotswolds	Moreton East	4.1	80
Cotswolds	Chesterton	4.3	92
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	4.3	92
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	4.4	96
Cotswolds	The Beeches	4.4	96
Cotswolds	St Michael's	4.5	101
Cotswolds	Fairford North	4.7	110
Cotswolds	Moreton West	4.7	110
Cotswolds	New Mills	5.5	119
Cotswolds	Watermoor	6.8	132


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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

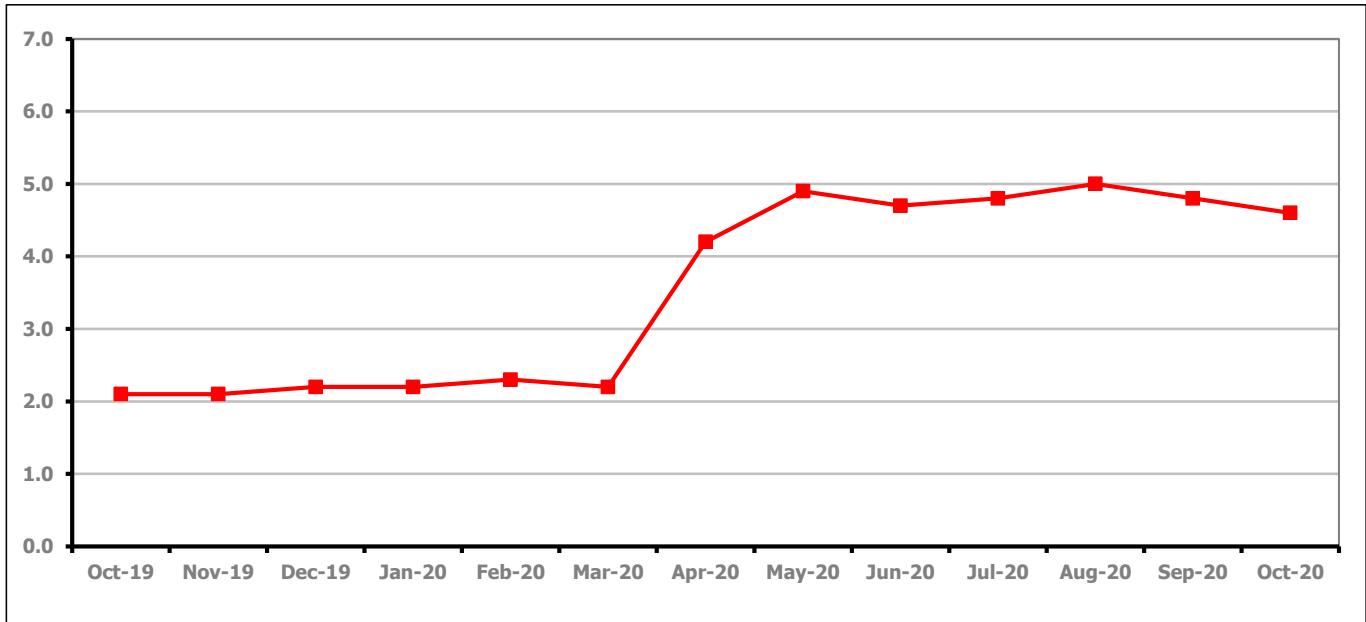


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased to 4.6% in October 2020.

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

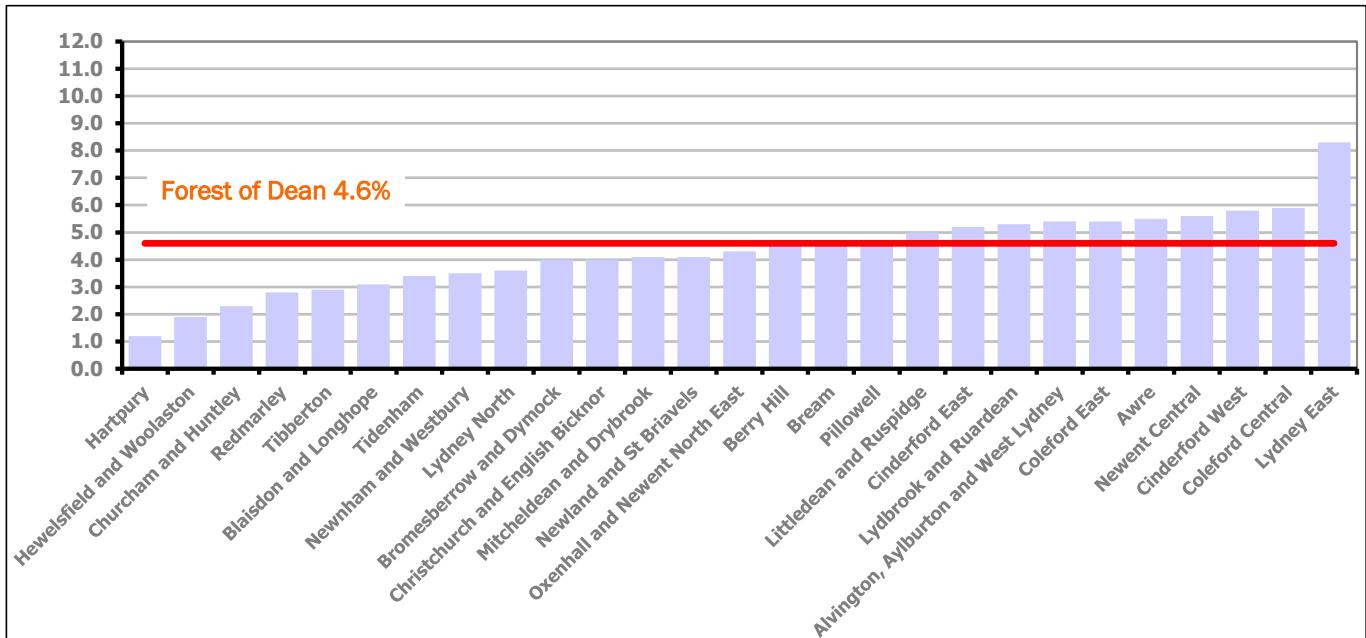


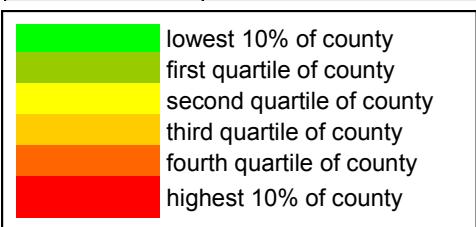
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.6%. Ten wards lie above the average.

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 - October 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	1.2	1
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.9	3
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	2.3	5
Forest	Redmarley	2.8	19
Forest	Tibberton	2.9	26
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	3.1	31
Forest	Tidenham	3.4	44
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	3.5	51
Forest	Lydney North	3.6	54
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	4.0	73
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	4.0	73
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	4.1	80
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	4.1	80
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	4.3	92
Forest	Berry Hill	4.5	101
Forest	Bream	4.5	101
Forest	Pillowell	4.5	101
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	5.0	112
Forest	Cinderford East	5.2	115
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	5.3	116
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	5.4	117
Forest	Coleford East	5.4	117
Forest	Awre	5.5	119
Forest	Newent Central	5.6	124
Forest	Cinderford West	5.8	125
Forest	Coleford Central	5.9	127
Forest	Lydney East	8.3	144



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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.

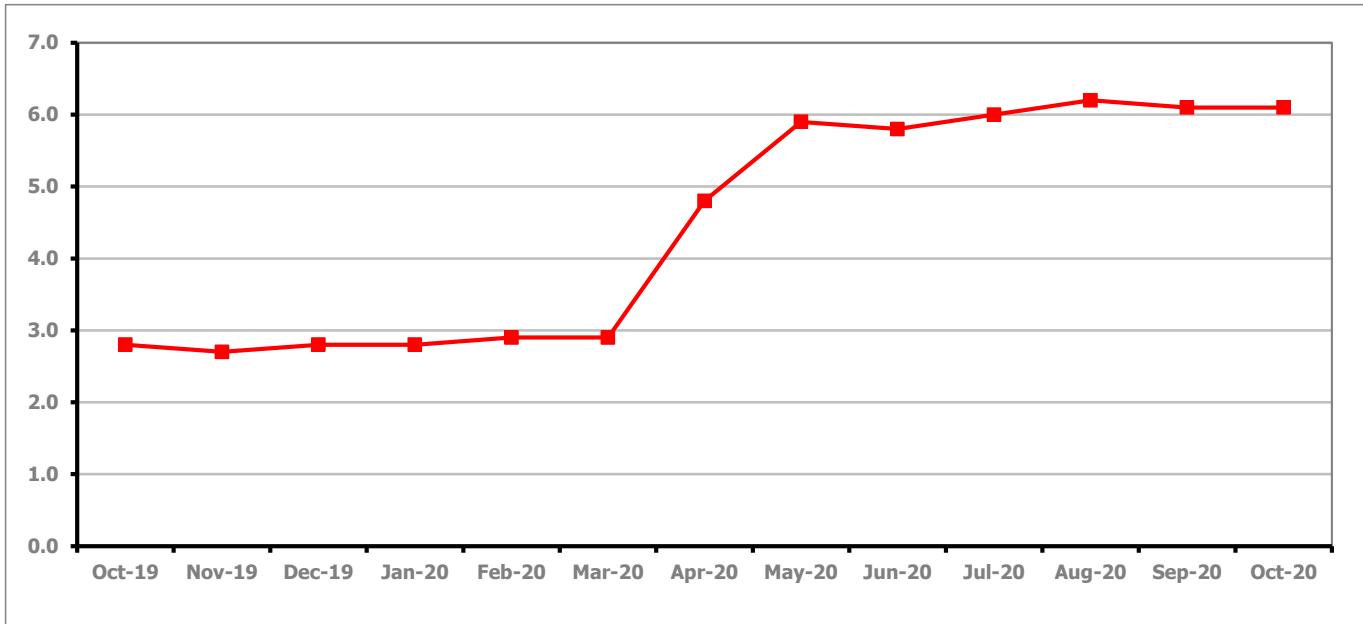
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained at 6.1% in October 2020.

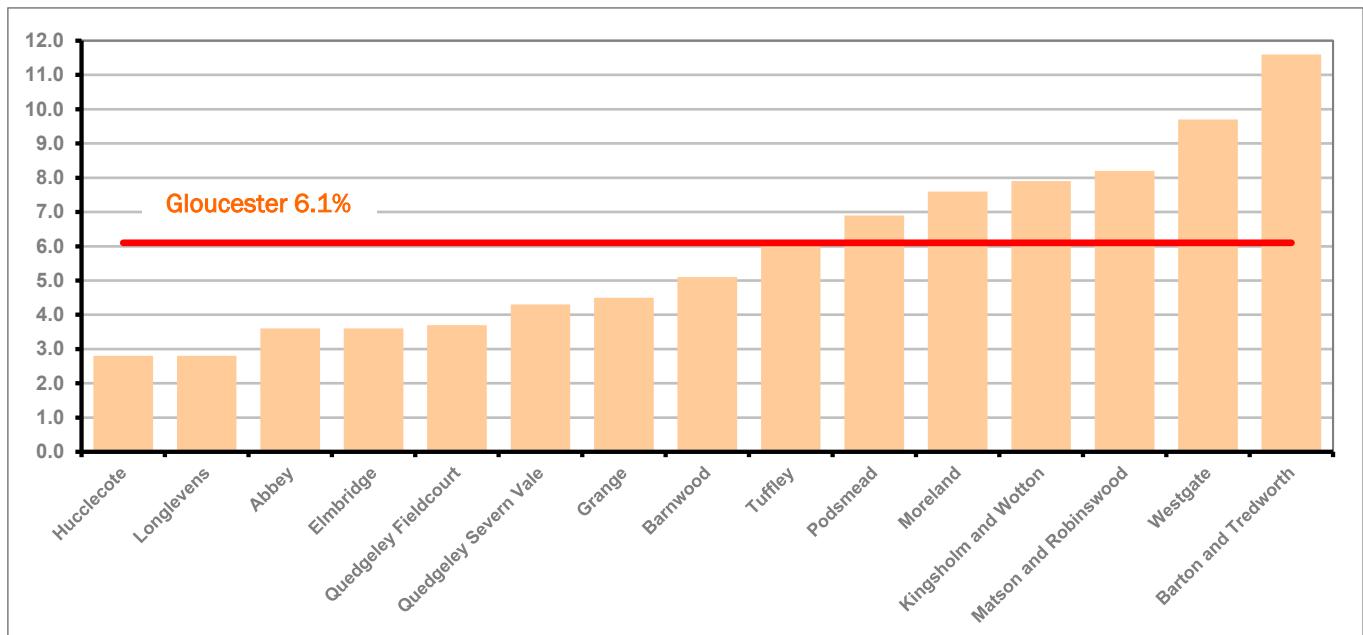
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - October 2020

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 6.1%. Six 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 - October 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.8	19
Gloucester	Longlevens	2.8	19
Gloucester	Abbey	3.6	54
Gloucester	Elmbridge	3.6	54
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	3.7	60
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	4.3	92
Gloucester	Grange	4.5	101
Gloucester	Barnwood	5.1	114
Gloucester	Tuffley	6.0	128
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.9	133
Gloucester	Moreland	7.6	137
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	7.9	140
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	8.2	143
Gloucester	Westgate	9.7	145
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	11.6	146

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

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4.5 Stroud District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year

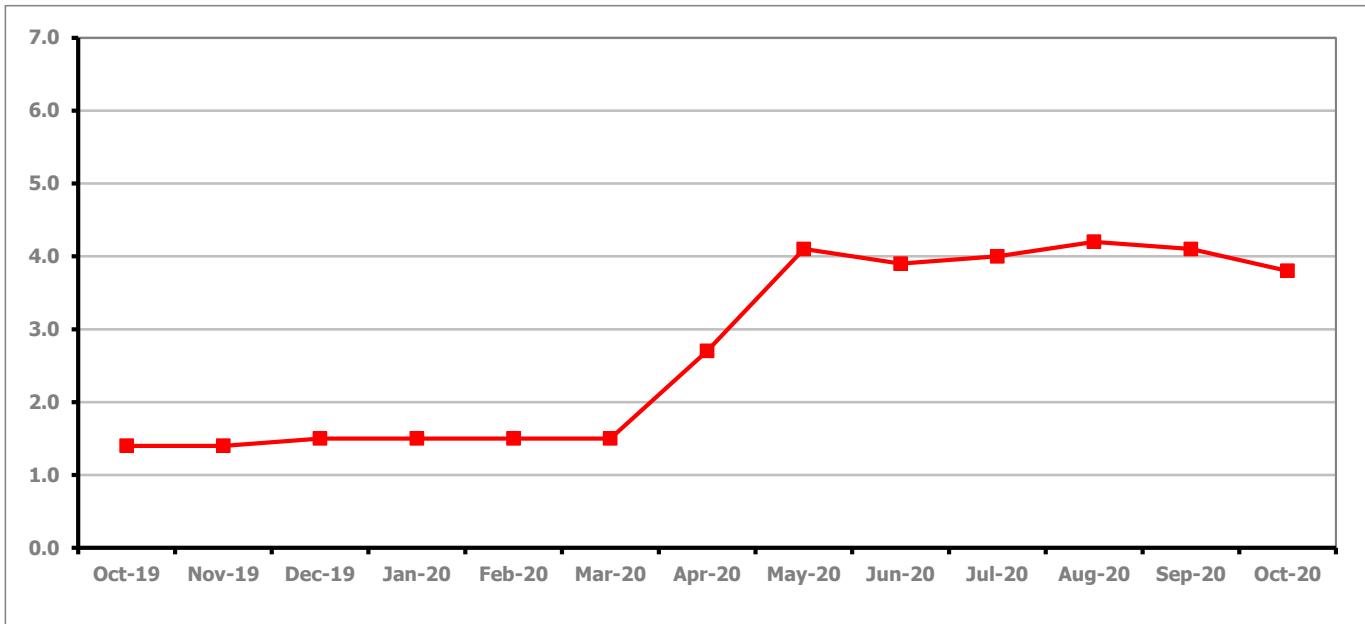


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud decreased to 3.8% in October 2020.

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

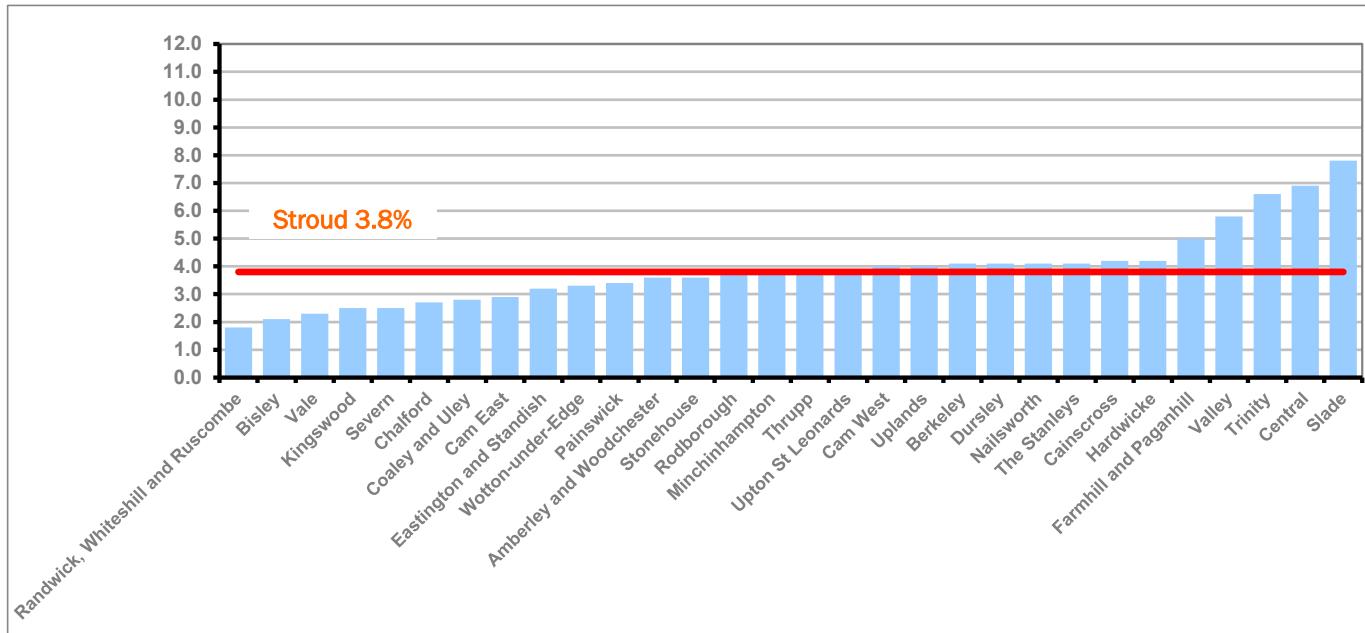


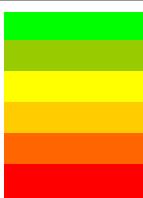
Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 3.8%. Thirteen wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.8	2
Stroud	Bisley	2.1	4
Stroud	Vale	2.3	5
Stroud	Kingswood	2.5	10
Stroud	Severn	2.5	10
Stroud	Chalford	2.7	15
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	2.8	19
Stroud	Cam East	2.9	26
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	3.2	37
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	3.3	39
Stroud	Painswick	3.4	44
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	3.6	54
Stroud	Stonehouse	3.6	54
Stroud	Rodborough	3.7	60
Stroud	Minchinhampton	3.8	67
Stroud	Thrupp	3.8	67
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	3.8	67
Stroud	Cam West	4.0	73
Stroud	Uplands	4.0	73
Stroud	Berkeley	4.1	80
Stroud	Dursley	4.1	80
Stroud	Nailsworth	4.1	80
Stroud	The Stanleys	4.1	80
Stroud	Cainscross	4.2	89
Stroud	Hardwicke	4.2	89
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	5.0	112
Stroud	Valley	5.8	125
Stroud	Trinity	6.6	130
Stroud	Central	6.9	133
Stroud	Slade	7.8	139


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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

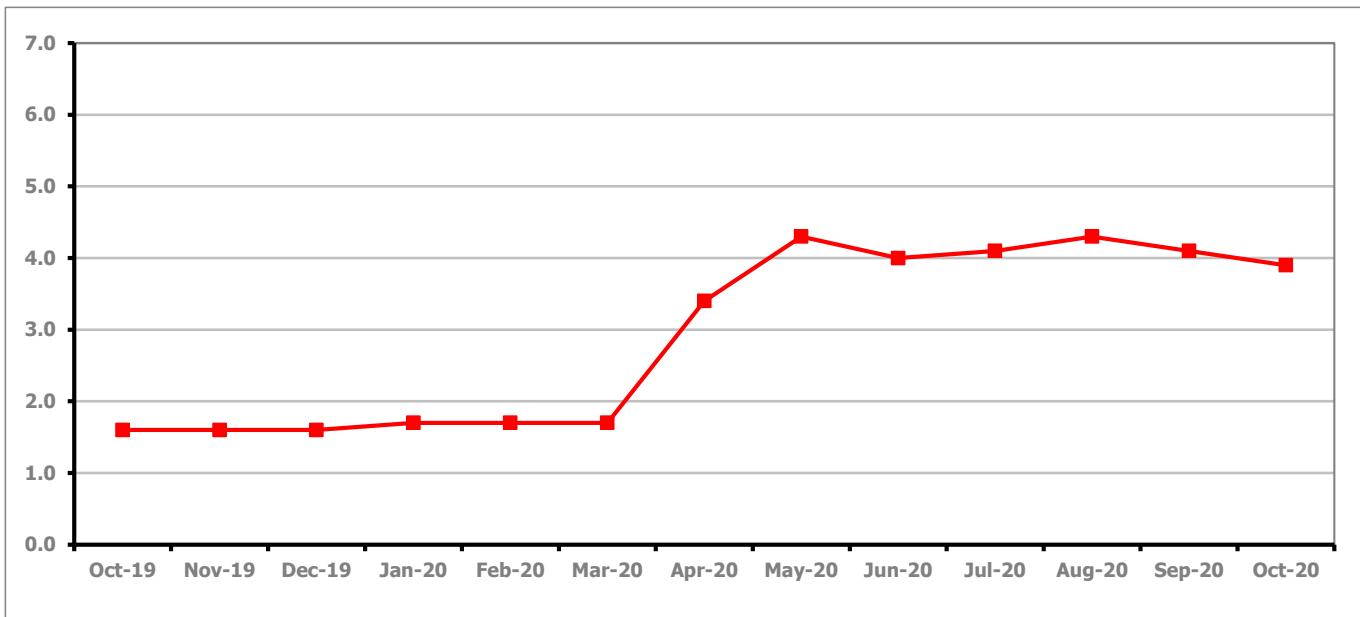


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough decreased to 3.9% in October 2020.

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

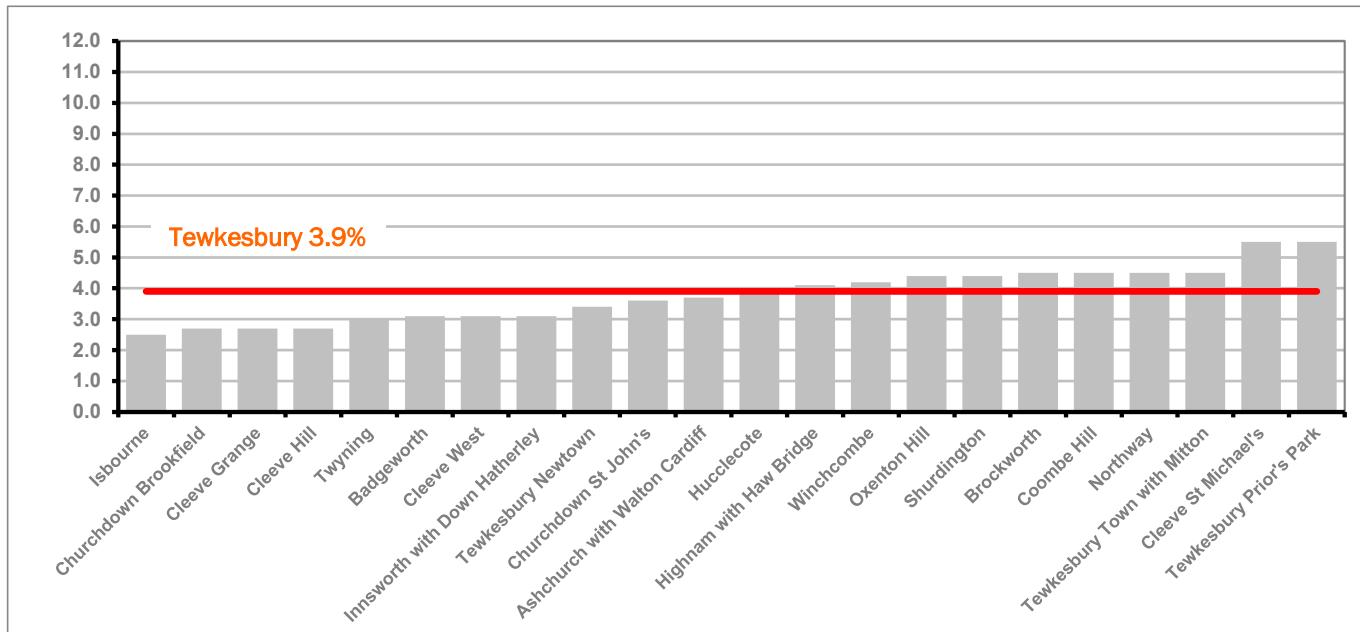


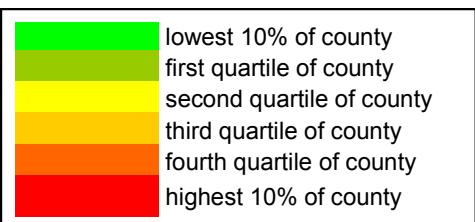
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 3.9%. Eleven wards are above the average.

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4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

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

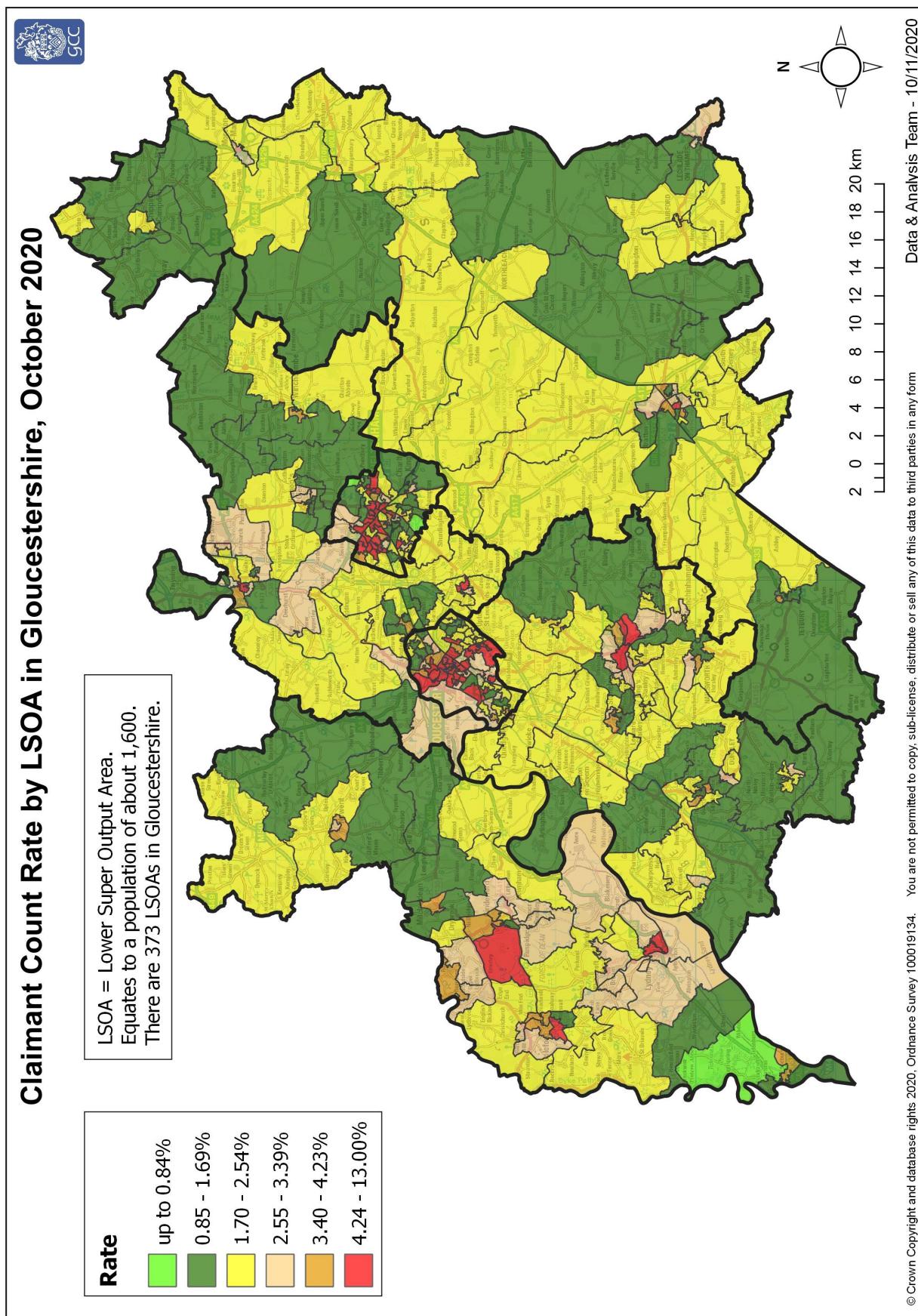
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.5	10
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	2.7	15
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.7	15
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	2.7	15
Tewkesbury	Twyning	3.0	28
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	3.1	31
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	3.1	31
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	3.1	31
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	3.4	44
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	3.6	54
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	3.7	60
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	4.0	73
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	4.1	80
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	4.2	89
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	4.4	96
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	4.4	96
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	4.5	101
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	4.5	101
Tewkesbury	Northway	4.5	101
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	4.5	101
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	5.5	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.5	119



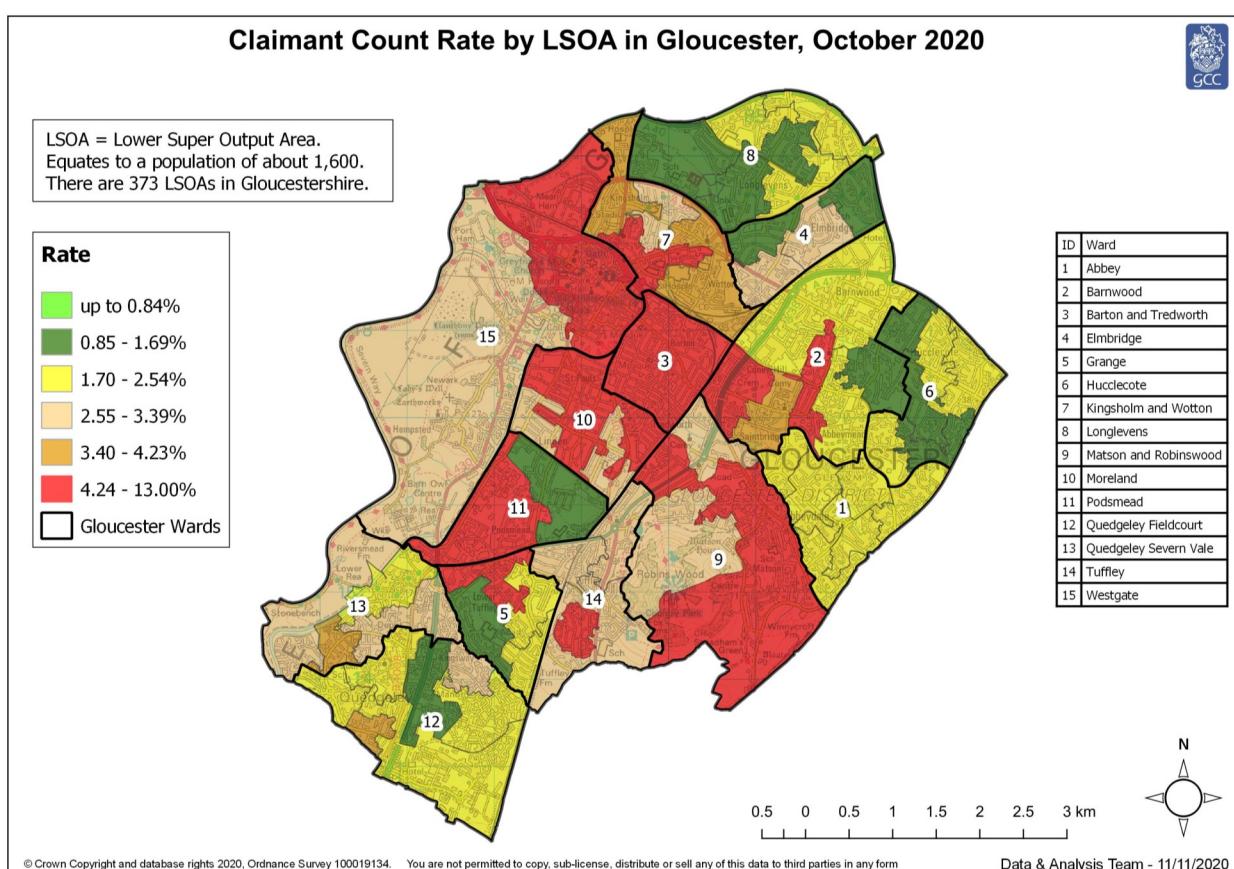
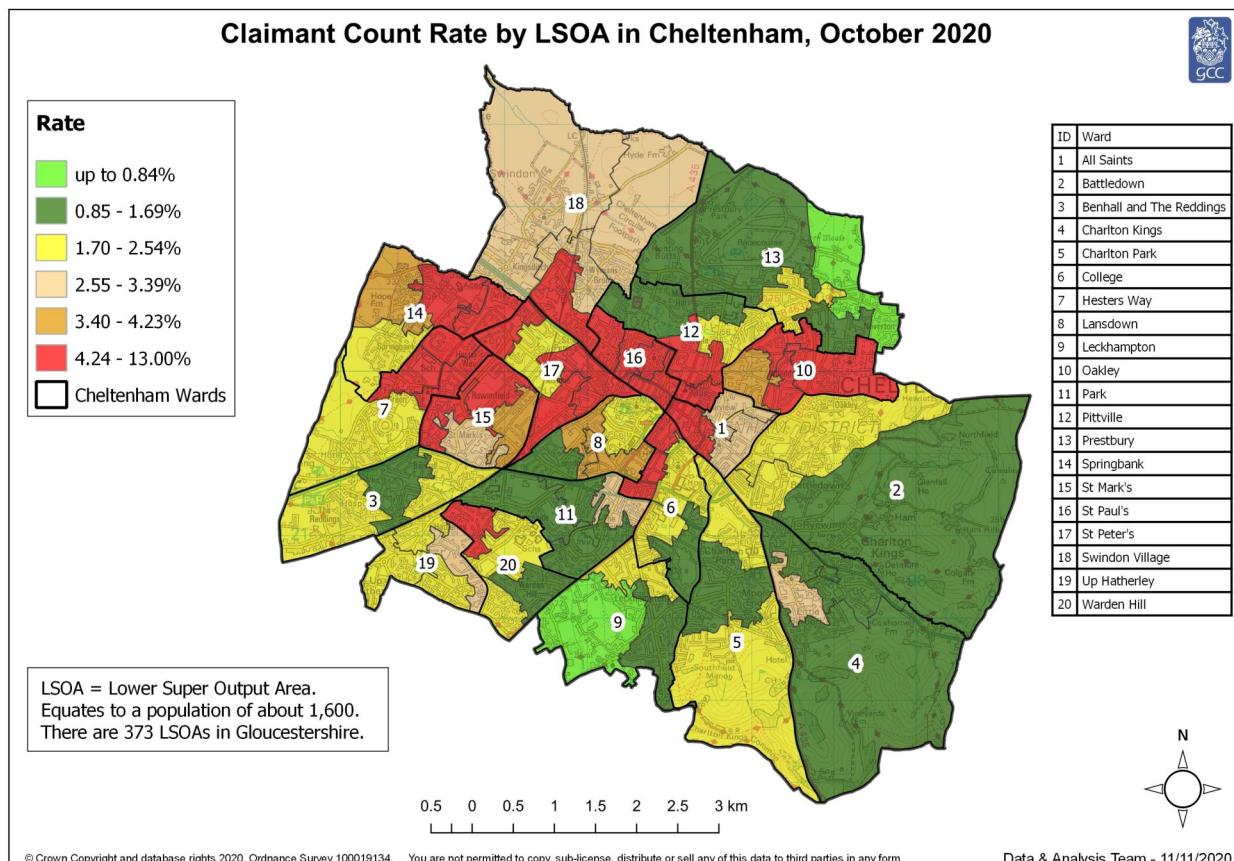
* 1 = "best" and 146 = "worst"

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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

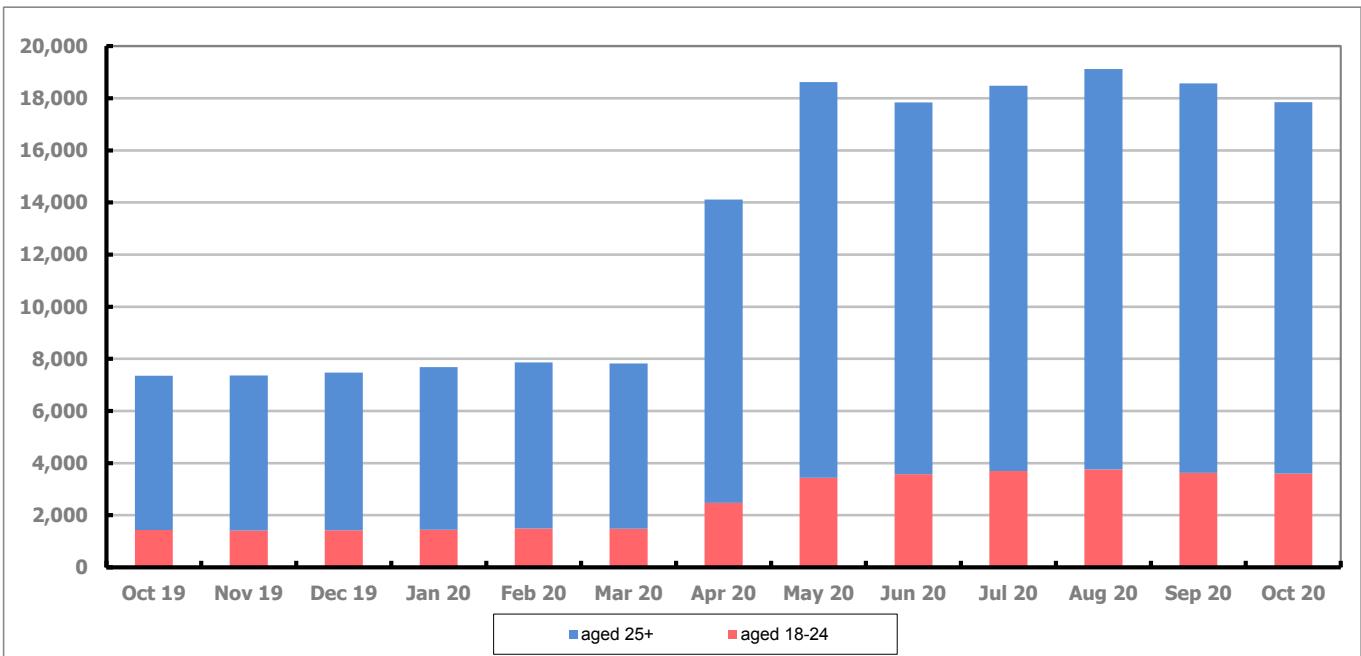


Figure 15 shows that in October 2020, 3,590 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 20.1% of total working age claimants.

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 October 2020 there were 536 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 3.04%. The total number of NEET young people increased by 96 in October 2020 compared to September 2020, all districts saw an increase in their NEET figure.

Total NEET Group by District Area

October 2020 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	89	51	80	177	78	61	536
Cohort	3106	2432	2370	4223	3623	2636	18390
% NEET	2.87	2.10	3.38	4.19	2.15	2.31	3.04*

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.