

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 **1.4% in July 2018**. The South West and UK rates stayed the same at 1.6% and 2.2% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.2% lower than the South West average of 1.6%, and 0.8% lower than the UK average of 2.2%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in July 2018 increased by **200 people**. The amount of people claiming in July 2018 was 3.8% higher than the number in June 2018. This compares to a 1.2% increase in the South West and a 0.2% 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 July 2018

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in July 2018

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,075
Compared to last month:	5.4%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (3.1%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,610
Compared to last month:	7.0%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming wards	Westgate (4.1%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	510
Compared to last month:	3.0%
Claimant rate:	1.0%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (3.1%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	785
Compared to last month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (3.4%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	870
Compared to last month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (3.5%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	625
Compared to last month:	3.3%
Claimant rate:	1.2%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (3.1%)

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

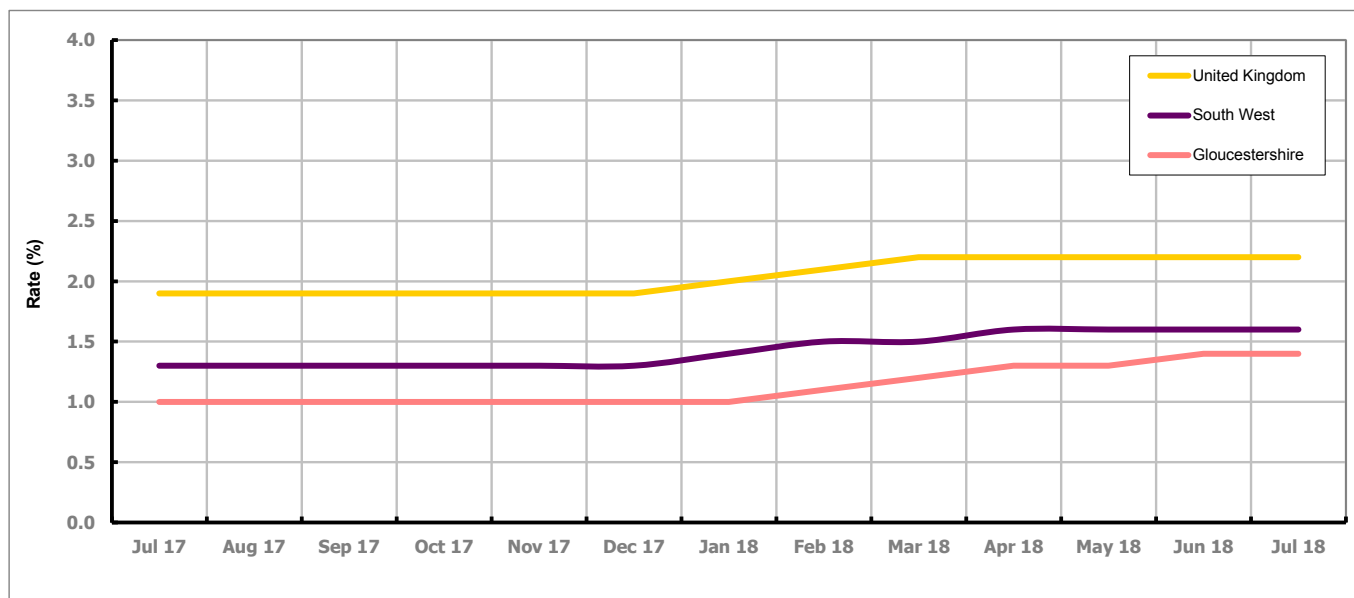


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.4% in July 2018. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in July 2018	% change on June 2018	Consecutive months increasing
UK	903,955	0.2%	0
South West	52,905	1.2%	0
Gloucestershire	5,470	3.8%	7

Table 1 shows that in July 2018, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 3.8% higher than the number in June 2018.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - July 2018

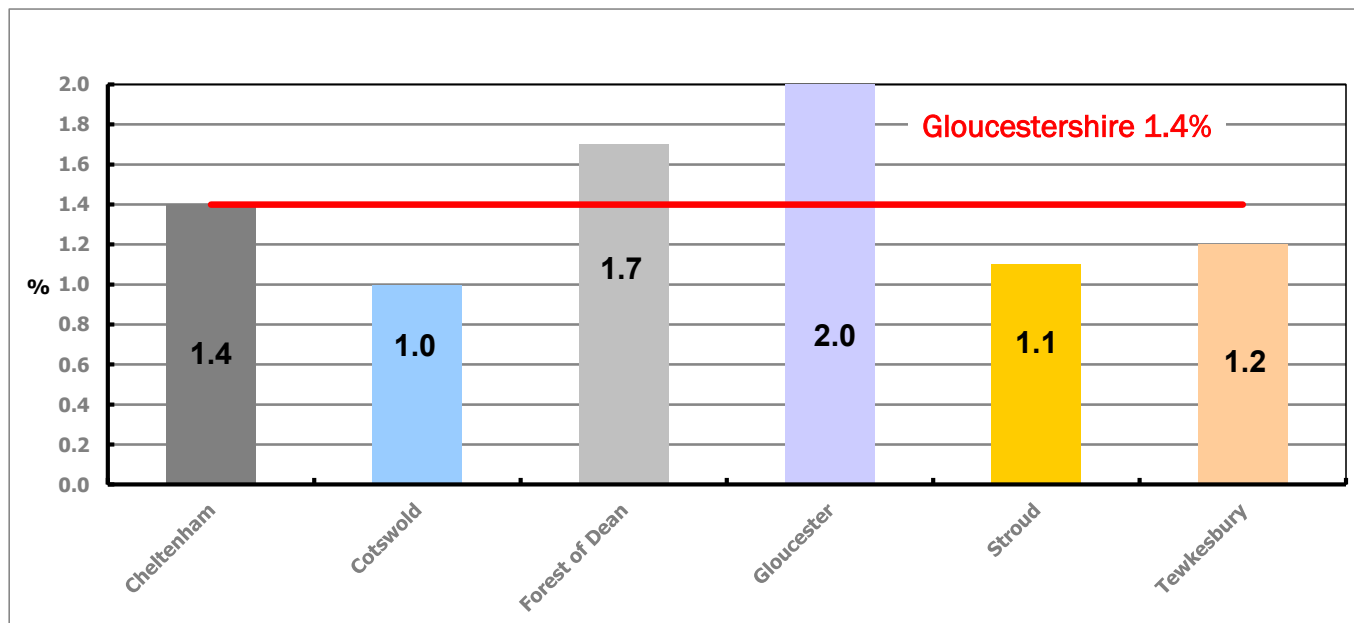


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for July 2018 in Gloucestershire. Between June 2018 and July 2018, the rate increased in Gloucester and Tewkesbury, while all other districts stayed the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jul 18 Number	Jul 18 Rate	Jun 18 Number	Jun 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,470	1.4	5,270	1.4	200	3.8%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,075	1.4	1,020	1.4	55	5.4%	0.0
Cotswold	510	1.0	495	1.0	15	3.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	870	1.7	870	1.7	0	0.0%	0.0
Gloucester	1,610	2.0	1,505	1.8	105	7.0%	0.2
Stroud	785	1.1	785	1.1	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	625	1.2	605	1.1	20	3.3%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in July 2018 compared to June 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants, except the Forest of Dean and Stroud which stayed the same.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jul 18 Number	Jul 18 Rate	Jun 18 Number	Jun 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,215	1.7	3,170	1.7	45	1.4%	0.0
Cheltenham	640	1.7	630	1.7	10	1.6%	0.0
Cotswold	290	1.2	290	1.2	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	485	1.9	500	2.0	-15	-3.0%	-0.1
Gloucester	990	2.4	945	2.3	45	4.8%	0.1
Stroud	460	1.3	460	1.3	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	345	1.3	345	1.3	0	0.0%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in July 2018 compared to June 2018. Cheltenham Borough and Gloucester City saw an increase in the number of male claimants, while the Forest of Dean saw a decrease. All other districts stayed the same.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jul 18 Number	Jul 18 Rate	Jun 18 Number	Jun 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,255	1.2	2,100	1.1	155	7.4%	0.1
Cheltenham	430	1.2	390	1.1	40	10.3%	0.1
Cotswold	215	0.8	205	0.8	10	4.9%	0.0
Forest of Dean	385	1.5	370	1.4	15	4.1%	0.1
Gloucester	620	1.5	560	1.4	60	10.7%	0.1
Stroud	325	0.9	320	0.9	5	1.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	275	1.0	255	0.9	20	7.8%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in July 2018 compared to June 2018. 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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

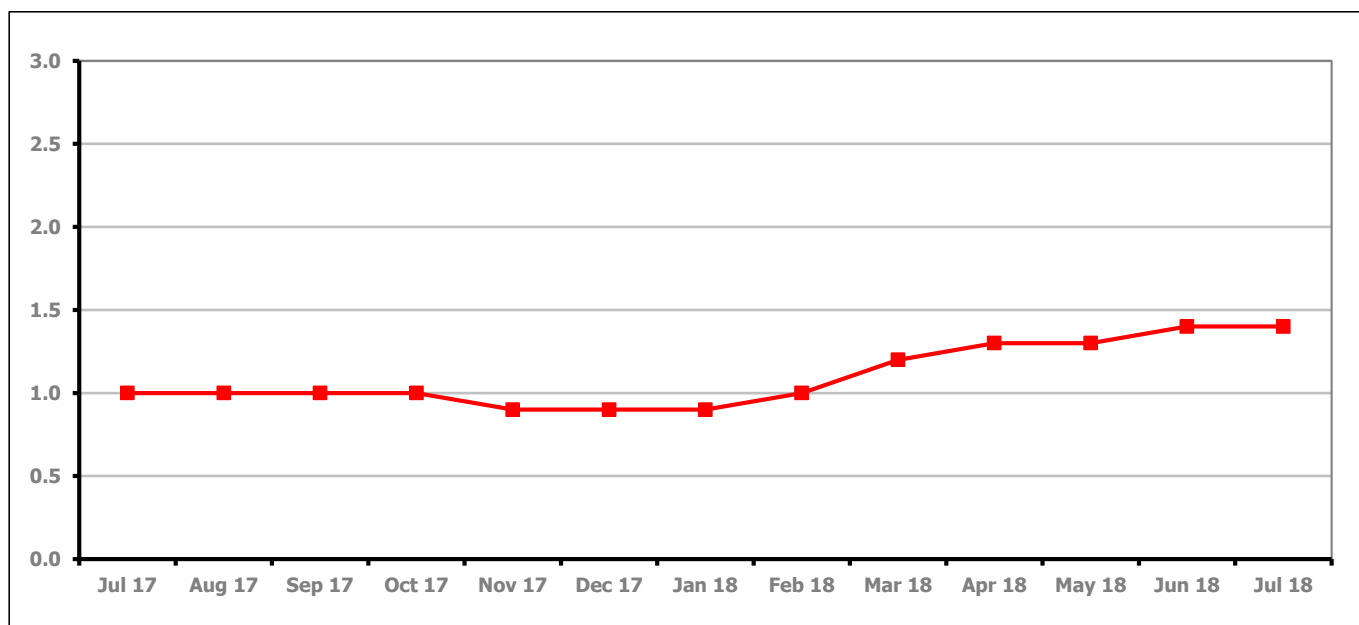


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham stayed the same as last month at 1.4%.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - July 2018

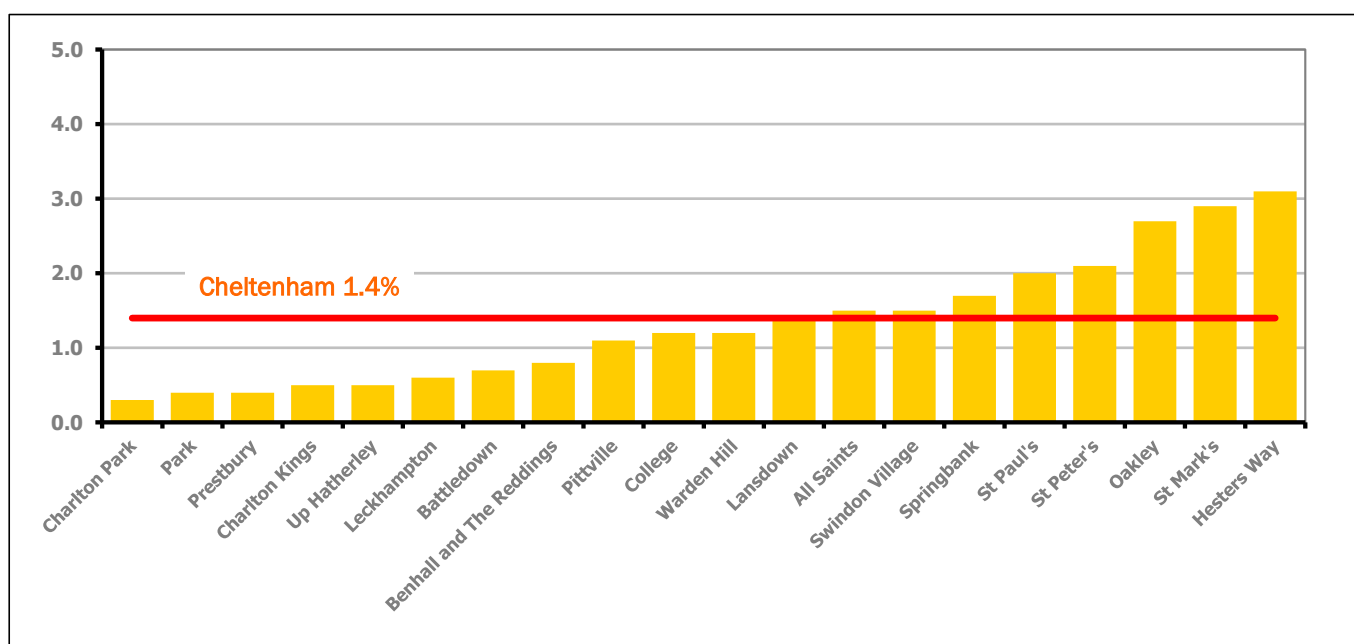


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.4%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - July 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.3	2
Cheltenham	Park	0.4	5
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.4	5
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.5	11
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.5	11
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.6	20
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.7	30
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.8	43
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.1	76
Cheltenham	College	1.2	82
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.2	82
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.4	94
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.5	103
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.5	103
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.7	116
Cheltenham	St Paul's	2.0	124
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.1	127
Cheltenham	Oakley	2.7	133
Cheltenham	St Mark's	2.9	135
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	3.1	137

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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 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

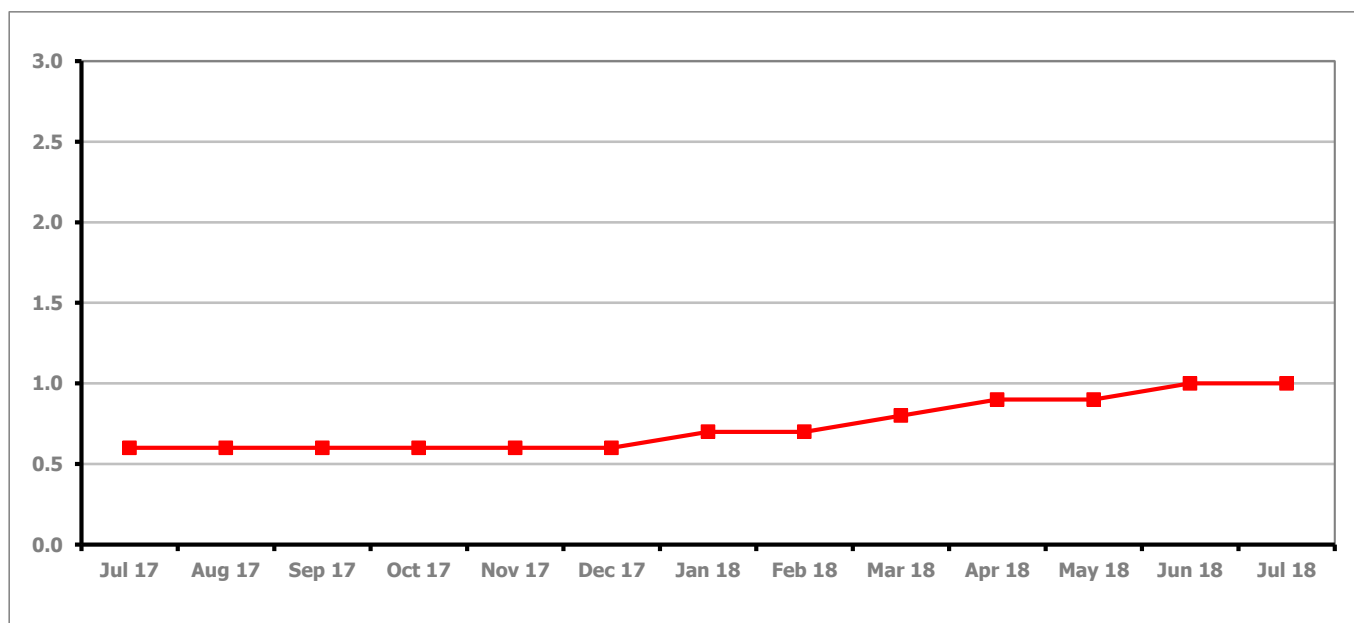


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District stayed the same as last month at 1.0%.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - July 2018

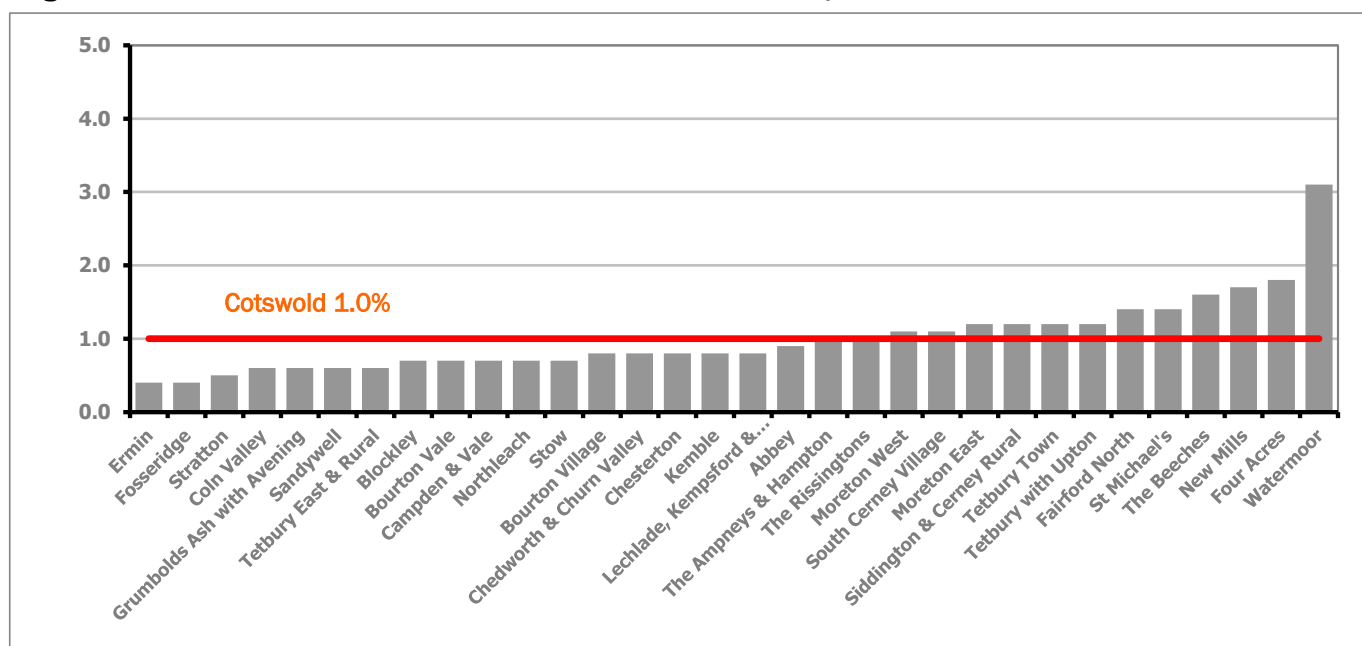


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.0%. Twelve wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - July 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	5
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.4	5
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.5	11
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.6	20
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.6	20
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.6	20
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	0.6	20
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Stow	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	0.8	43
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	0.8	43
Cotswolds	Chesterton	0.8	43
Cotswolds	Kemble	0.8	43
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	0.8	43
Cotswolds	Abbey	0.9	56
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.0	65
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.0	65
Cotswolds	Moreton West	1.1	76
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	1.1	76
Cotswolds	Moreton East	1.2	82
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.2	82
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.2	82
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	1.2	82
Cotswolds	Fairford North	1.4	94
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.4	94
Cotswolds	The Beeches	1.6	111
Cotswolds	New Mills	1.7	116
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.8	118
Cotswolds	Watermoor	3.1	137

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Table 6 shows overall claimant rates for Cotswold District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.3 Forest of Dean District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

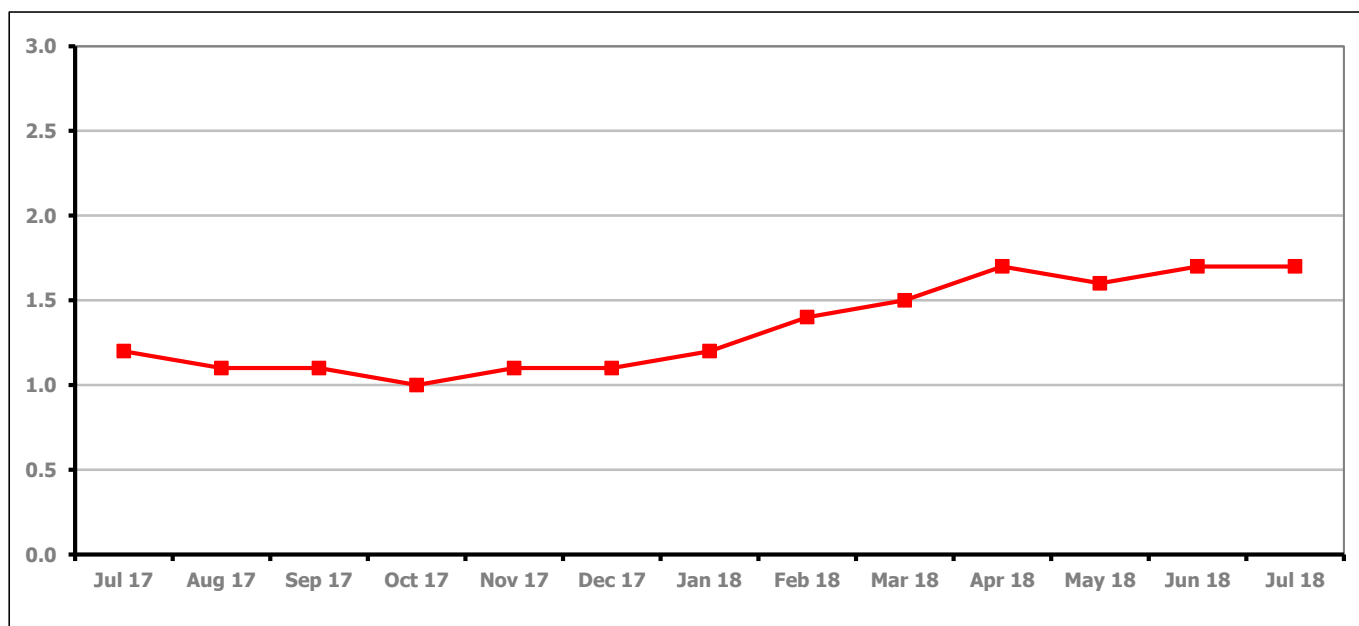


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean stayed the same as last month at 1.7%.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - July 2018

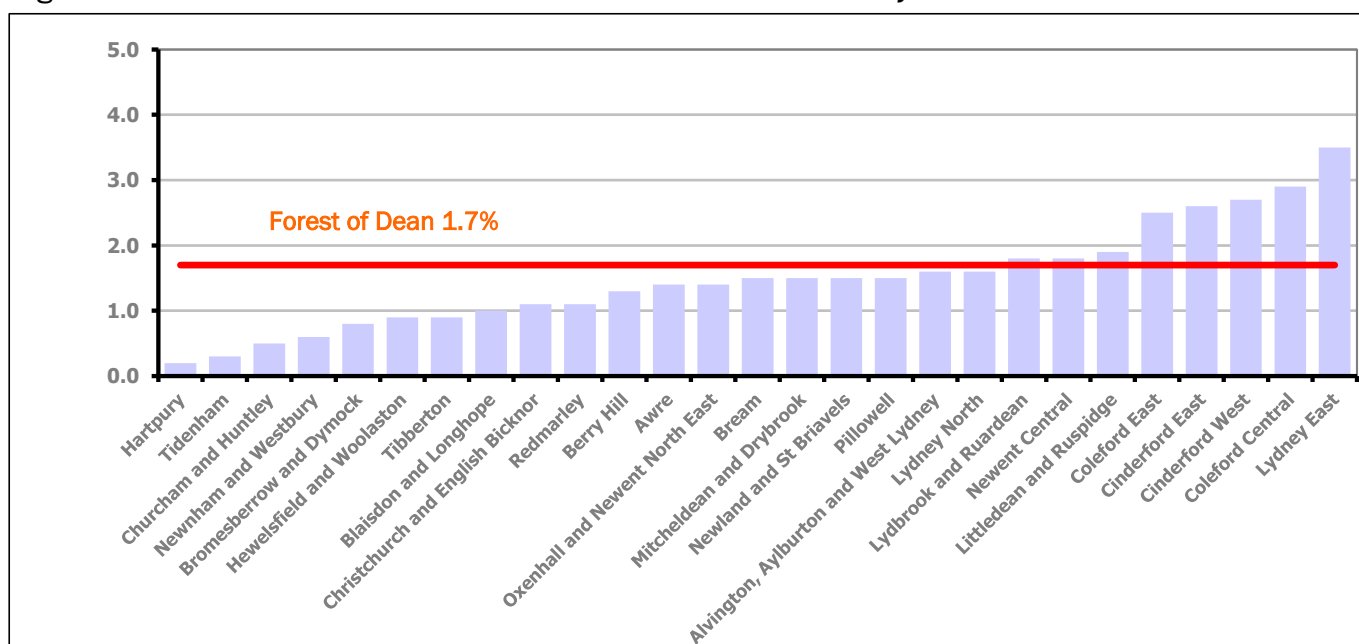


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.7%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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 - July 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.2	1
Forest	Tidenham	0.3	2
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.5	11
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.6	20
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.8	43
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.9	56
Forest	Tibberton	0.9	56
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	1.0	65
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.1	76
Forest	Redmarley	1.1	76
Forest	Berry Hill	1.3	91
Forest	Awre	1.4	94
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.4	94
Forest	Bream	1.5	103
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.5	103
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.5	103
Forest	Pillowell	1.5	103
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.6	111
Forest	Lydney North	1.6	111
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.8	118
Forest	Newent Central	1.8	118
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.9	122
Forest	Coleford East	2.5	129
Forest	Cinderford East	2.6	131
Forest	Cinderford West	2.7	133
Forest	Coleford Central	2.9	135
Forest	Lydney East	3.5	143

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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.

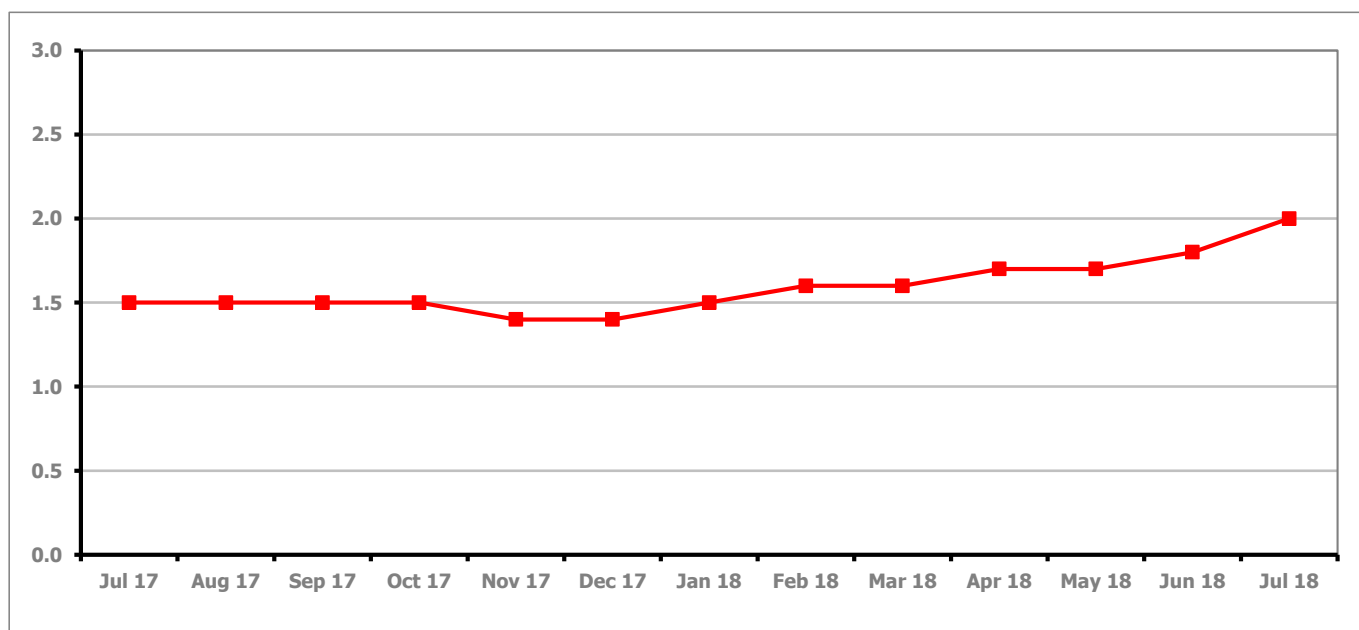
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City has increased in July 2018 to 2.0%.

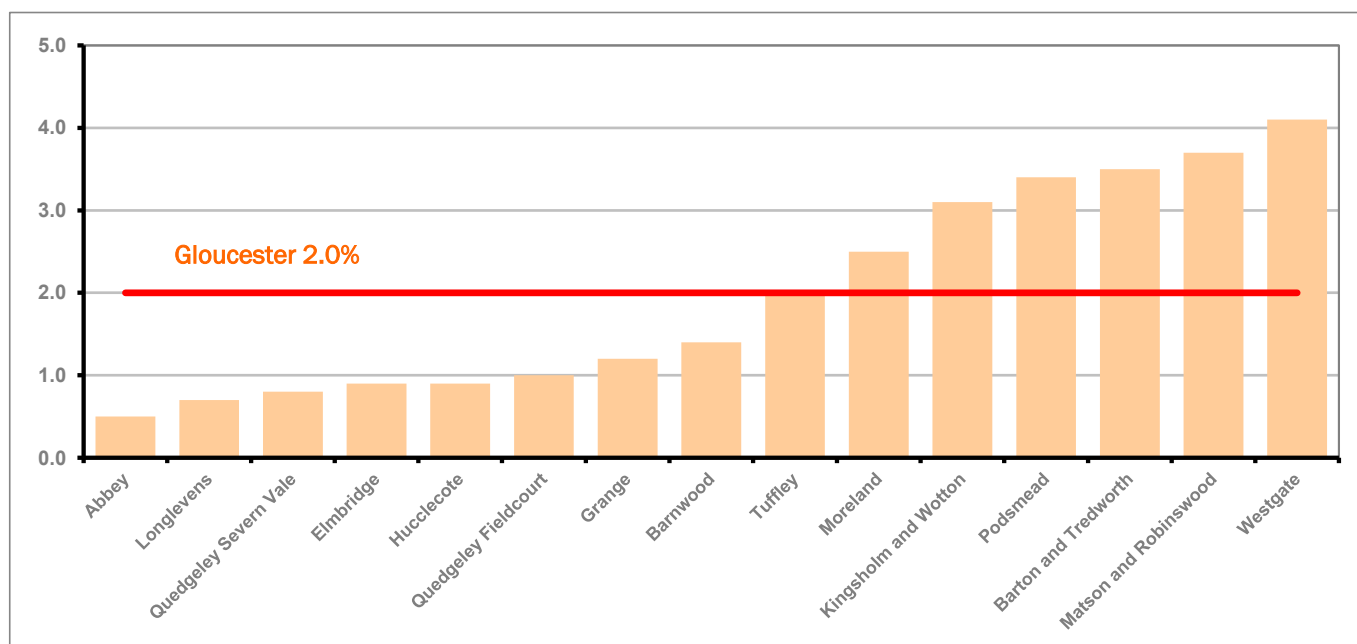
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - July 2018






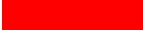
Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.0%. Six wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - July 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	0.5	11
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.7	30
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	0.8	43
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.9	56
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.9	56
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.0	65
Gloucester	Grange	1.2	82
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.4	94
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.0	124
Gloucester	Moreland	2.5	129
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	3.1	137
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.4	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	3.5	143
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	3.7	145
Gloucester	Westgate	4.1	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

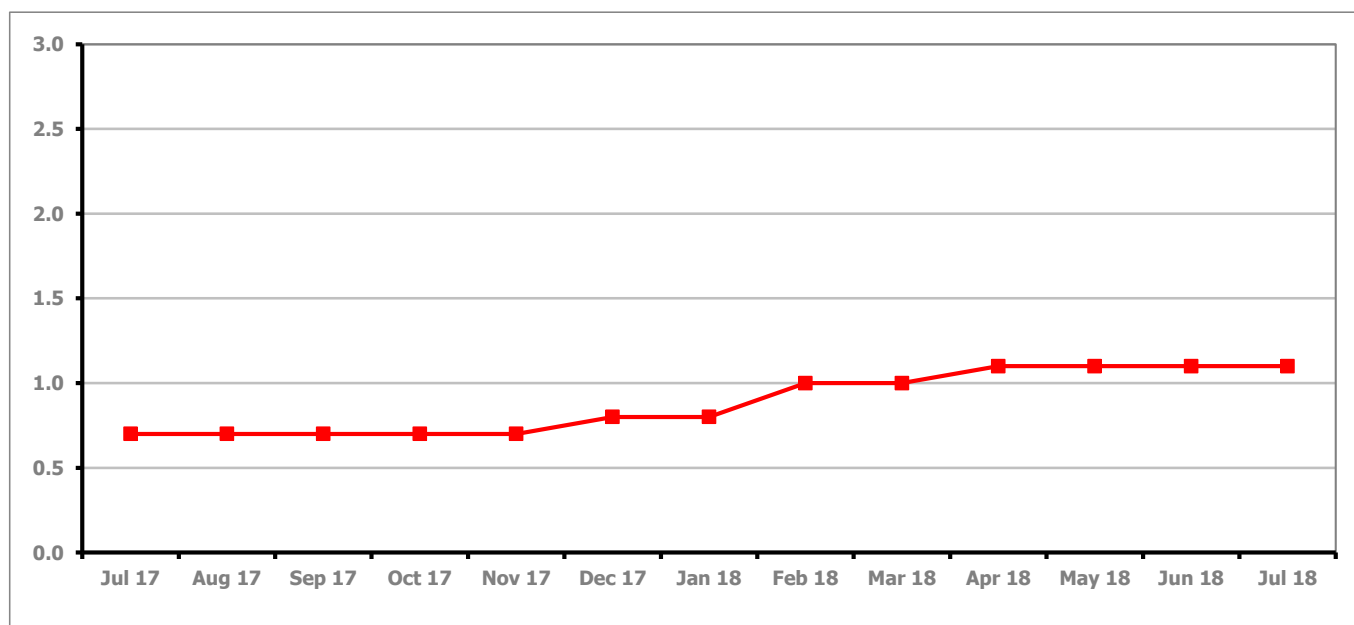


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud stayed the same as last month at 1.1%.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - July 2018

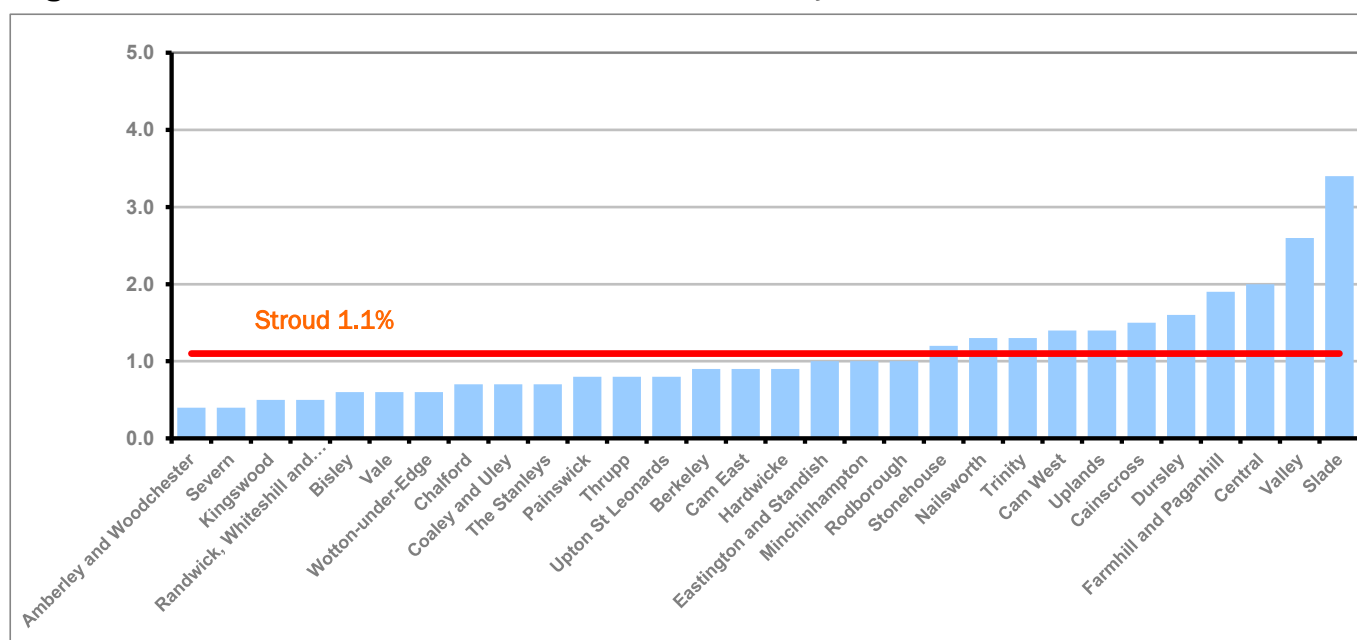


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Eleven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - July 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.4	5
Stroud	Severn	0.4	5
Stroud	Kingswood	0.5	11
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.5	11
Stroud	Bisley	0.6	20
Stroud	Vale	0.6	20
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.6	20
Stroud	Chalford	0.7	30
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.7	30
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.7	30
Stroud	Painswick	0.8	43
Stroud	Thrupp	0.8	43
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.8	43
Stroud	Berkeley	0.9	56
Stroud	Cam East	0.9	56
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.9	56
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.0	65
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.0	65
Stroud	Rodborough	1.0	65
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.2	82
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.3	91
Stroud	Trinity	1.3	91
Stroud	Cam West	1.4	94
Stroud	Uplands	1.4	94
Stroud	Cainscross	1.5	103
Stroud	Dursley	1.6	111
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	1.9	122
Stroud	Central	2.0	124
Stroud	Valley	2.6	131
Stroud	Slade	3.4	141

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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 13: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

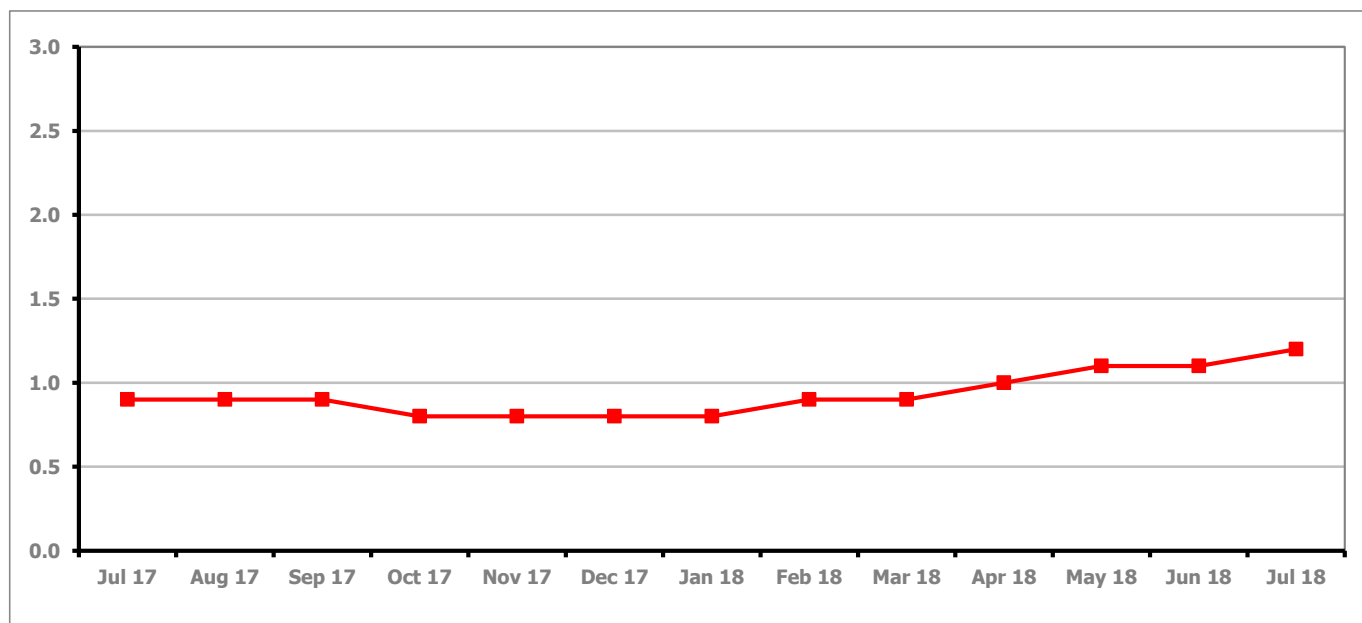


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District increased since June 2018 to 1.2%.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - July 2018

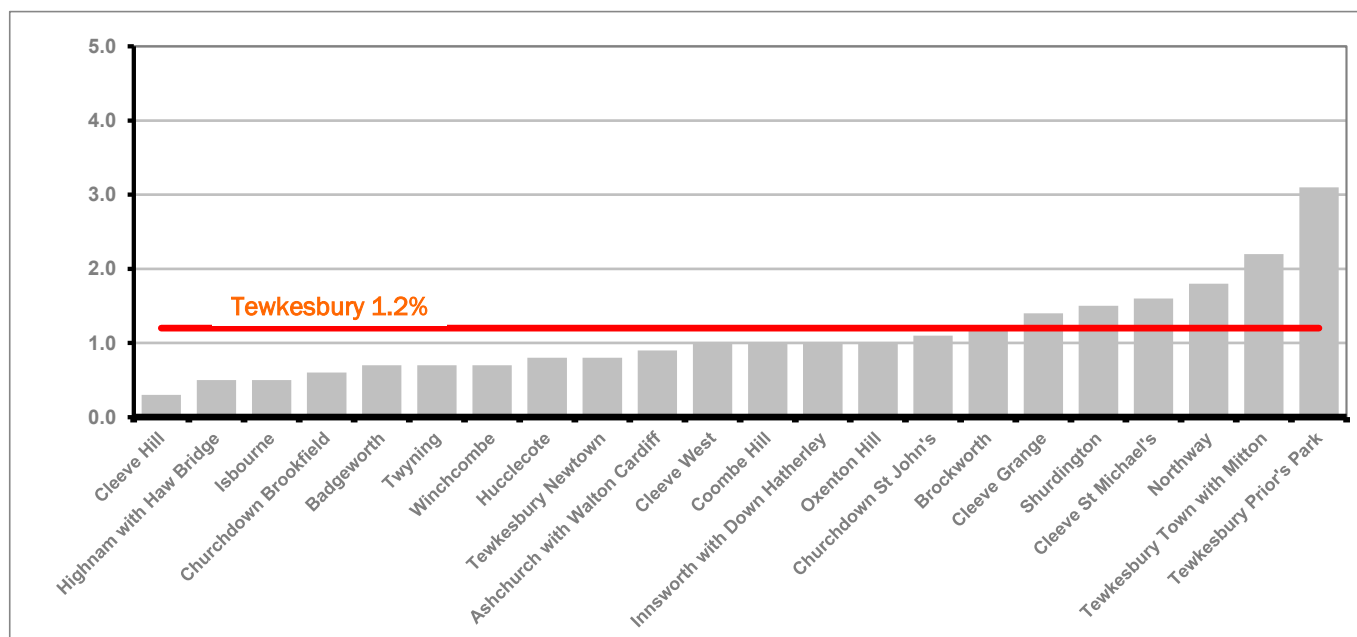


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.2%. Six wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - July 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.3	2
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.5	11
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.5	11
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.6	20
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.7	30
Tewkesbury	Twynning	0.7	30
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	0.7	30
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	0.8	43
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	0.8	43
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	0.9	56
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.0	65
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.0	65
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.0	65
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	1.0	65
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.1	76
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.2	82
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.4	94
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.5	103
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.6	111
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.8	118
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	2.2	128
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	3.1	137

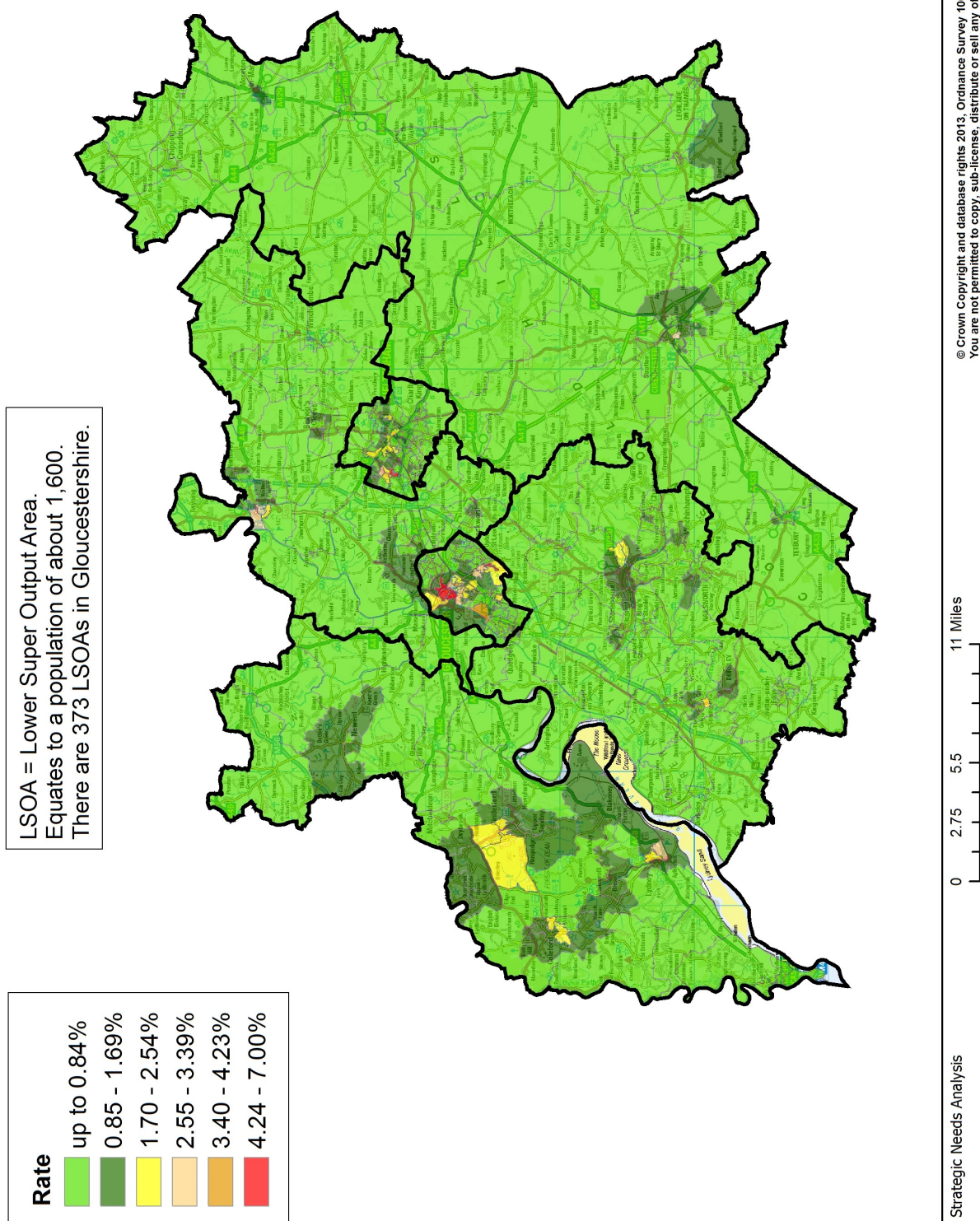
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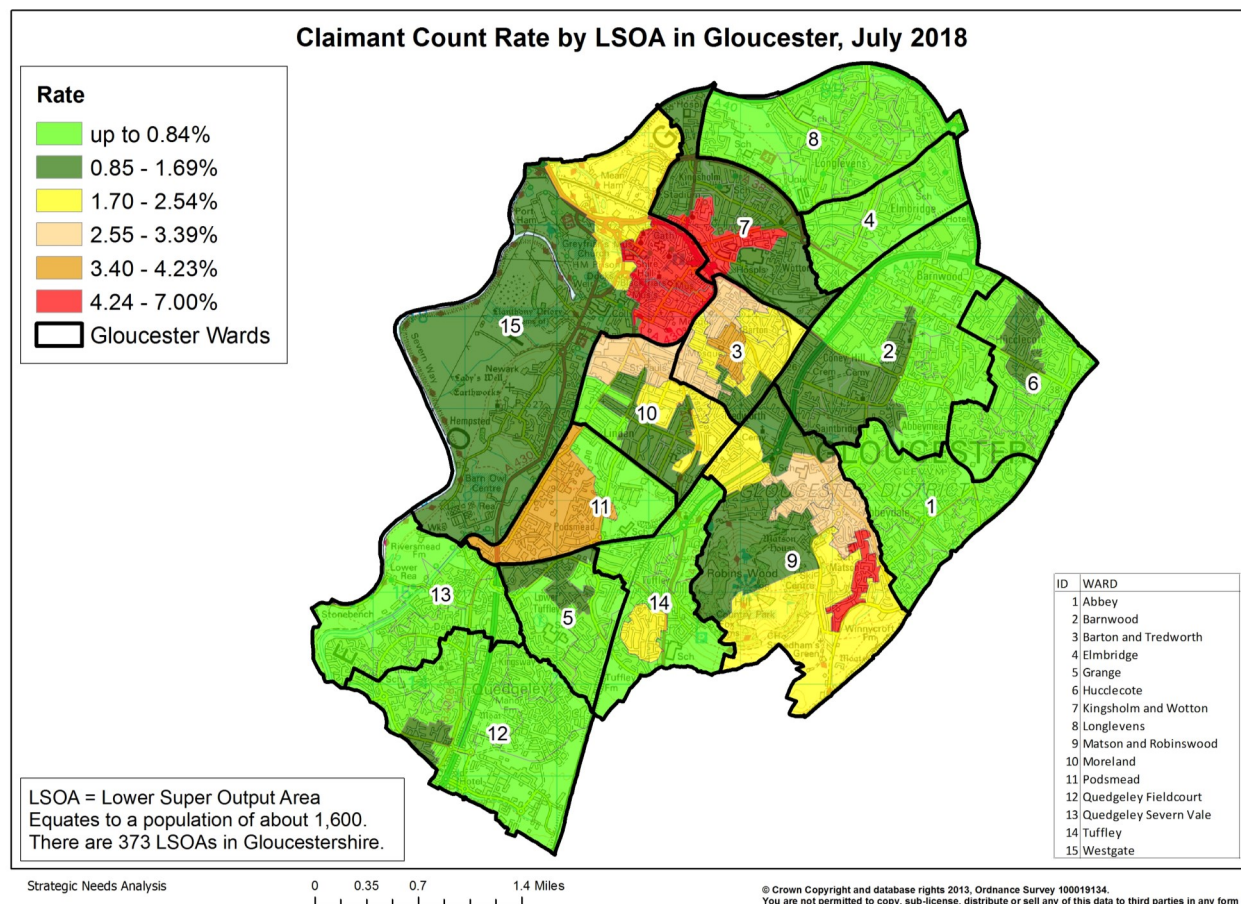
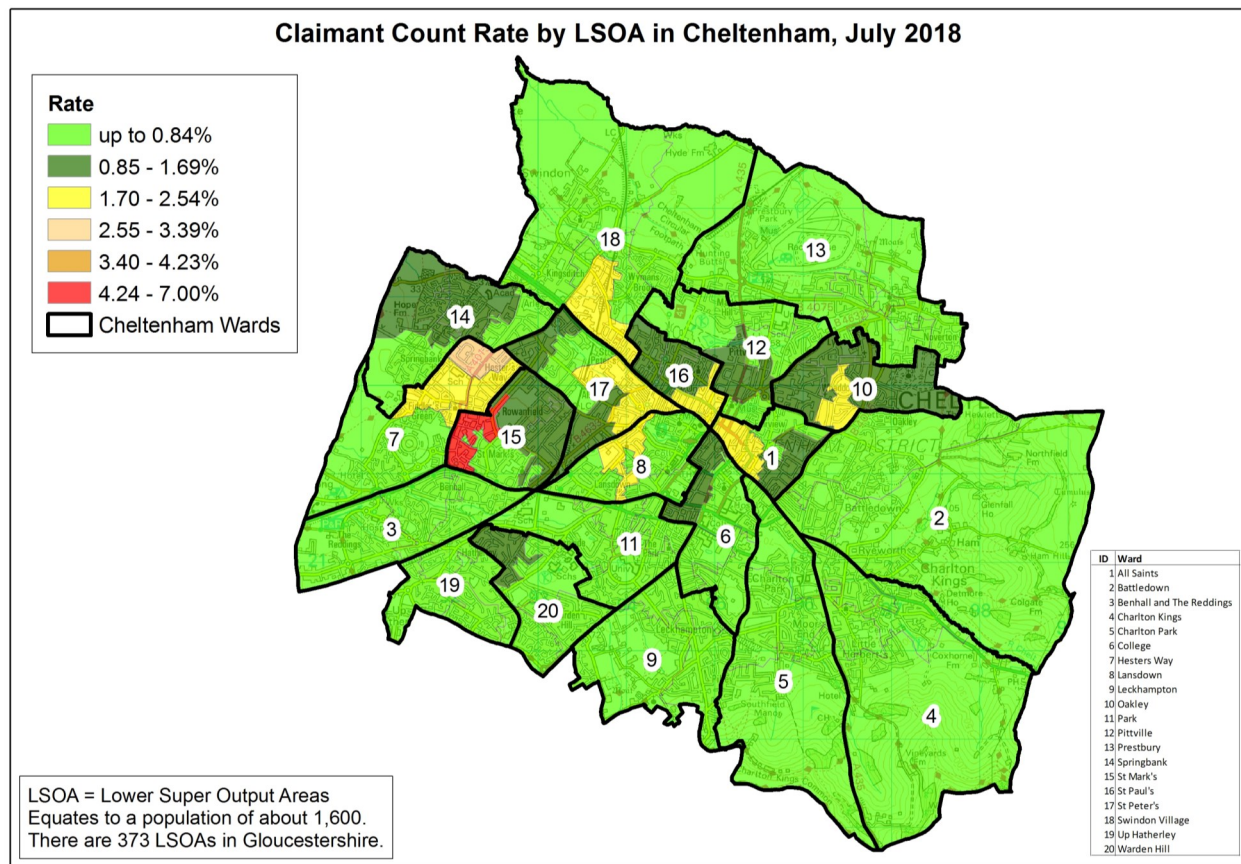
Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, July 2018



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

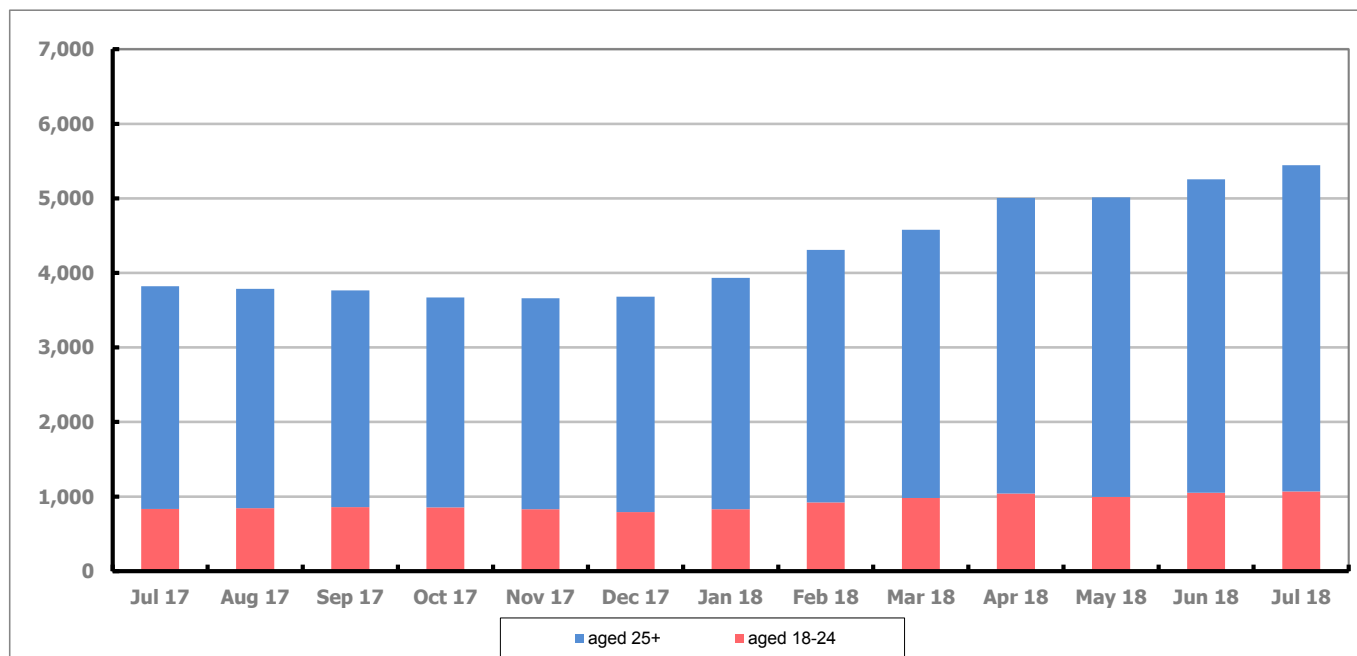


Figure 15 shows that in July 2018, 1,070 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.6% of total working age claimants.

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 July 2018 there were 327 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 2.61%. The total number of NEET young people decreased by 12 in July 2018 compared to June 2018, four districts saw a decrease in their figures and two districts saw an increase.

Total NEET Group by District Area

July 2018 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	57	28	55	112	42	33	327
Cohort	2199	1784	1777	3070	2752	1857	13439
% NEET	2.59	1.57	3.10	3.65	1.53	1.78	2.61*

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.