

Unemployment Bulletin

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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.

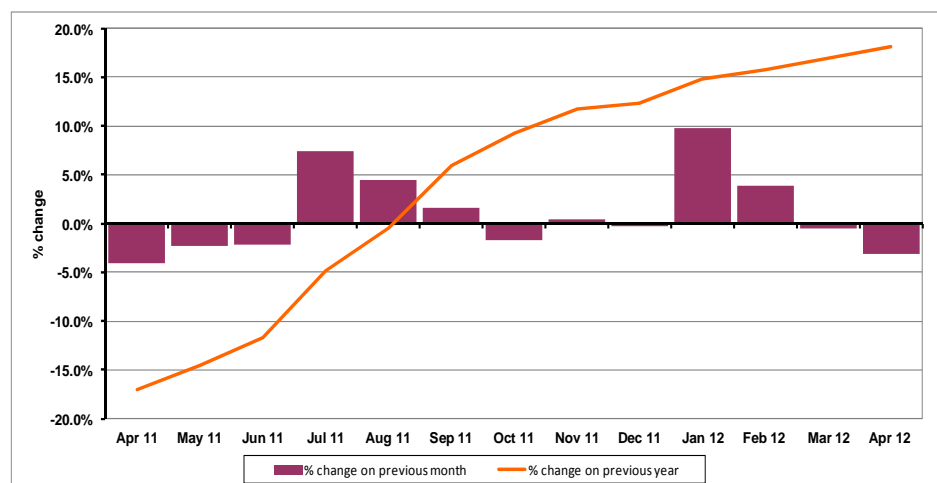
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.9% in April 2012. This was a decrease of 0.1% on the March 2012 figure. The UK and South West rate also decreased to 4.0% and 2.8% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.1% higher than the South West average of 2.8%, and 1.1% lower than the UK average of 4.0%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in April 2012 decreased by 340 people. The amount of people claiming in April 2012 was -3.1% lower than the number in March 2012. This compares to a -5.3% decrease in the South West and a -3.0% decrease for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has increased. The count was 18.1% higher in April 2012 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: April 2011 to April 2012



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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 April 2012

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in April 2012

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,497
Compared to last month:	-0.6
Claimant rate:	3.3%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (7.4%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	3,214
Compared to last month:	-2.7%
Claimant rate:	4.2%
Highest claiming ward	Westgate (9.0%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	743
Compared to last month:	-8.9%
Claimant rate:	1.5%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.8%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,524
Compared to last month:	-2.4%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward	Slade (6.2%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,547
Compared to last month:	-3.5%
Claimant rate:	3.0%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (5.8%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,155
Compared to last month:	-5.6%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.5%)

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

As at the end of April 2012 there were 679 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 4.9%.

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

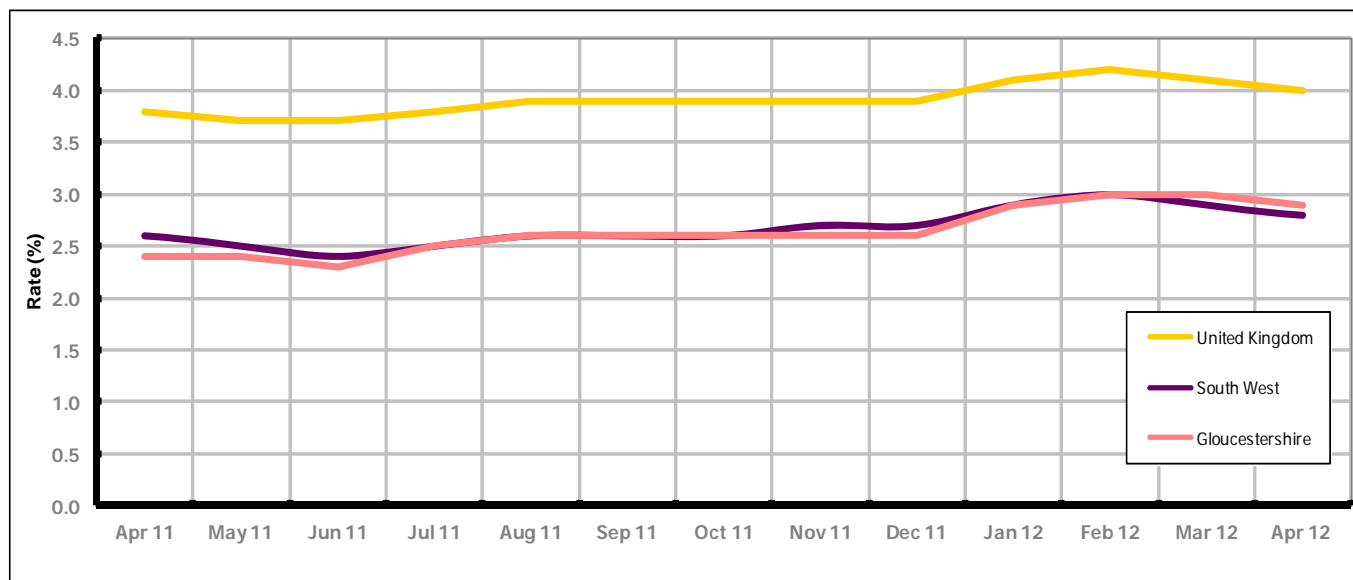


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.9% in April 2012. The rate remained lower or the same as the South West average, until March 2012, when it grew above the South West rate, it has been persistently lower by approximately 1.1% against the UK average during the same period. The April 2012 rate represented a 0.1% decrease on March 2012.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in April 2012	% change on March 2012	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	1,616,849	-3.0%	+0.6%	1
South West	91,790	-5.3%	+0.7%	1
Gloucestershire	10,680	-3.1%	+1.5%	1

Table 1 shows that in April 2012, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was -3.1% lower than the number in March 2012.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to April 2012 was +1.5%. This is 0.8% higher than the UK average and 0.9% higher than the South West average.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - April 2012

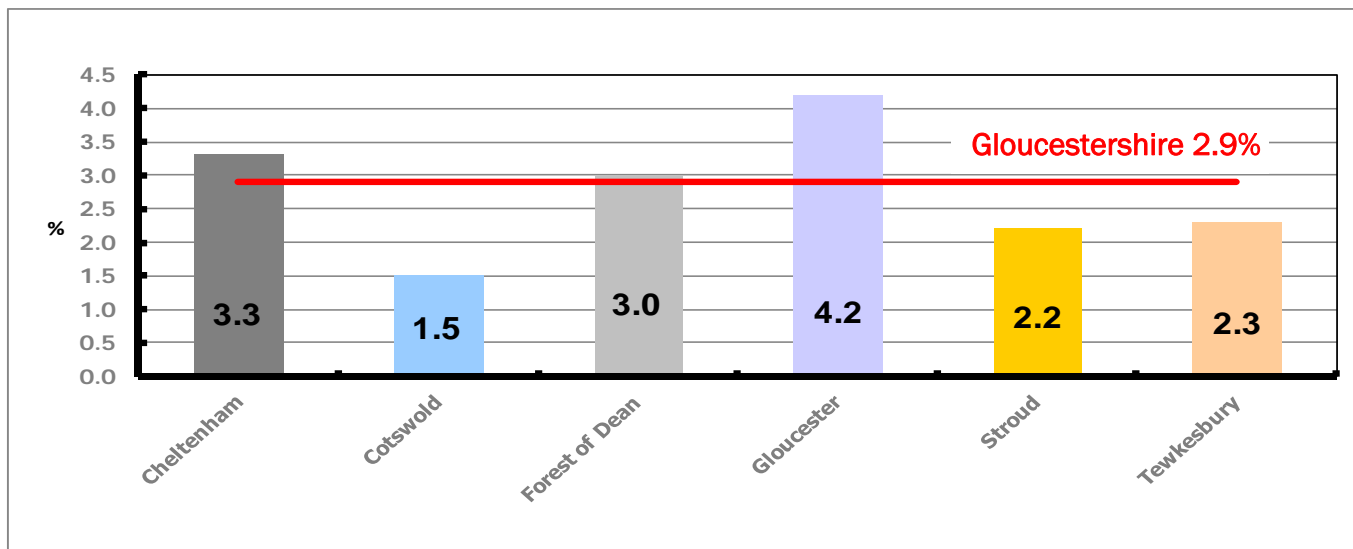


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for April 2012 in Gloucestershire. Between March 2012 and April 2012 Cheltenham district remained the same, while all the other districts declined.

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

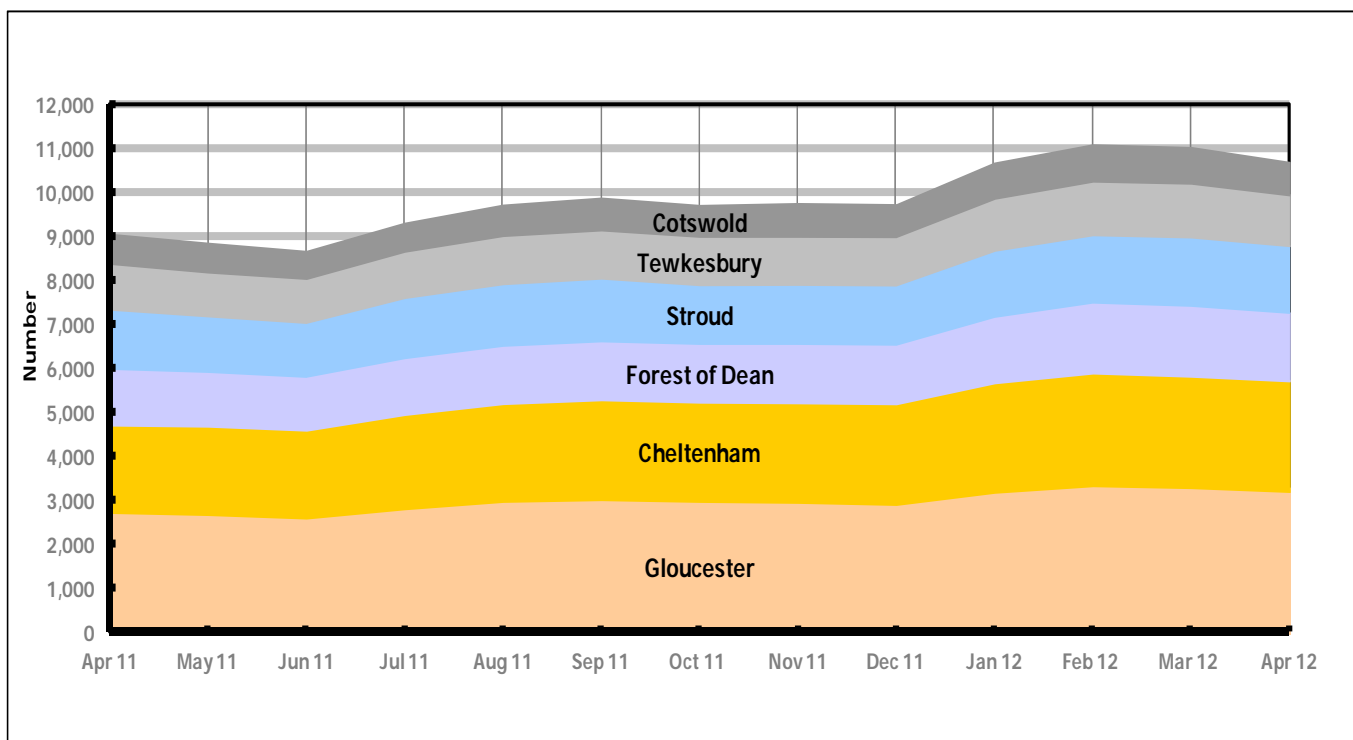


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants generally increased between July 2011 and February 2012. Since March 2012 the number of claimants has decreased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Apr 12 Number	Apr 12 Rate	Mar 12 Number	Mar 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	10,680	2.9	11,020	3.0	-340	-3.1%	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,497	3.3	2,513	3.3	-16	-0.6%	0.0
Cotswold	743	1.5	816	1.6	-73	-8.9%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,547	3.0	1,603	3.1	-56	-3.5%	-0.1
Gloucester	3,214	4.2	3,303	4.3	-89	-2.7%	-0.1
Stroud	1,524	2.2	1,561	2.3	-37	-2.4%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,155	2.3	1,224	2.4	-69	-5.6%	-0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in April 2012 compared to March 2012. All districts experienced a decrease in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Apr 12 Number	Apr 12 Rate	Mar 12 Number	Mar 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	7,282	3.9	7,504	4.0	-222	-3.0%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,742	4.6	1,773	4.7	-31	-1.7%	-0.1
Cotswold	491	2.0	532	2.1	-41	-7.7%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,054	4.1	1,078	4.2	-24	-2.2%	-0.1
Gloucester	2,177	5.7	2,251	5.9	-74	-3.3%	-0.2
Stroud	1,049	3.1	1,054	3.1	-5	-0.5%	0.0
Tewkesbury	769	3.1	816	3.3	-47	-5.8%	-0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in April 2012 compared to March 2012. All districts experienced a decrease in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Apr 12 Number	Apr 12 Rate	Mar 12 Number	Mar 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,398	1.8	3,516	1.9	-118	-3.4%	-0.1
Cheltenham	755	2.0	740	2.0	15	2.0%	0.0
Cotswold	252	1.0	284	1.1	-32	-11.3%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	493	1.9	525	2.0	-32	-6.1%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,037	2.7	1,052	2.7	-15	-1.4%	0.0
Stroud	475	1.4	507	1.5	-32	-6.3%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	386	1.5	408	1.6	-22	-5.4%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in April 2012 compared to March 2012. Cheltenham saw a increase in the number of female claimants while the remaining districts experienced a decline.

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

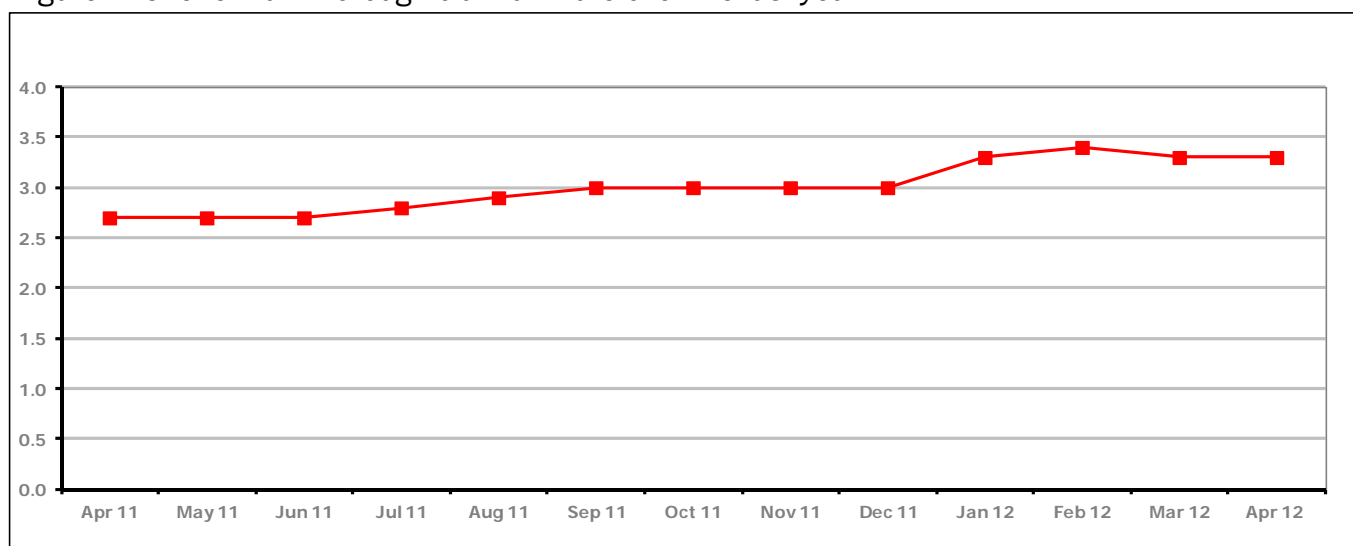


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained the same as last month at 3.3%

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

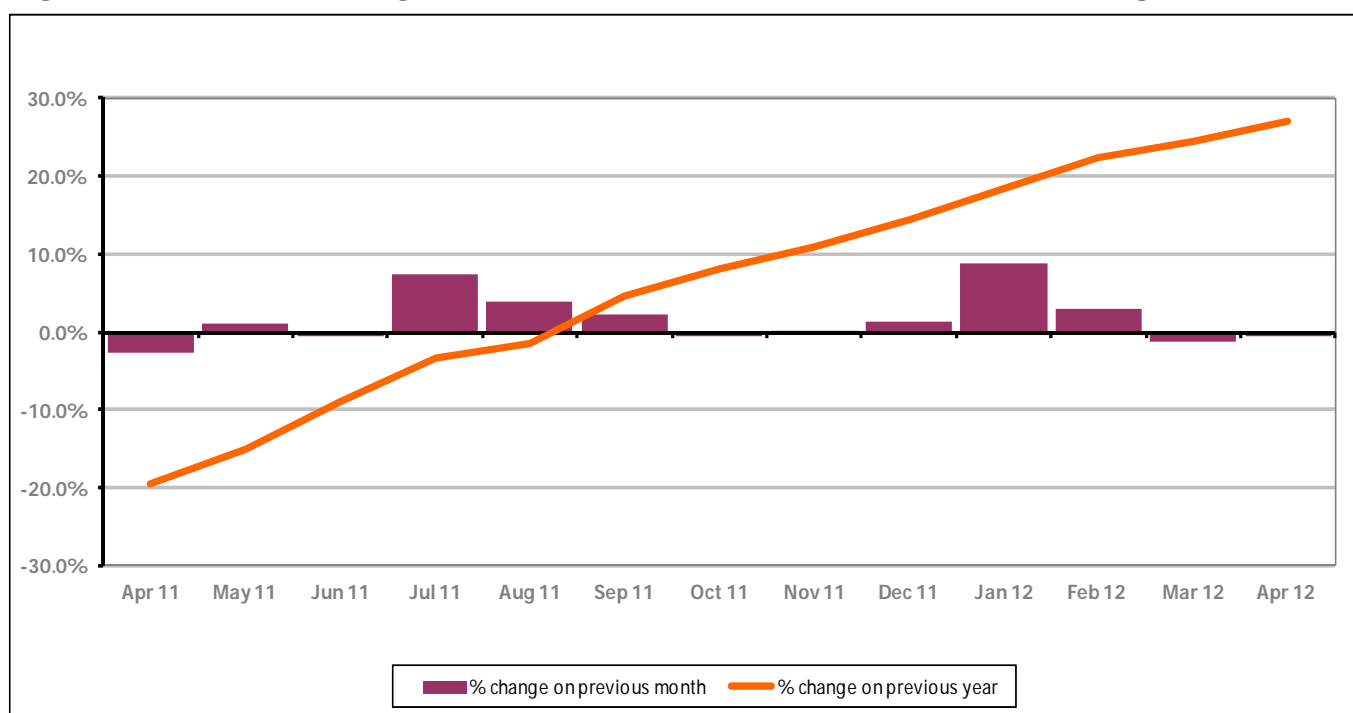


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by -0.6% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased in April 2012 compared to March 2012 to $+27.1\%$.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - April 2012

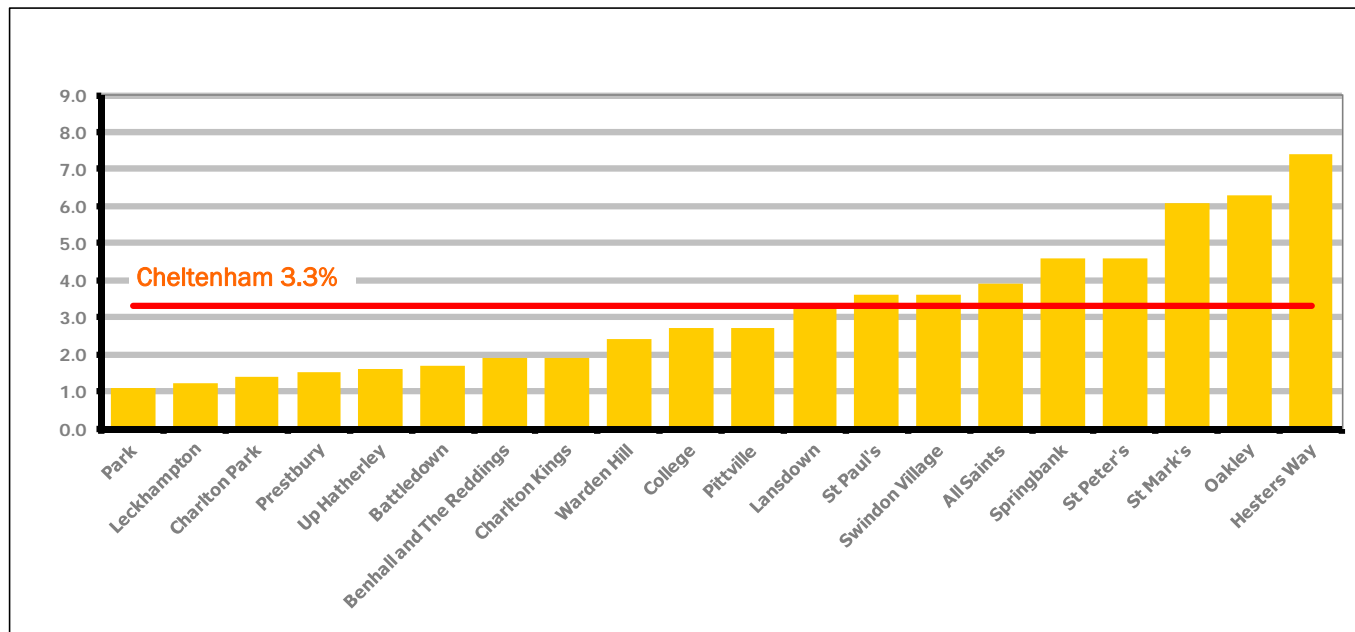
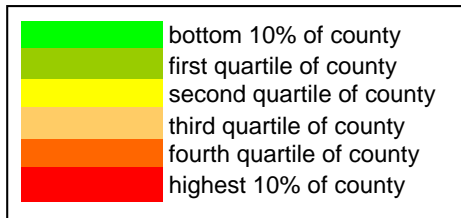


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.3%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - April 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Park	1.1	19
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.2	26
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.4	39
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.5	47
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.6	53
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.7	58
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.9	69
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.9	69
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.4	85
Cheltenham	College	2.7	92
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.7	92
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.3	110
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.6	116
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.6	116
Cheltenham	All Saints	3.9	122
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.6	125
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.6	125
Cheltenham	St Mark's	6.1	135
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.3	139
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	7.4	140



* 1 = "best" and 142 = "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 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

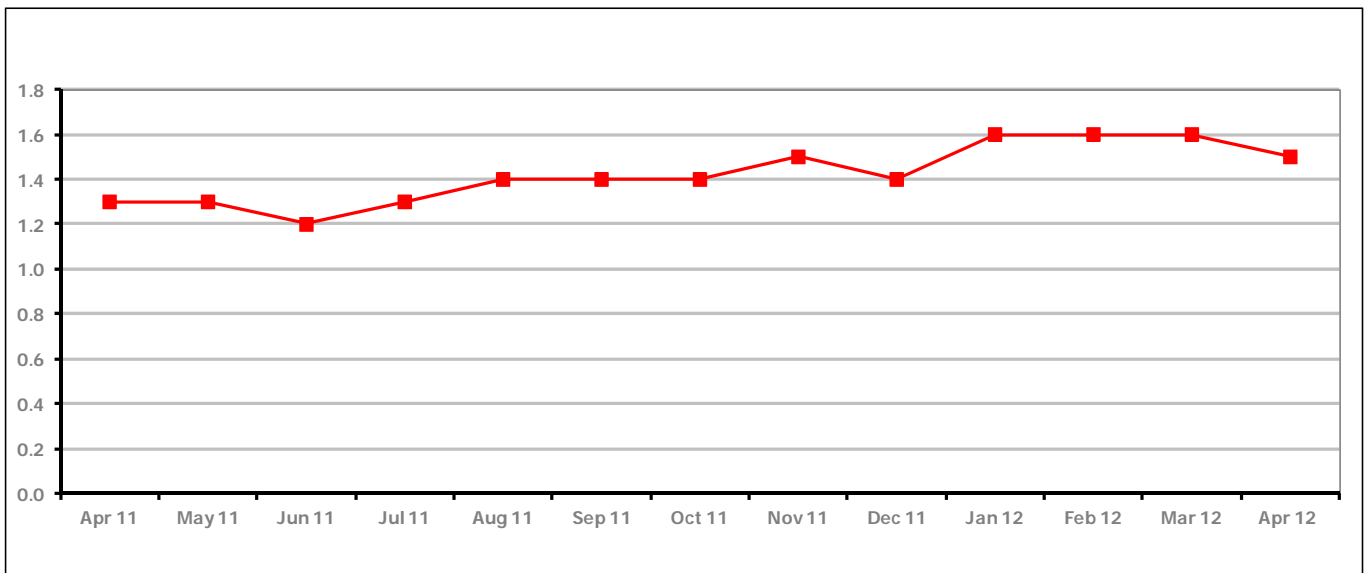


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased in April 2012 to 1.5%.

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

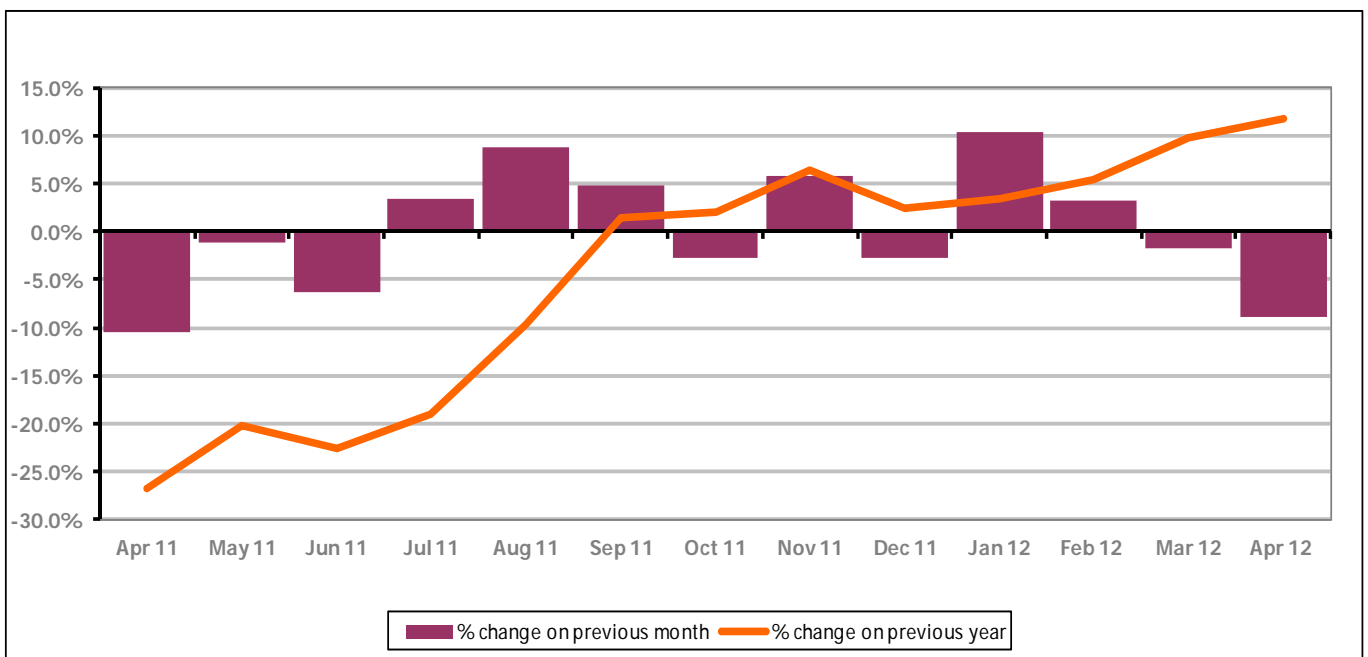


Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by -8.9% since March 2012. The change on the previous year has increased from March 2012 compared to April 2012 to +11.7%.

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4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - April 2012

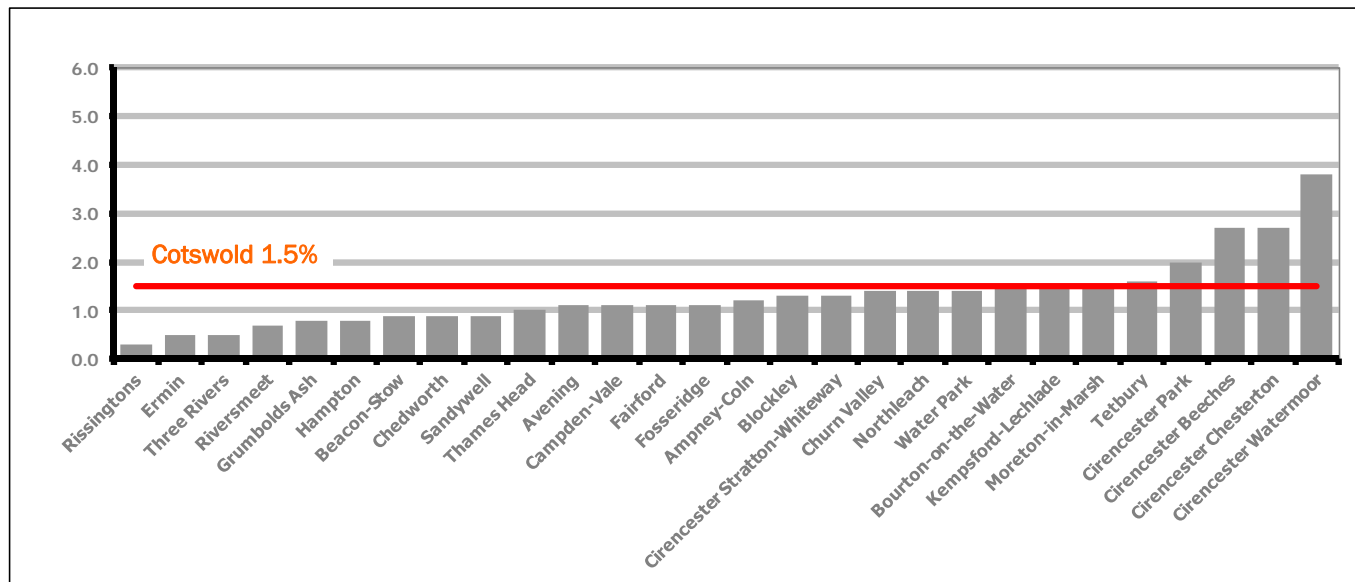
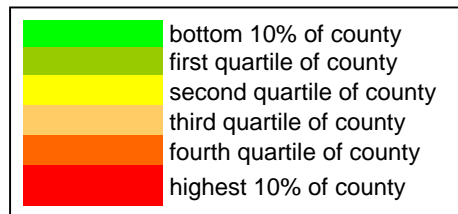


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.5%. Five wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - April 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.3	1
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.5	2
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.5	2
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.7	6
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.8	8
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.8	8
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.9	10
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.9	10
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.9	10
Cotswolds	Thames Head	1.0	14
Cotswolds	Avening	1.1	19
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	1.1	19
Cotswolds	Fairford	1.1	19
Cotswolds	Fossebridge	1.1	19
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coln	1.2	26
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.3	33
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.3	33
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	1.4	39
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.4	39
Cotswolds	Water Park	1.4	39
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.5	47
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.5	47
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.5	47
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.6	53
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.0	74
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	2.7	92
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.7	92
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.8	121



* 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

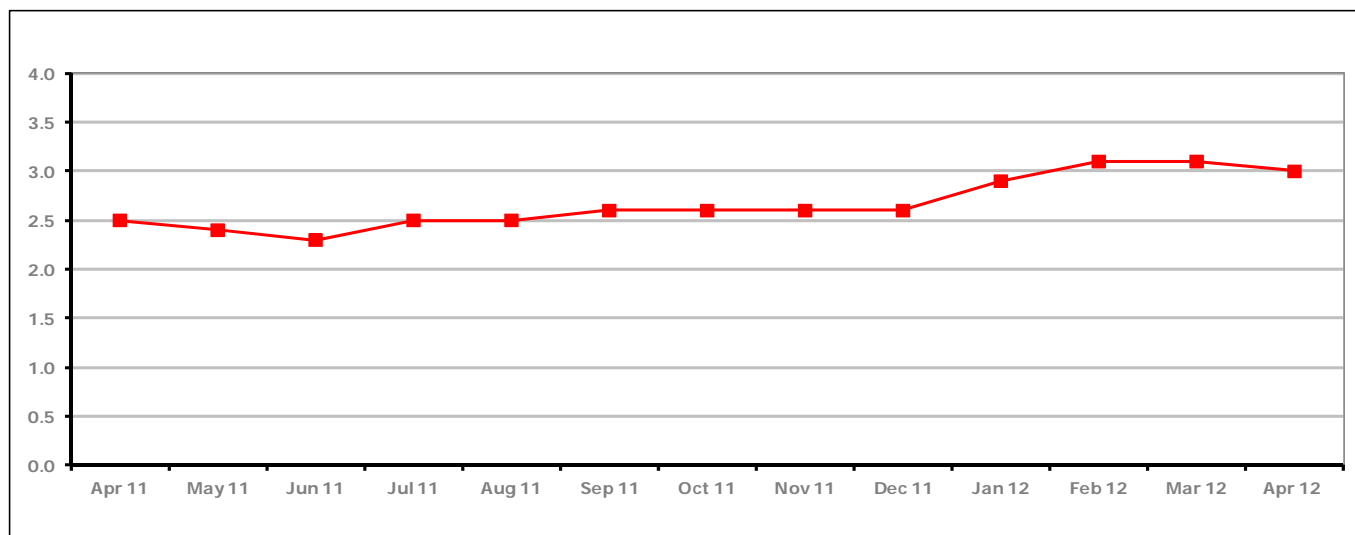


Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased in April 2012 to 3.0%

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

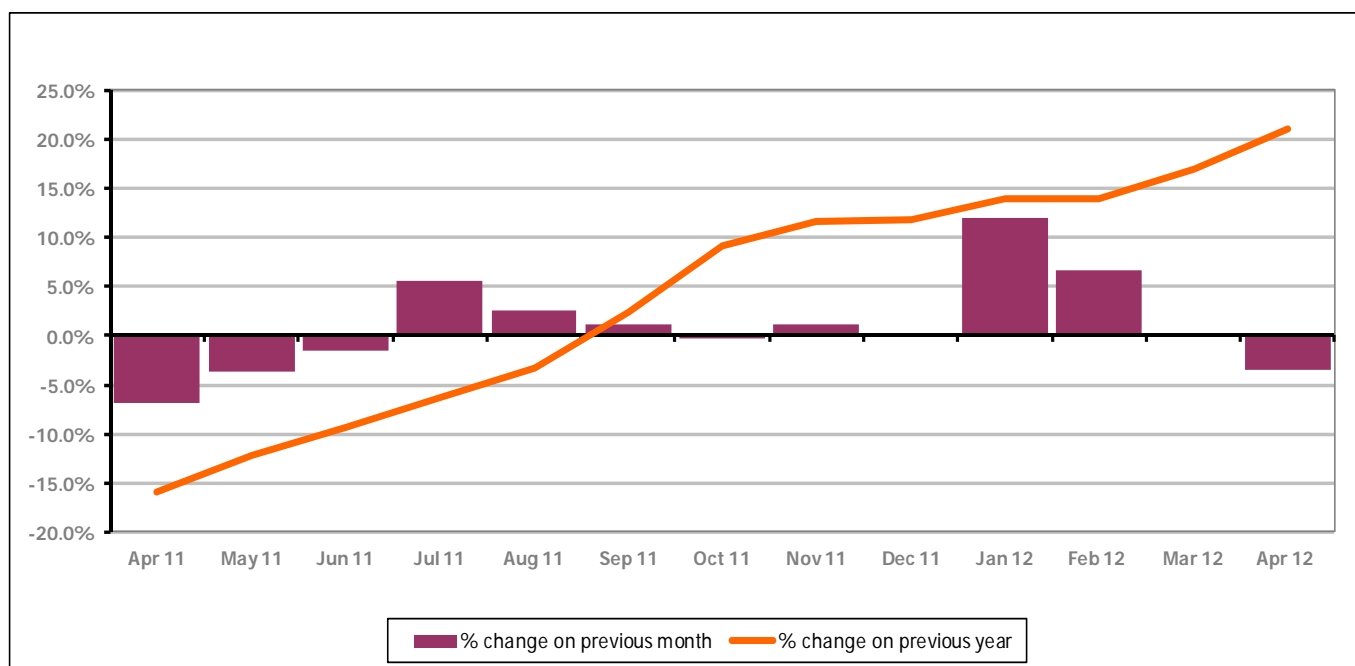


Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by -3.5% since March 2012. The change on the previous year has increased from March 2012 compared to April 2012 to +21.1%.

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4.3 Forest of Dean District continued...

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - April 2012

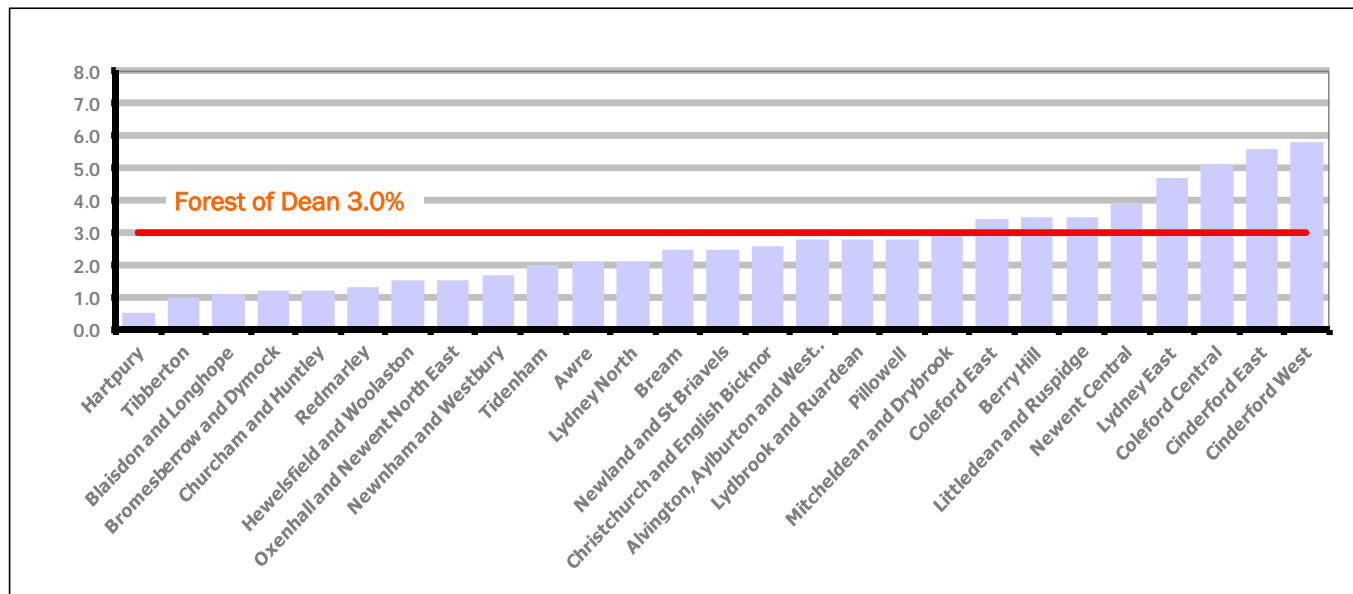
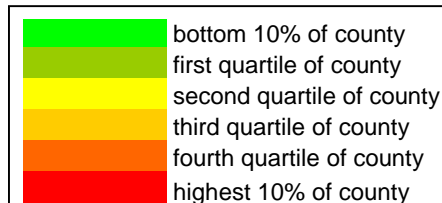


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 3.0 %. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - April 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.5	2
Forest	Tibberton	1.0	14
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	1.1	19
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.2	26
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	1.2	26
Forest	Redmarley	1.3	33
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.5	47
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.5	47
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.7	58
Forest	Tidenham	2.0	74
Forest	Awre	2.1	80
Forest	Lydney North	2.1	80
Forest	Bream	2.5	88
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	2.5	88
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	2.6	90
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.8	97
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.8	97
Forest	Pillowell	2.8	97
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.9	101
Forest	Coleford East	3.4	111
Forest	Berry Hill	3.5	113
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	3.5	113
Forest	Newent Central	3.9	122
Forest	Lydney East	4.7	127
Forest	Coleford Central	5.1	128
Forest	Cinderford East	5.6	132
Forest	Cinderford West	5.8	134



* 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

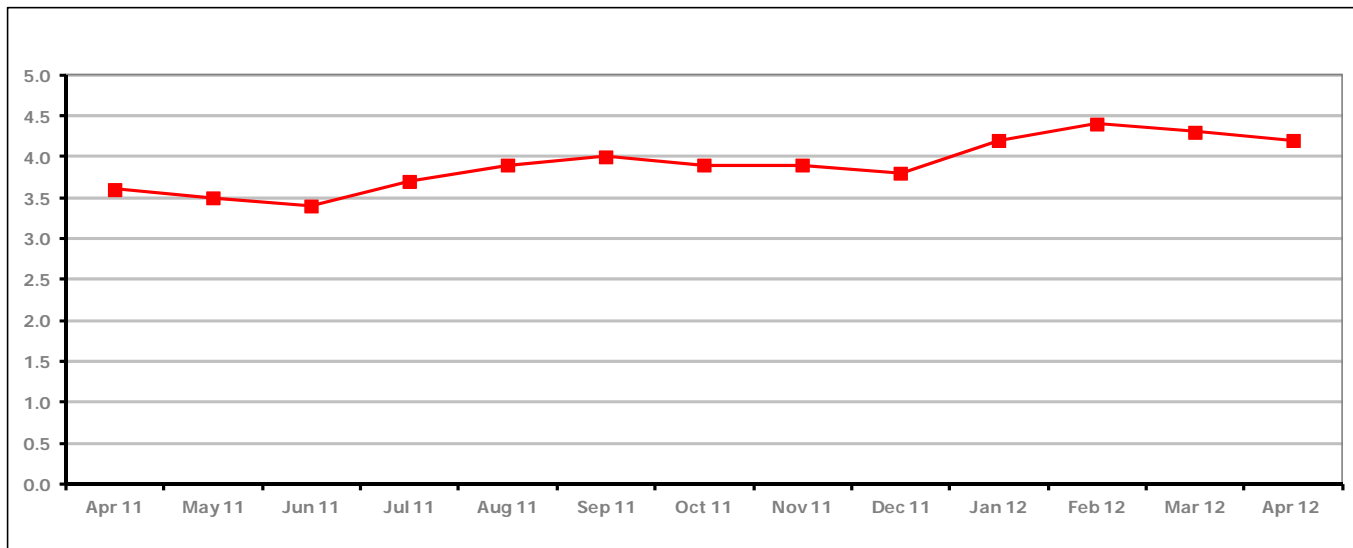


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased in April 2012 to 4.2%.

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

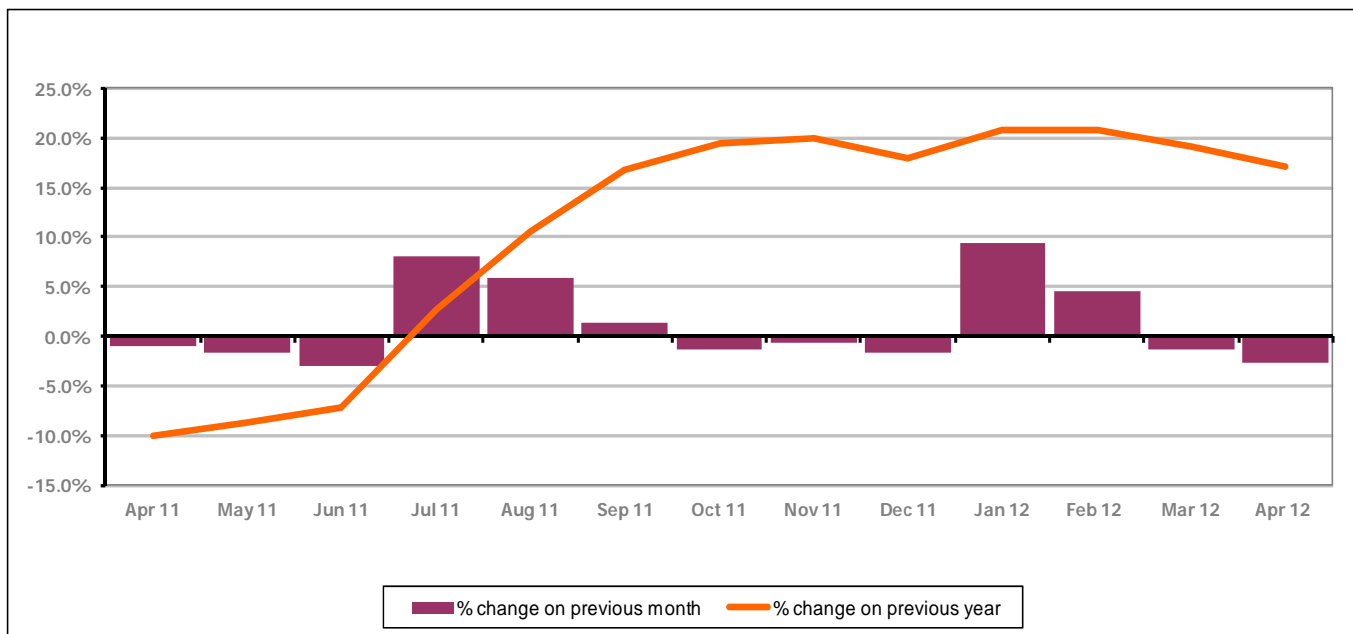


Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -2.7% since March 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased from March 2012 compared to April 2012 to +17.1%.

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4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - April 2012

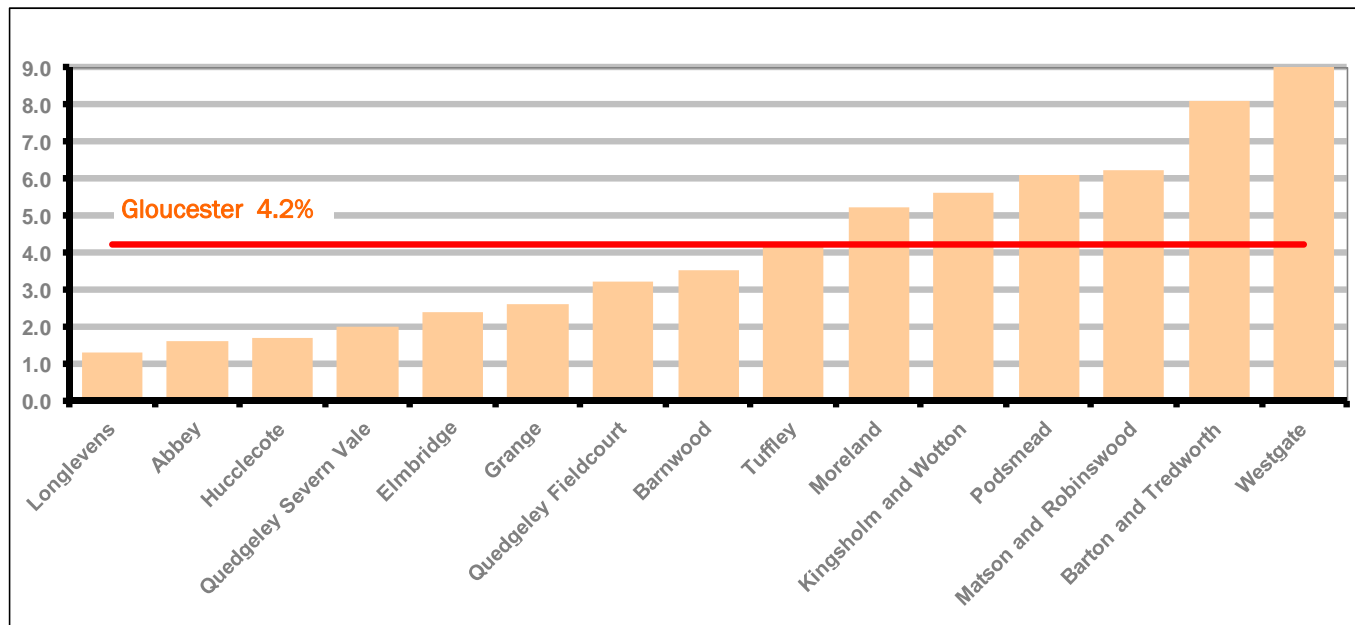
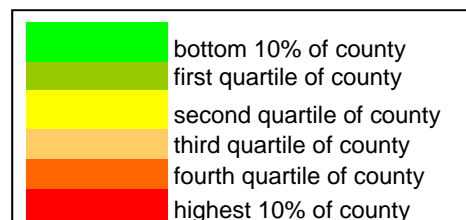


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.2%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - April 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.3	33
Gloucester	Abbey	1.6	53
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.7	58
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.0	74
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.4	85
Gloucester	Grange	2.6	90
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	3.2	109
Gloucester	Barnwood	3.5	113
Gloucester	Tuffley	4.2	124
Gloucester	Moreland	5.2	130
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.6	132
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.1	135
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.2	137
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	8.1	141
Gloucester	Westgate	9.0	142



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

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

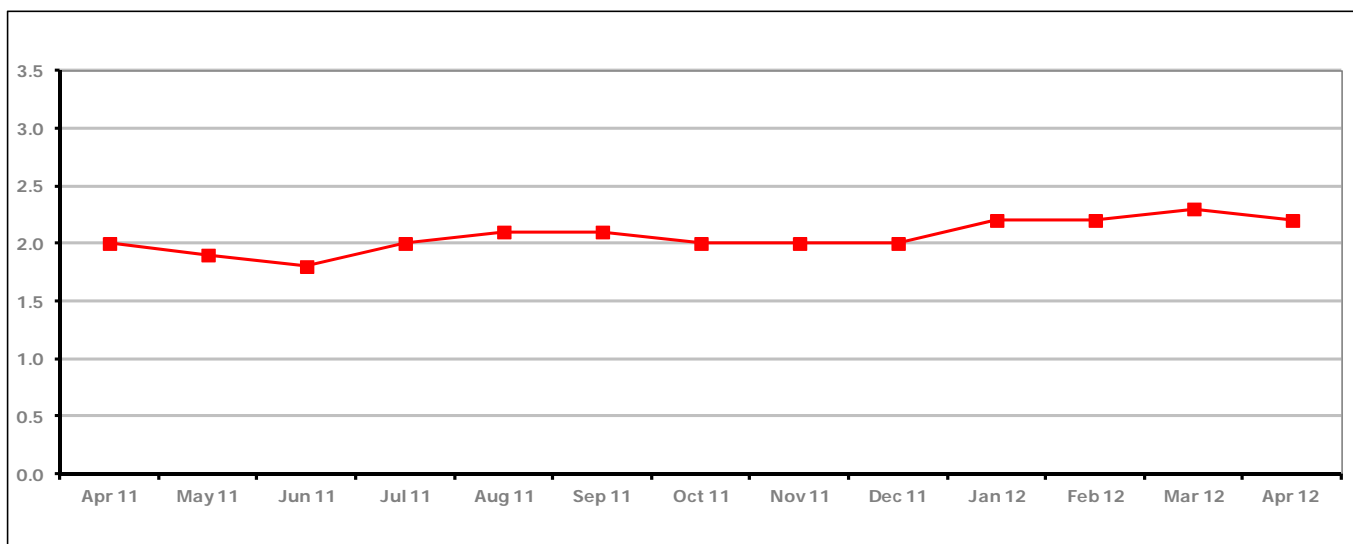
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud District decreased in April 2012 to 2.2%.

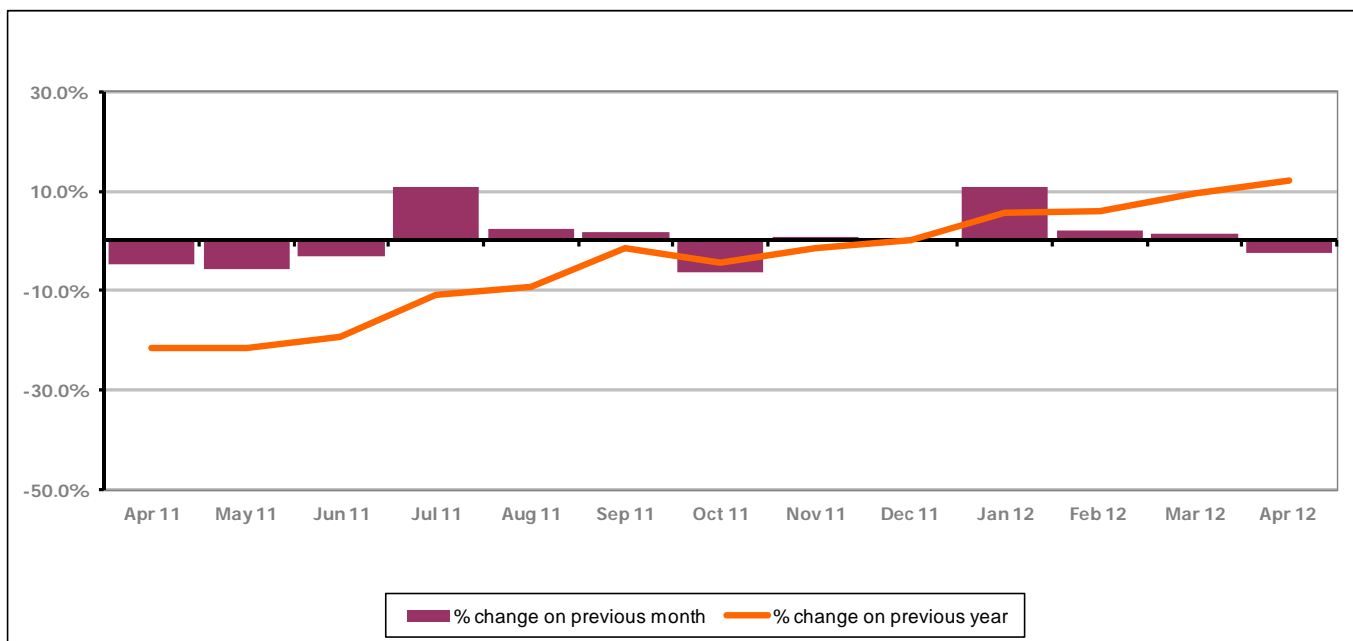
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -2.4% since March 2012. The change on the previous year has increased between March 2012 and April 2012 to +12.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - April 2012

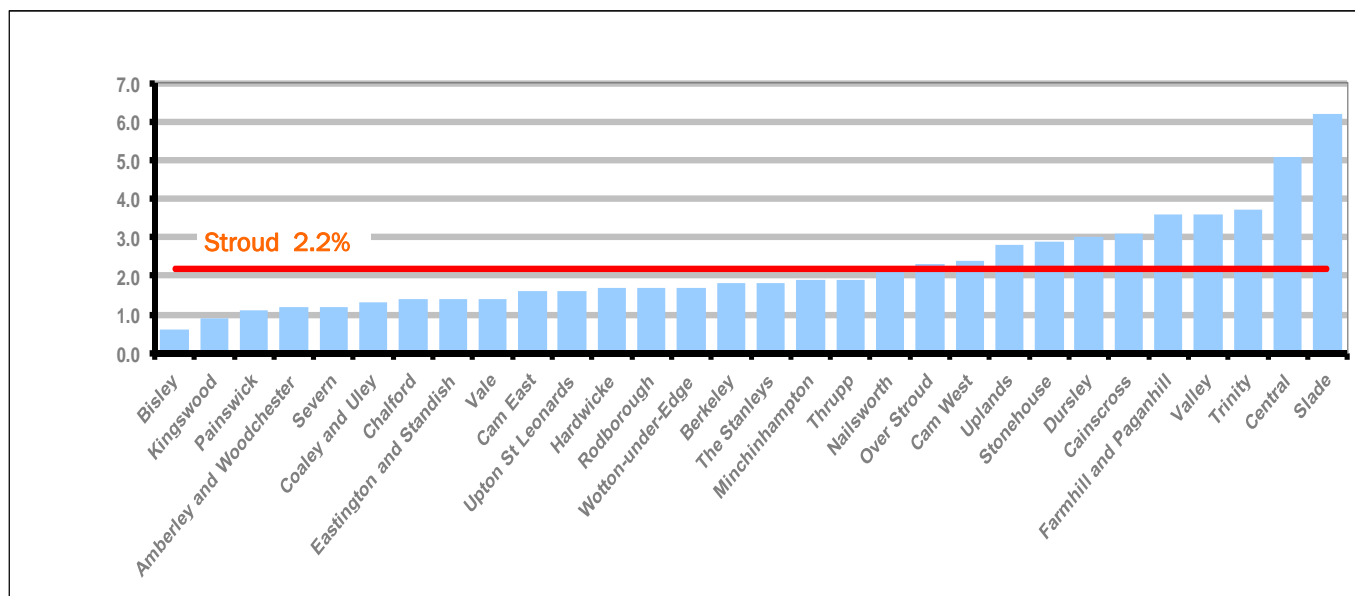
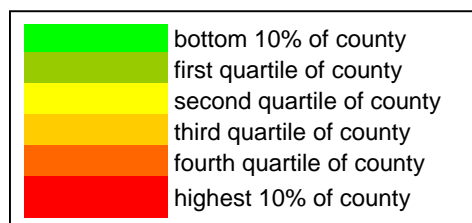


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.2%. Eleven wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - April 2012

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	0.6	5
Stroud	Kingswood	0.9	10
Stroud	Painswick	1.1	19
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.2	26
Stroud	Severn	1.2	26
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.3	33
Stroud	Chalford	1.4	39
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.4	39
Stroud	Vale	1.4	39
Stroud	Cam East	1.6	53
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	1.6	53
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.7	58
Stroud	Rodborough	1.7	58
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.7	58
Stroud	Berkeley	1.8	65
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.8	65
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.9	69
Stroud	Thrupp	1.9	69
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.2	82
Stroud	Over Stroud	2.3	83
Stroud	Cam West	2.4	85
Stroud	Uplands	2.8	97
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.9	101
Stroud	Dursley	3.0	104
Stroud	Cainscross	3.1	107
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	3.6	116
Stroud	Valley	3.6	116
Stroud	Trinity	3.7	120
Stroud	Central	5.1	128
Stroud	Slade	6.2	137



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

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 District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

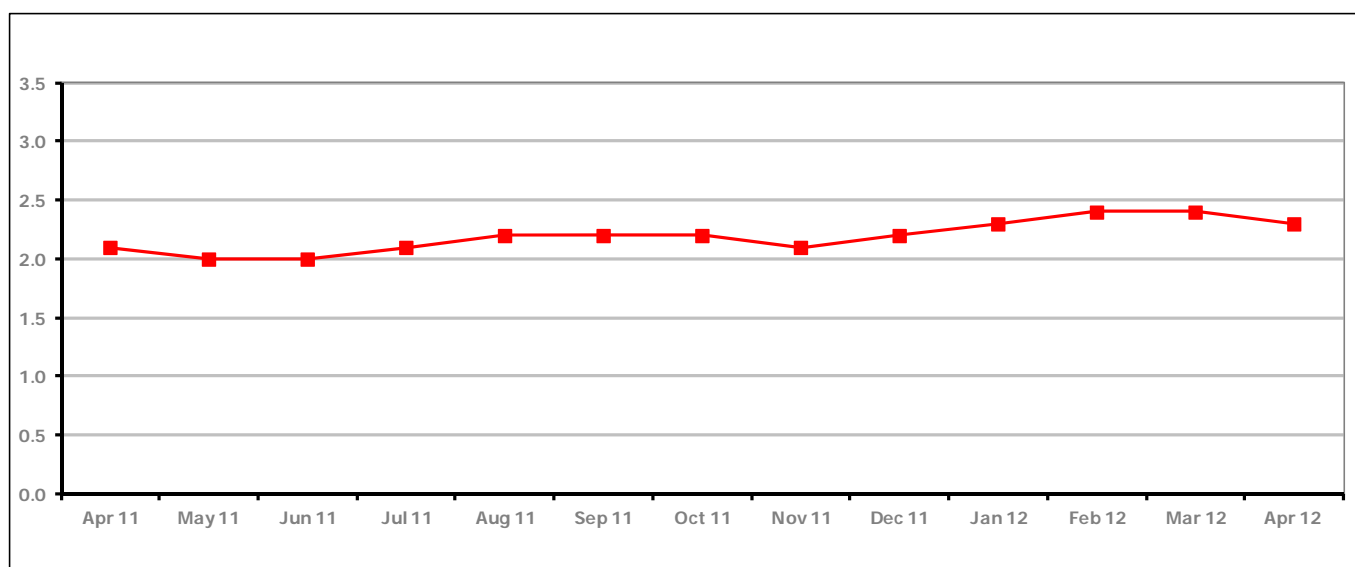


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District decreased in April 2012 to 2.3%

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

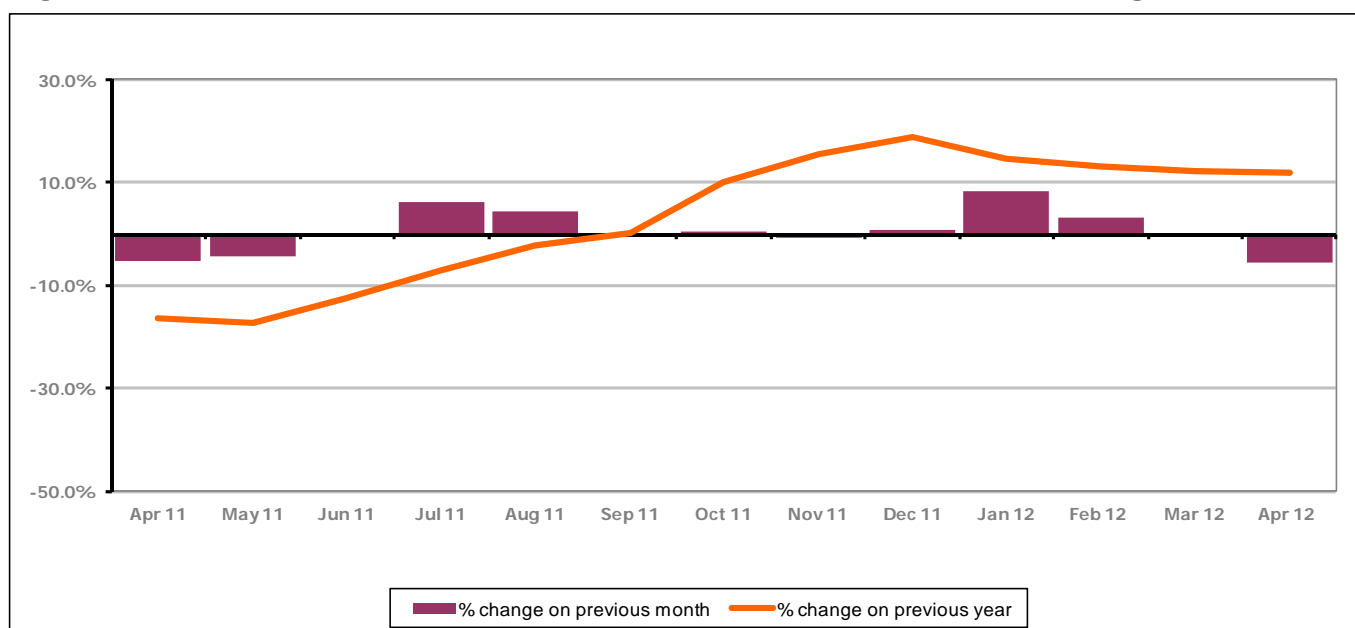


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased in April 2012 by -5.6%. The change on the previous year decreased between March 2012 and April 2012 to +11.9%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - April 2012

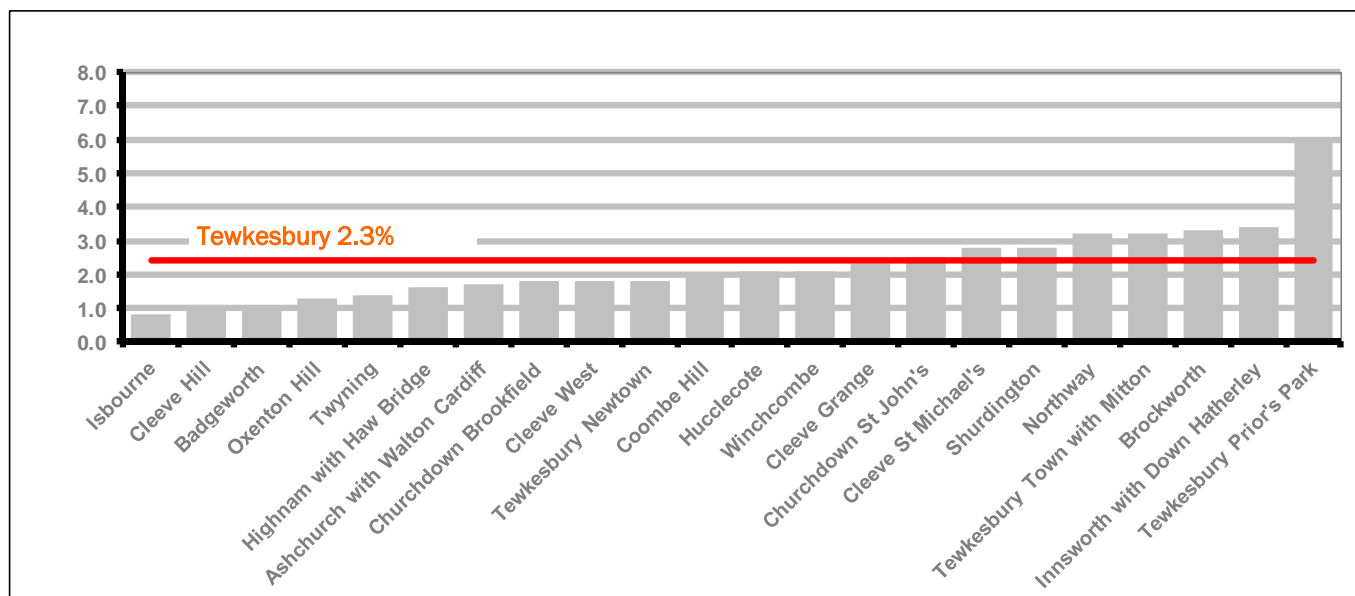
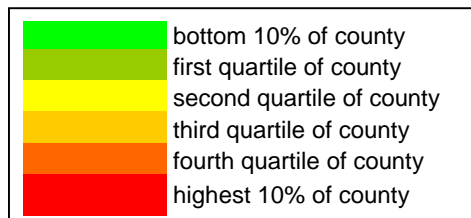


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.3% and seven wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - April 2012

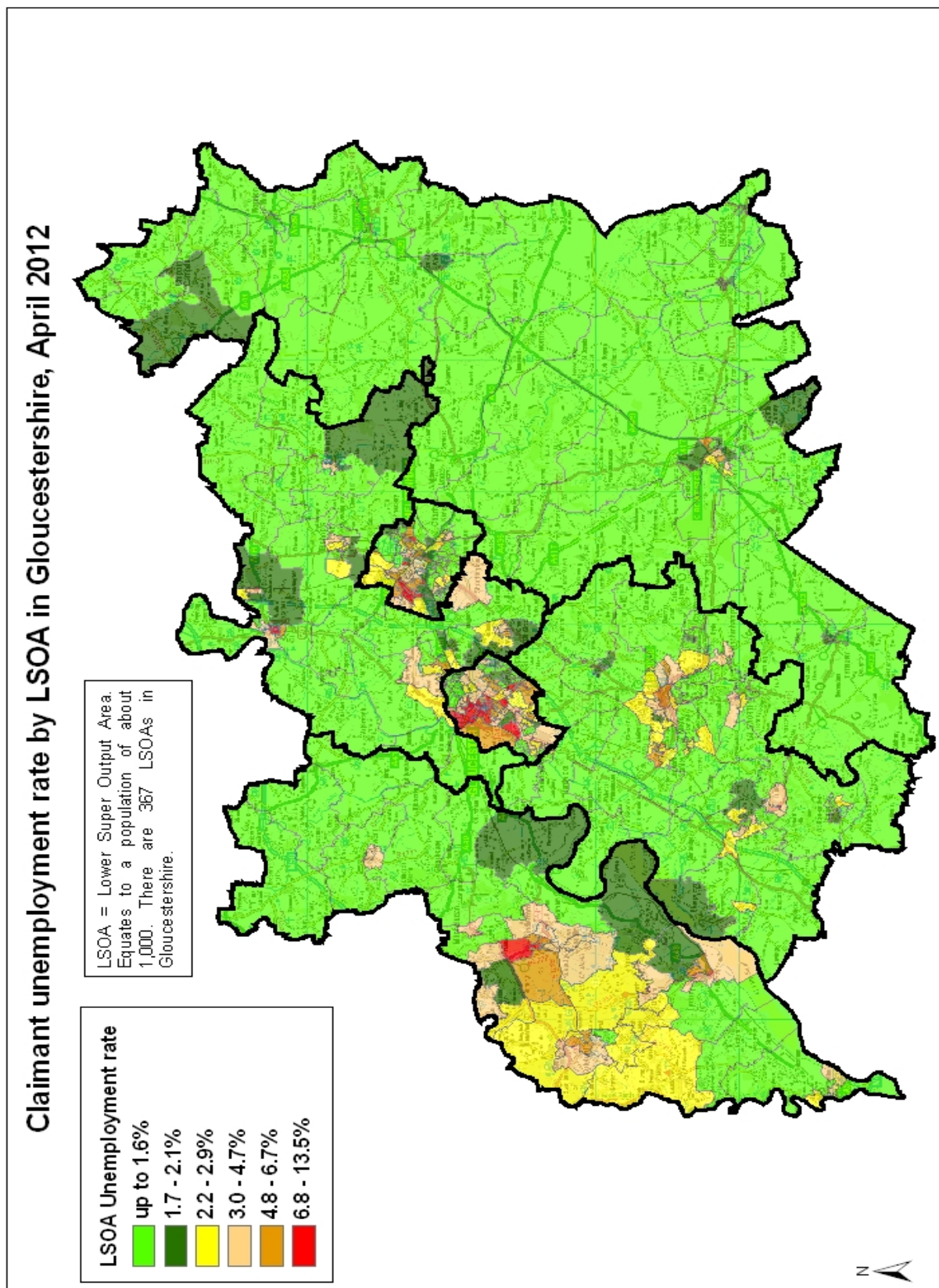
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.7	6
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.0	14
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	1.0	14
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.0	14
Tewkesbury	Twynning	1.2	26
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	1.3	33
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.4	39
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.7	58
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.8	65
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.8	65
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.9	69
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	2.0	74
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	2.0	74
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.0	74
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	2.3	83
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.7	92
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	2.9	101
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	3.0	104
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	3.0	104
Tewkesbury	Northway	3.1	107
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	3.4	111
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.5	131



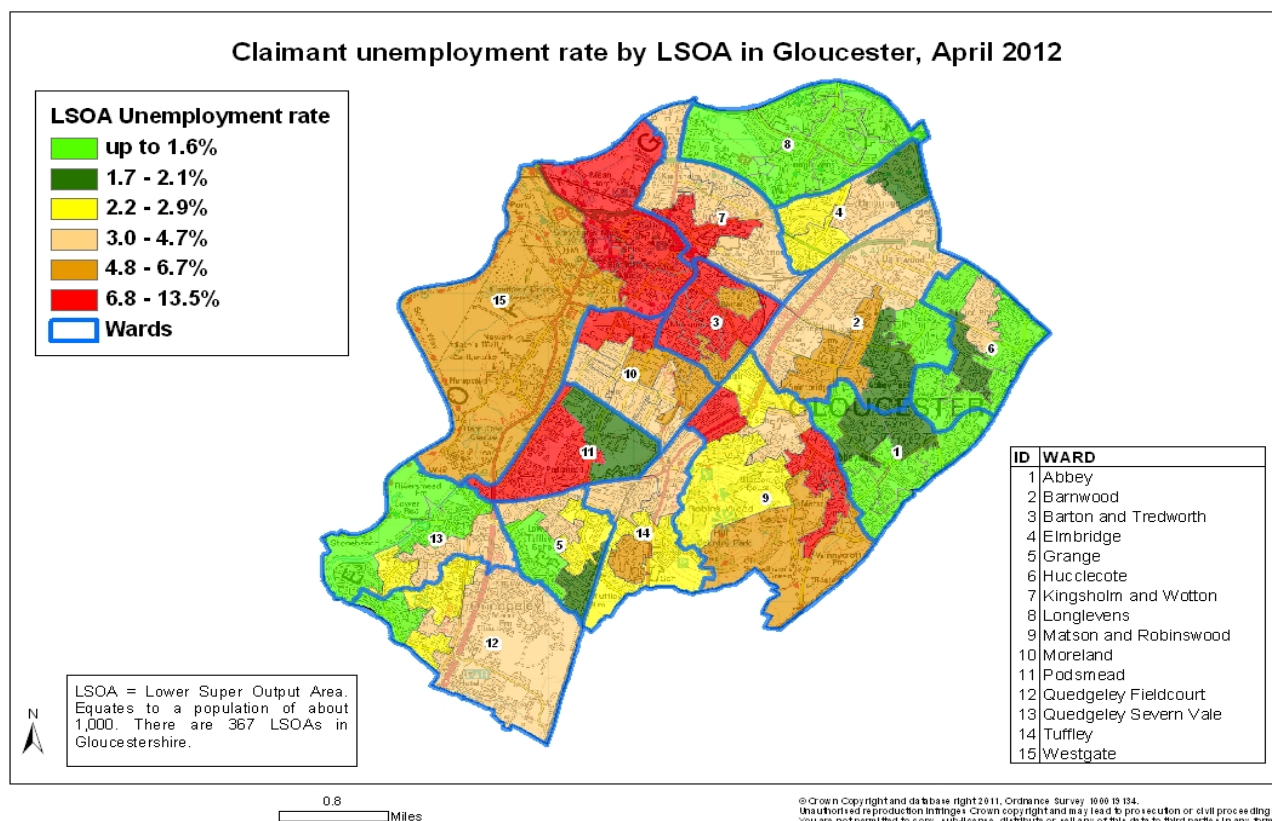
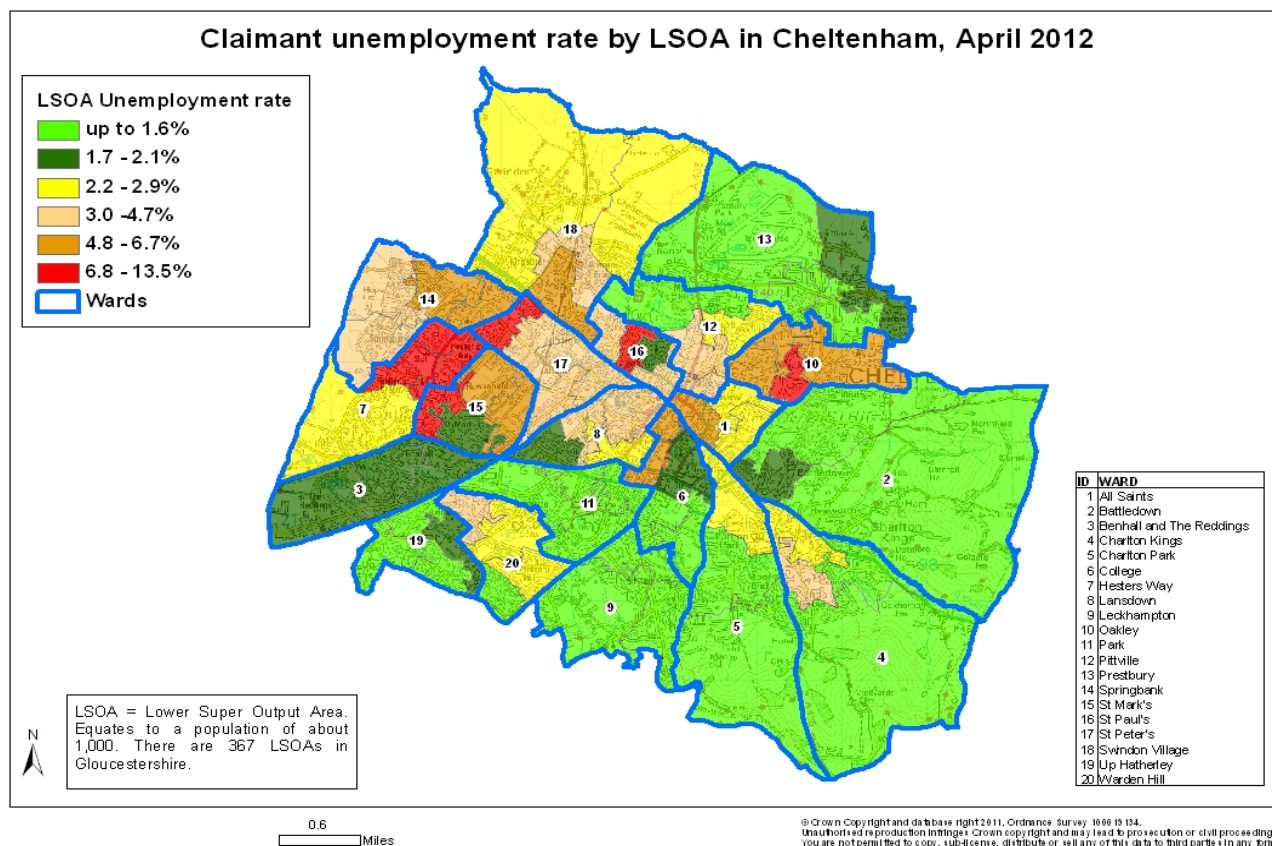
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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

As at the end of April 2012 there were 679 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 4.9%. The total number of NEET decreased by 5 young people in April 2012 compared to March 2012. 2 districts saw an increase, 1 stayed the same and 3 saw a decrease in their NEET figure.

Total NEET Group by District Area

April 2012 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Number of NEET	153	49	100	215	89	73	679
Cohort	2471	1953	2142	4324	2691	1734	15315
% NEET	6.2%	2.5%	4.7%	5.0%	3.3%	4.2%	4.9%

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 551267.

(*) Adjustment includes a proportion of young people aged 16-18 whose outcomes are not-known to Connexions Gloucestershire