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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.

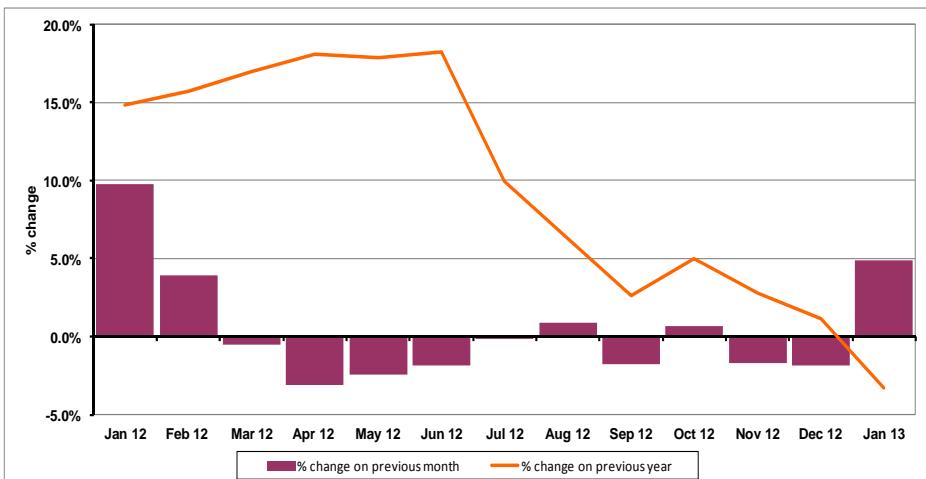
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.7% in January 2013. This was an increase of 0.1% on the December 2012 figure. The South West rate and UK rate increased to 2.7% and 3.9% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate the same as the South West average of 2.7%, and 1.2% lower than the UK average of 3.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in January 2013 increased by 481 people. The amount of people claiming in January 2013 was 4.9% higher than the number in December 2012. This compares to a 5.1% increase in the South West and a 3.8% increase for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was -3.3% lower in January 2013 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 2012 to January 2013



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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 January 2013

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in January 2013

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,429
Compared to last month:	+4.7%
Claimant rate:	3.2%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters War (6.9%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	3,202
Compared to last month:	+4.8%
Claimant rate:	4.0%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (8.9%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	759
Compared to last month:	+9.7%
Claimant rate:	1.5%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.9%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,477
Compared to last month:	+2.0%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Slade (6.0%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,331
Compared to last month:	+2.9%
Claimant rate:	2.6%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford East and Cinderford West (5.0%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,114
Compared to last month:	+8.9%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.8%)

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

At the end of January 2013 there were 668 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 4.6%.

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

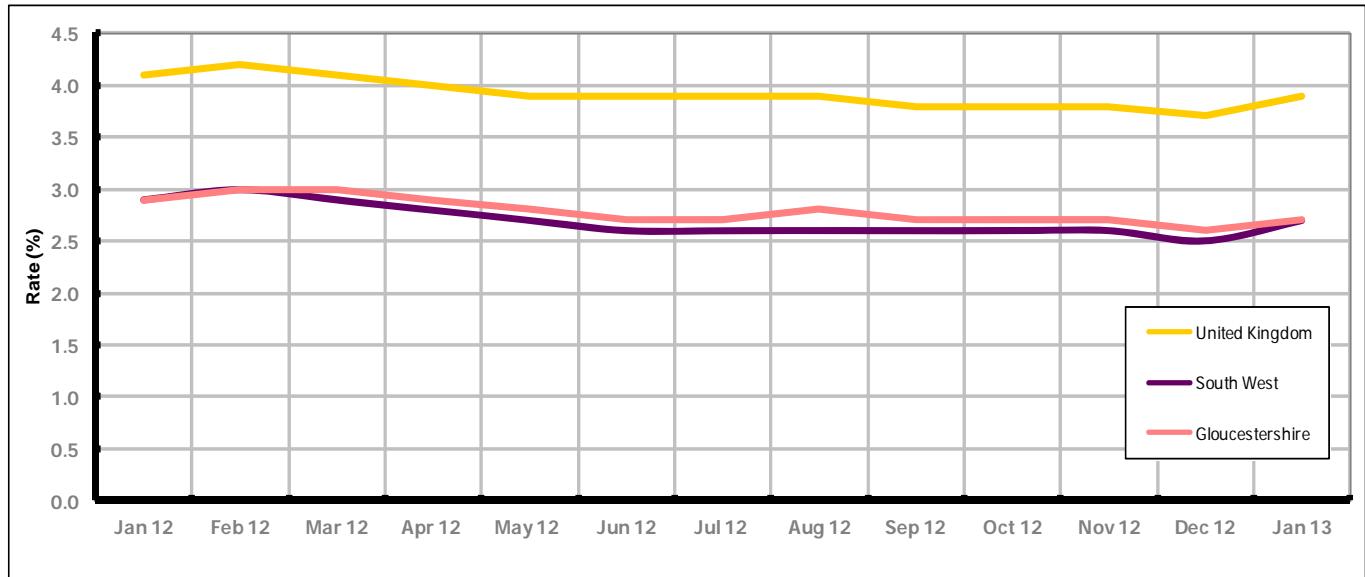


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.7% in January 2013. With the exception of January 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average since March 2012. It has been persistently lower by approximately 1.2% against the UK average during the same period. The January 2013 rate represents a 0.1% increase on December 2012.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in January 2013	% change on December 2012	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,581,838	+3.8%	+0.1%	0
South West	88,817	+5.1%	+0.5%	0
Gloucestershire	10,312	+4.9%	+0.003%	0

Table 1 shows that in January 2013, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was +4.9% higher than the number in December 2012.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to January 2012 was +0.003%. This is less than the UK and South West average.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - January 2013

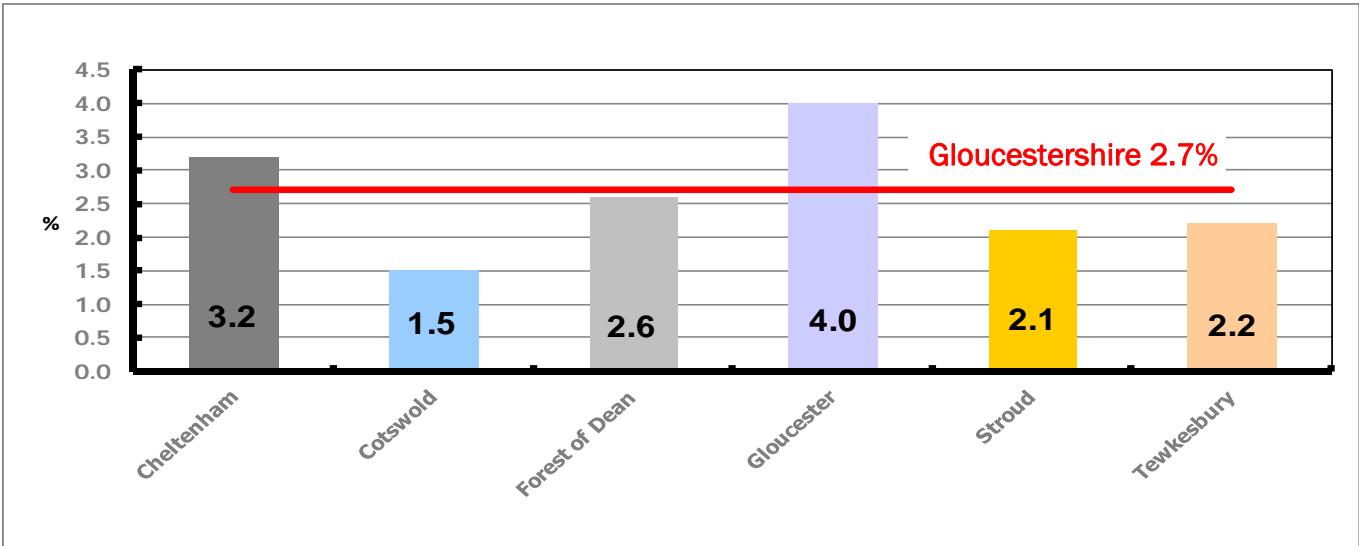


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for January 2013 in Gloucestershire. Between December 2012 and January 2013 the rate in Cheltenham, Cotswold, Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury increased, while the other districts remained the same.

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

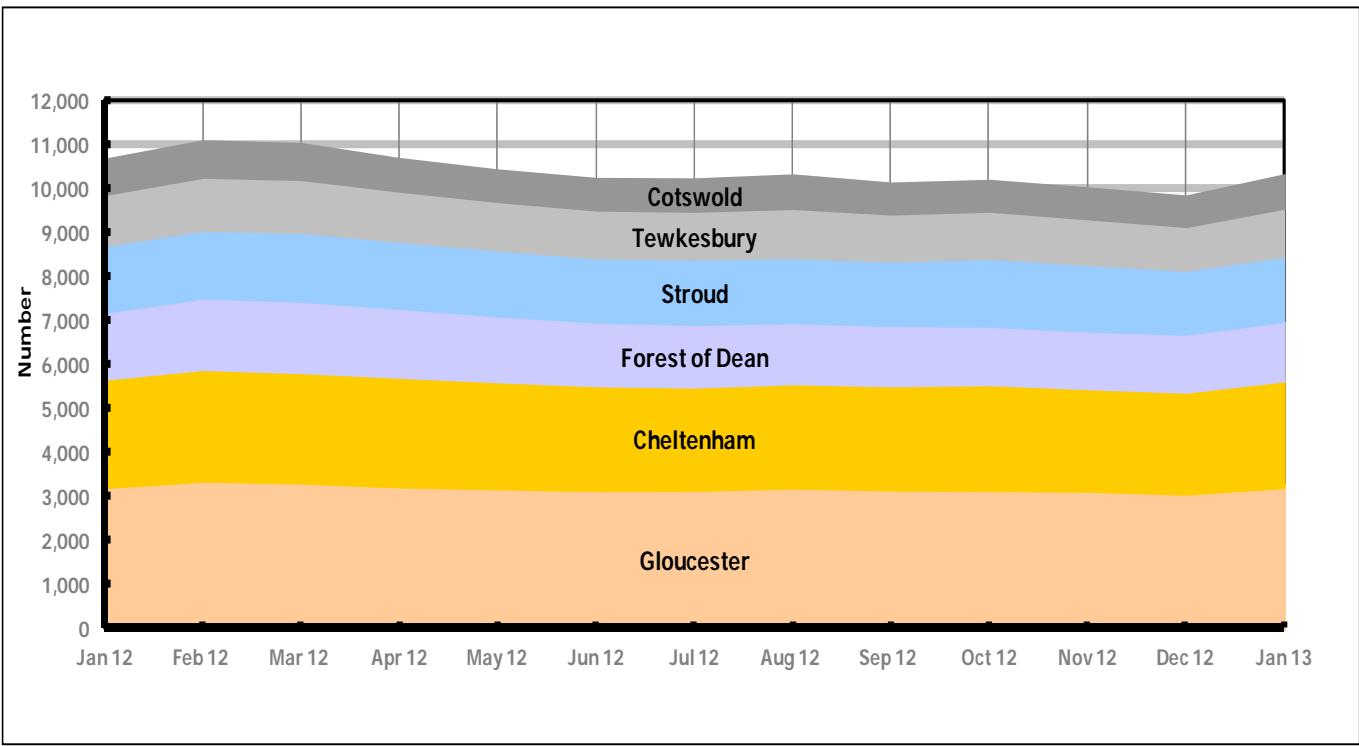


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants increased between January and February 2012. Since March the number of claimants decreased, with the exception of August, October and January 2013 when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jan 13 Number	Jan 13 Rate	Dec 12 Number	Dec 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	10,312	2.7	9,831	2.6	481	4.9%	0.1
Cheltenham	2,429	3.2	2,320	3.1	109	4.7%	0.1
Cotswold	759	1.5	692	1.4	67	9.7%	0.1
Forest of Dean	1,331	2.6	1,293	2.5	38	2.9%	0.1
Gloucester	3,202	4.0	3,055	4.0	147	4.8%	0.0
Stroud	1,477	2.1	1,448	2.1	29	2.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,114	2.2	1,023	2.0	91	8.9%	0.2

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in January 2013 compared to December 2012. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jan 13 Number	Jan 13 Rate	Dec 12 Number	Dec 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,893	3.7	6,530	3.5	363	5.6%	0.2
Cheltenham	1,651	4.3	1,586	4.2	65	4.1%	0.1
Cotswold	516	2.1	471	1.9	45	9.6%	0.2
Forest of Dean	879	3.4	850	3.3	29	3.4%	0.1
Gloucester	2,136	5.4	2,009	5.2	127	6.3%	0.2
Stroud	994	2.8	971	2.8	23	2.4%	0.0
Tewkesbury	717	2.8	643	2.6	74	11.5%	0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in January 2013 compared to December 2012. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jan 13 Number	Jan 13 Rate	Dec 12 Number	Dec 12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,419	1.8	3,301	1.8	118	3.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	778	2.0	734	2.0	44	6.0%	0.0
Cotswold	243	0.9	221	0.9	22	10.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	452	1.8	443	1.7	9	2.0%	0.1
Gloucester	1,066	2.7	1,046	2.7	20	1.9%	0.0
Stroud	483	1.4	477	1.4	6	1.3%	0.0
Tewkesbury	397	1.5	380	1.5	17	4.5%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in January 2013 compared to December 2012. 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

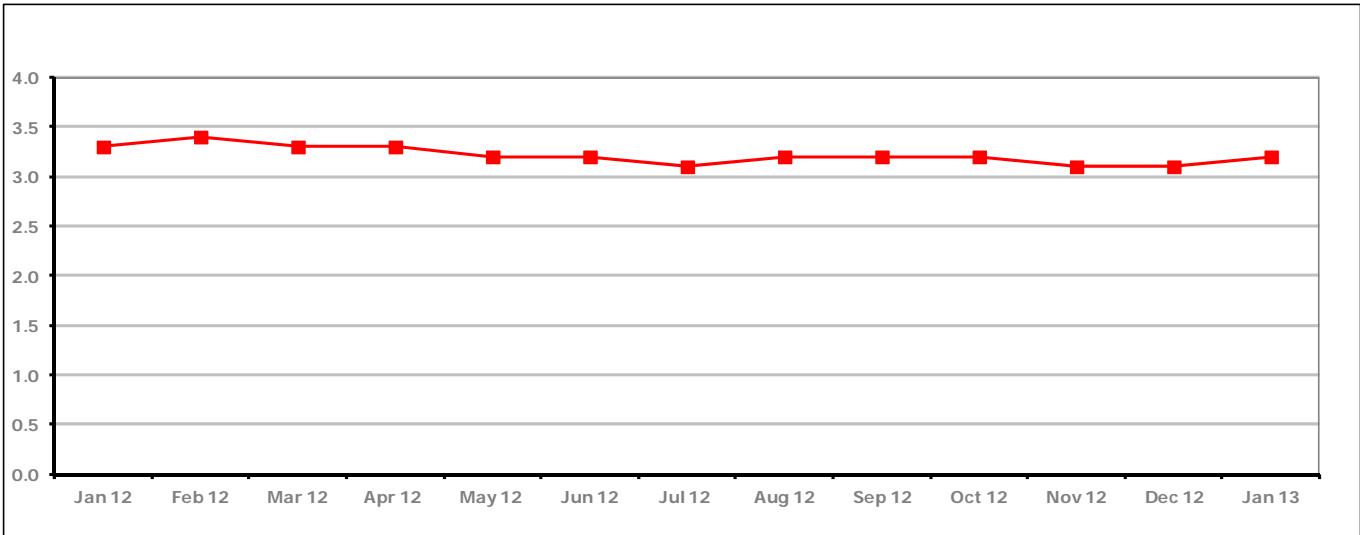


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased in January 2013 to 3.2%

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

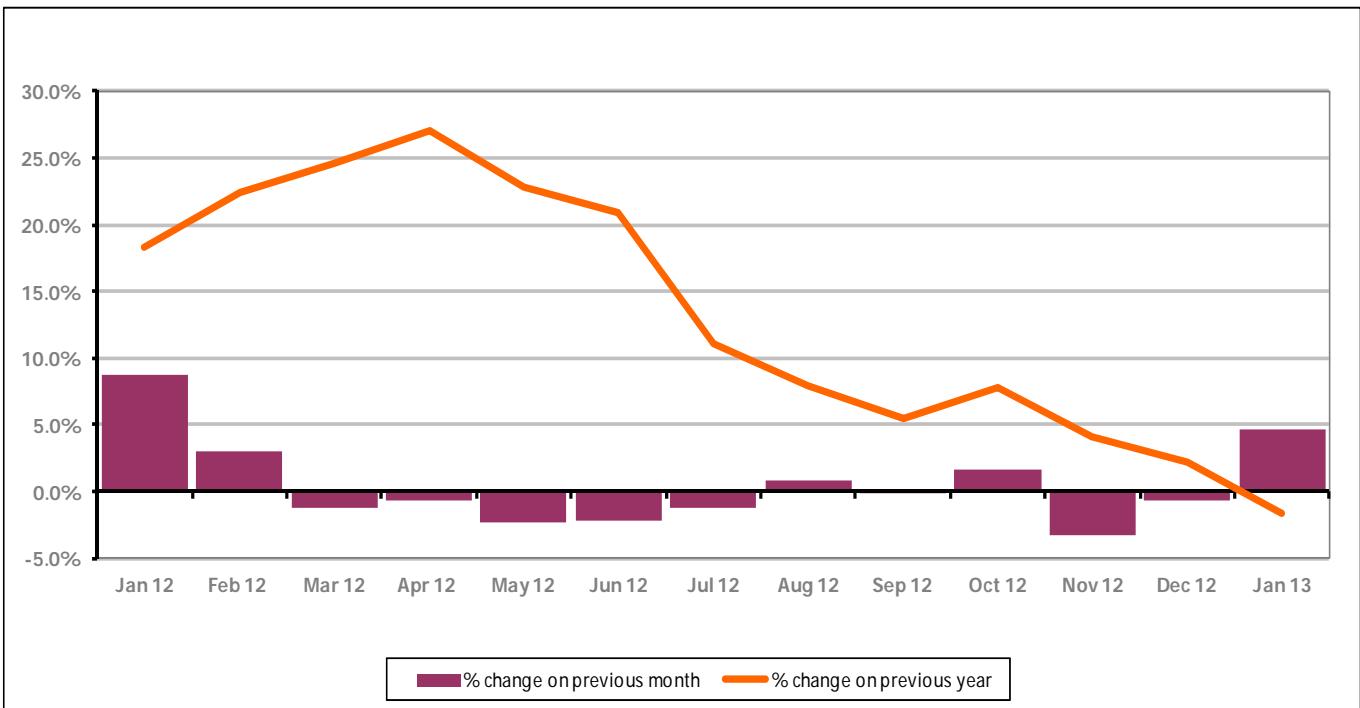


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by +4.7% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in January 2013 compared to December 2012 to -1.6%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - January 2013

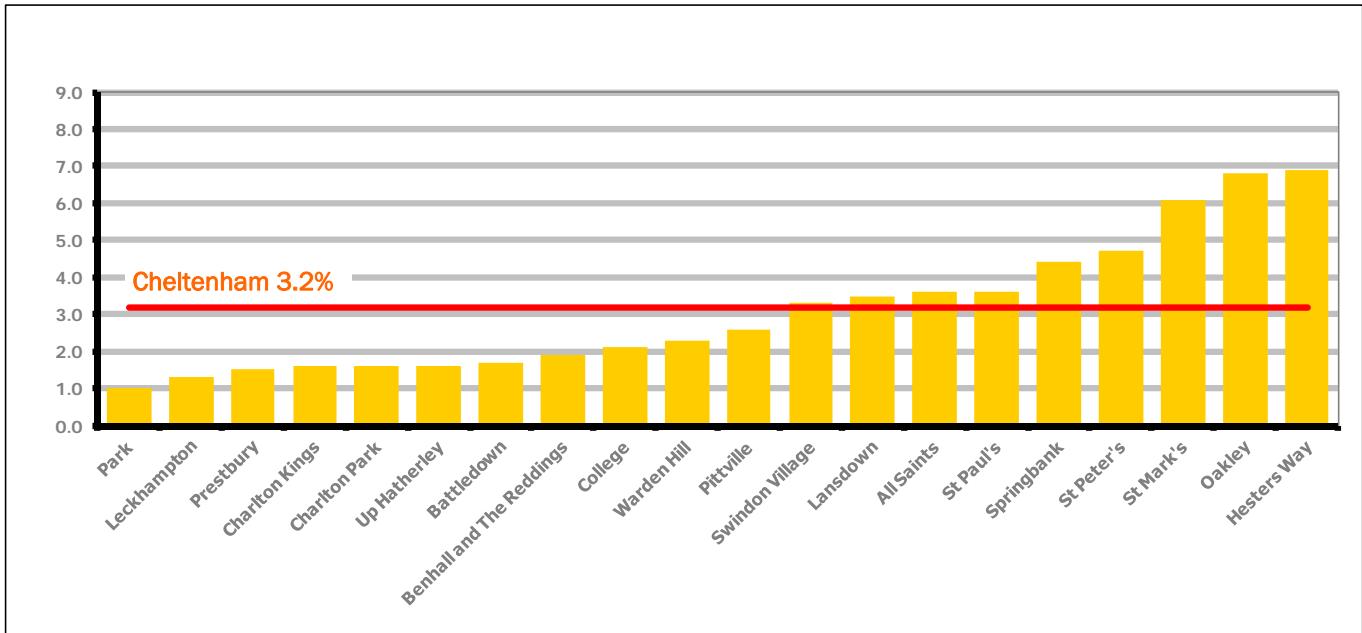


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.2%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - January 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Park	1.0	16
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.3	32
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.5	43
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.6	51
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.6	51
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.6	51
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.7	65
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.9	75
Cheltenham	College	2.1	84
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.3	93
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.6	103
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.3	114
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.5	117
Cheltenham	All Saints	3.6	119
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.6	119
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.4	124
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.7	126
Cheltenham	St Mark's	6.1	136
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.8	139
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	6.9	140

	bottom 10% of county
	first quartile of county
	second quartile of county
	third quartile of county
	fourth quartile of county
	highest 10% of county

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

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

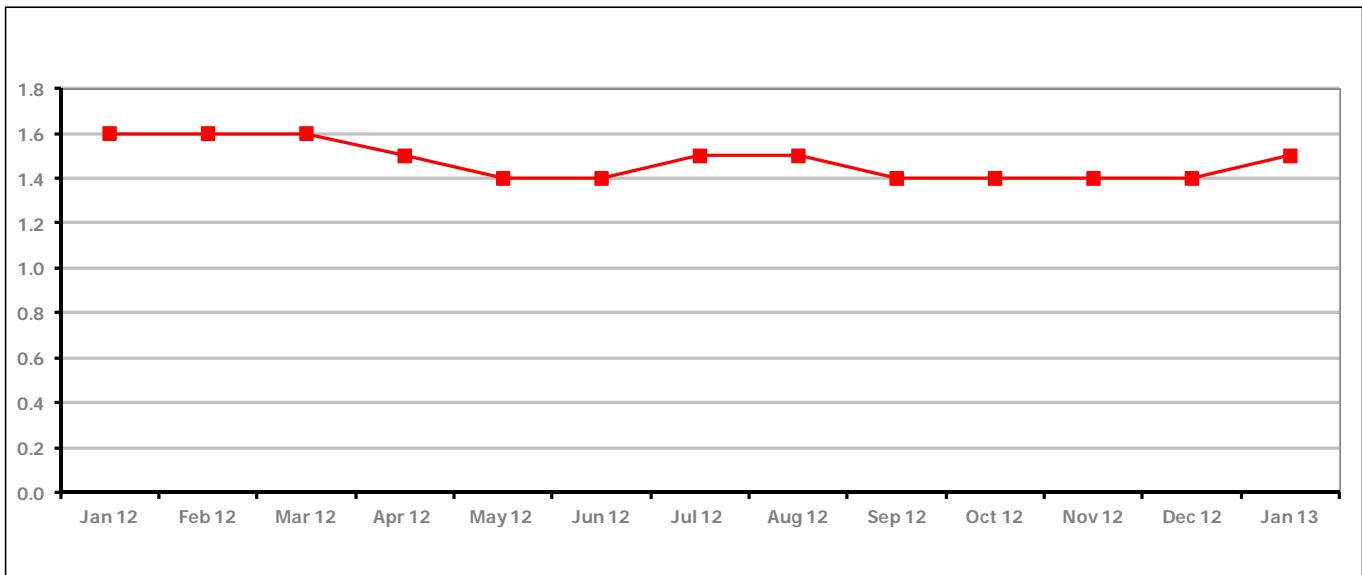
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased in January 2013 to 1.5%.

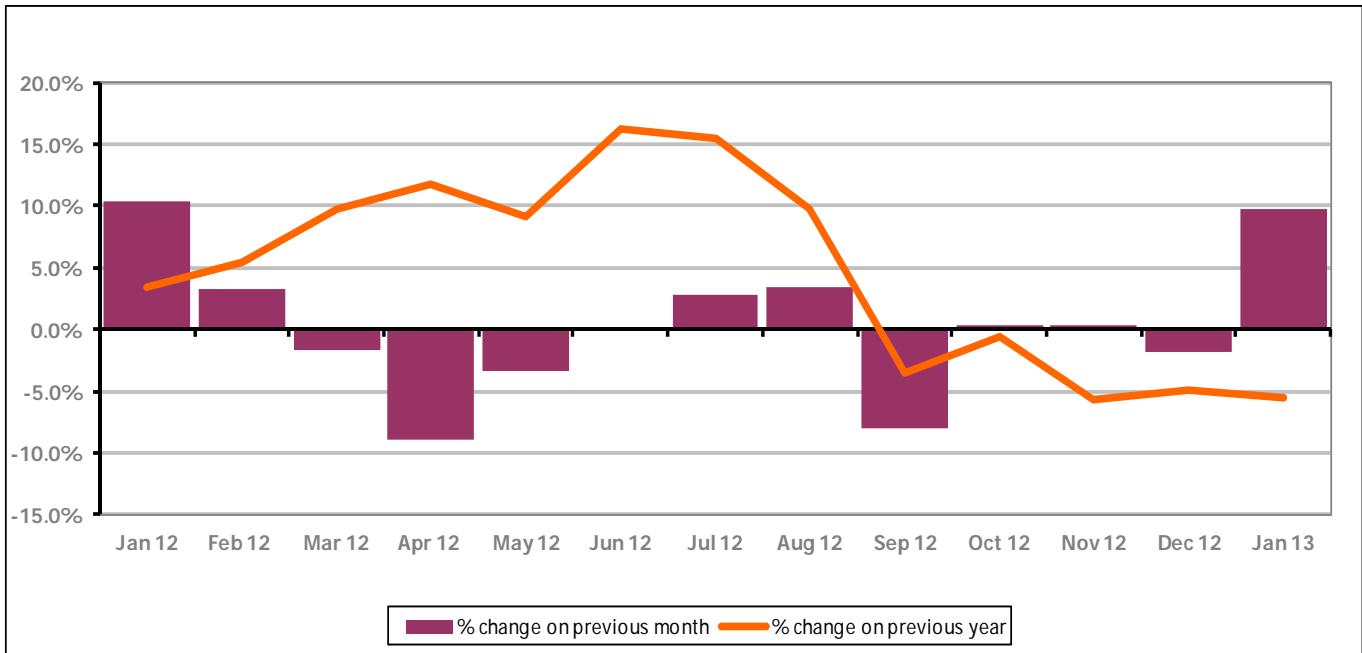
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by +9.7% since December 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased from December 2012 compared to January 2013 to -5.6%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - January 2013

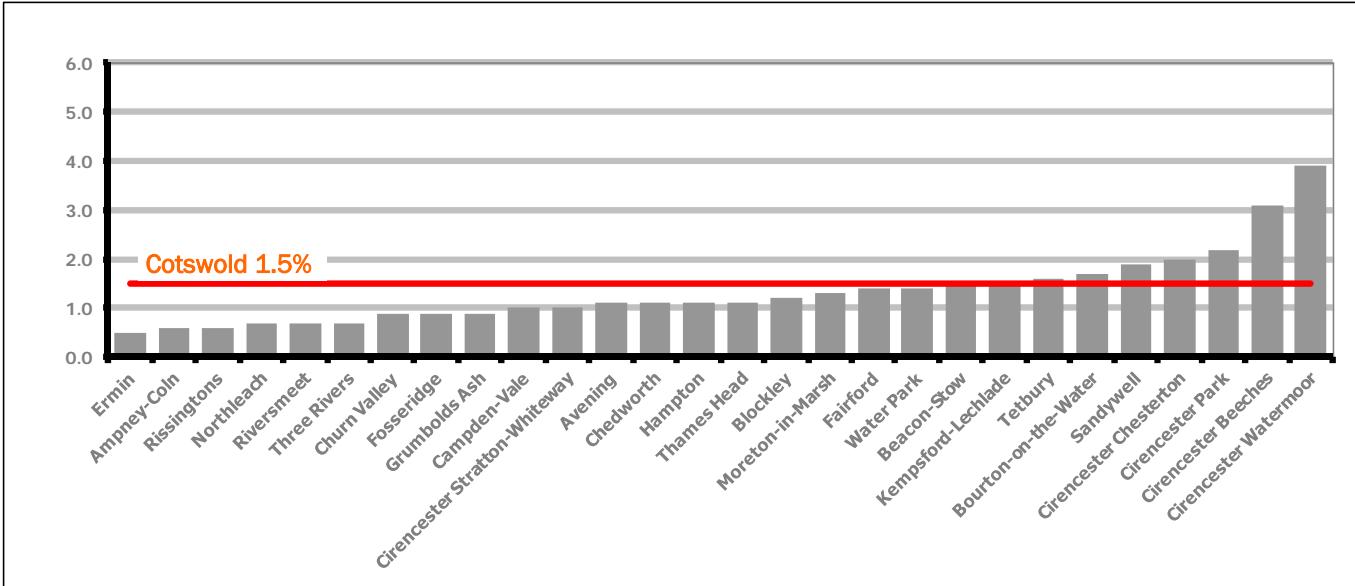
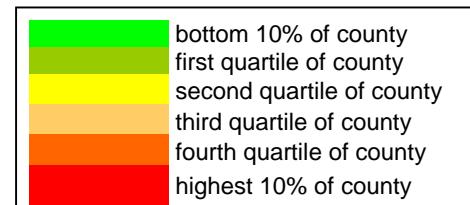


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.5%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - January 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.5	1
Cotswolds	Ampney-Cohn	0.6	3
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.6	3
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.7	6
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.7	6
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.7	6
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	0.9	10
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.9	10
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.9	10
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	1.0	16
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.0	16
Cotswolds	Avening	1.1	22
Cotswolds	Chedworth	1.1	22
Cotswolds	Hampton	1.1	22
Cotswolds	Thames Head	1.1	22
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.2	28
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.3	32
Cotswolds	Fairford	1.4	37
Cotswolds	Water Park	1.4	37
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	1.5	43
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.5	43
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.6	51
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.7	65
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.9	75
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.0	81
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.2	89
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	3.1	112
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.9	121



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

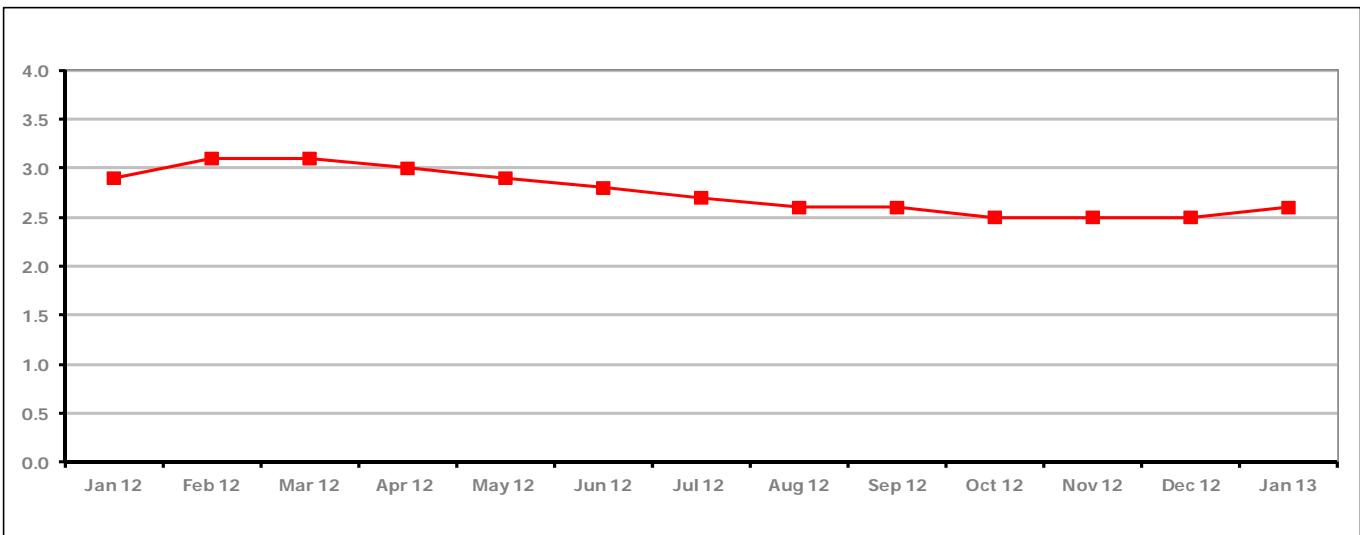
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased in January 2013 to 2.6%.

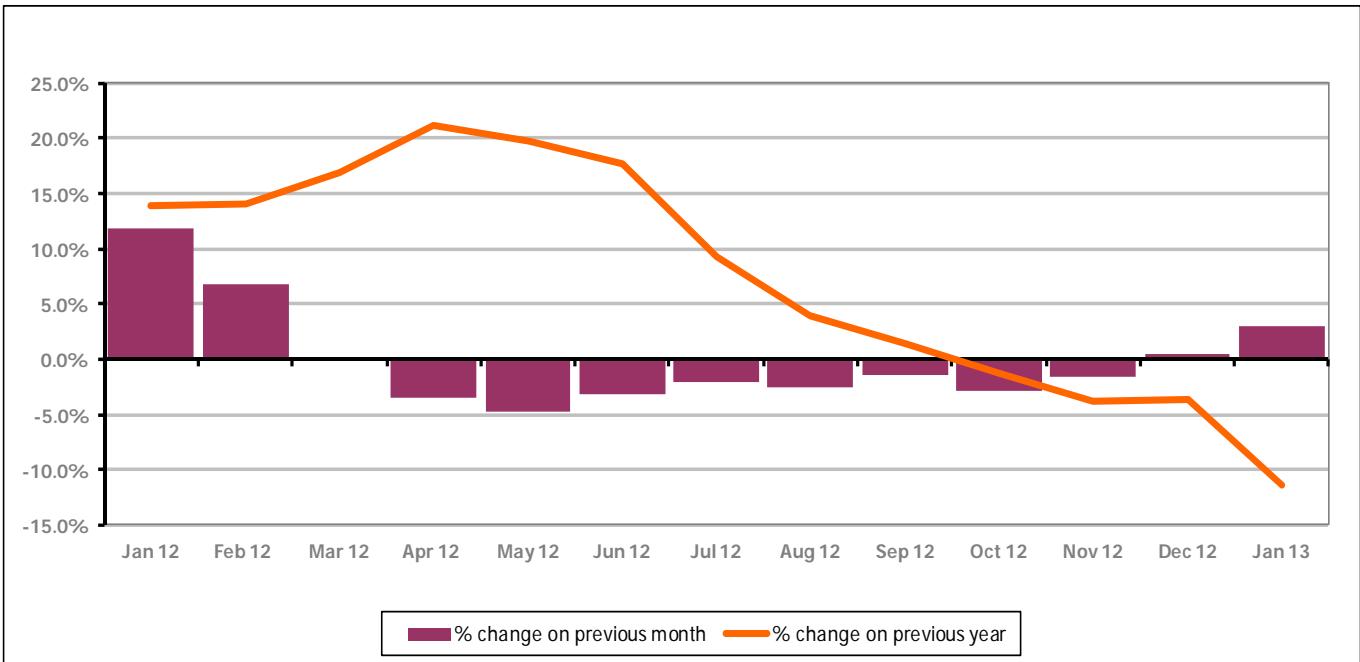
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count increased by +2.9% since December 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased from December 2012 compared to January 2013 to -11.4%.

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 2013

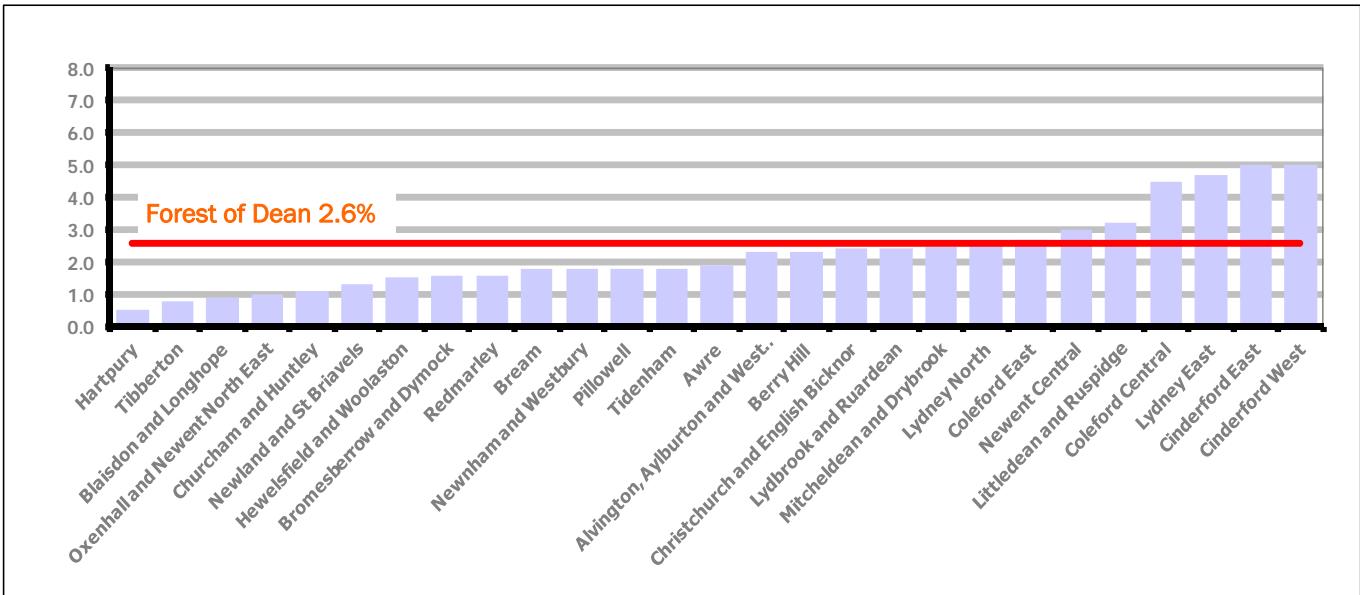
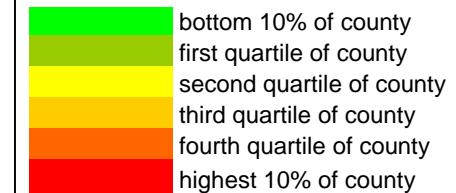


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.6 %. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - January 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.5	1
Forest	Tibberton	0.8	9
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.9	10
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.0	16
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	1.1	22
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.3	32
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.5	43
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.6	51
Forest	Redmarley	1.6	51
Forest	Bream	1.8	69
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.8	69
Forest	Pillowell	1.8	69
Forest	Tidenham	1.8	69
Forest	Awre	1.9	75
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.3	93
Forest	Berry Hill	2.3	93
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	2.4	98
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.4	98
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.5	101
Forest	Lydney North	2.6	103
Forest	Coleford East	2.7	105
Forest	Newent Central	3.0	109
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	3.2	113
Forest	Coleford Central	4.5	125
Forest	Lydney East	4.7	126
Forest	Cinderford East	5.0	129
Forest	Cinderford West	5.0	129



* 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.

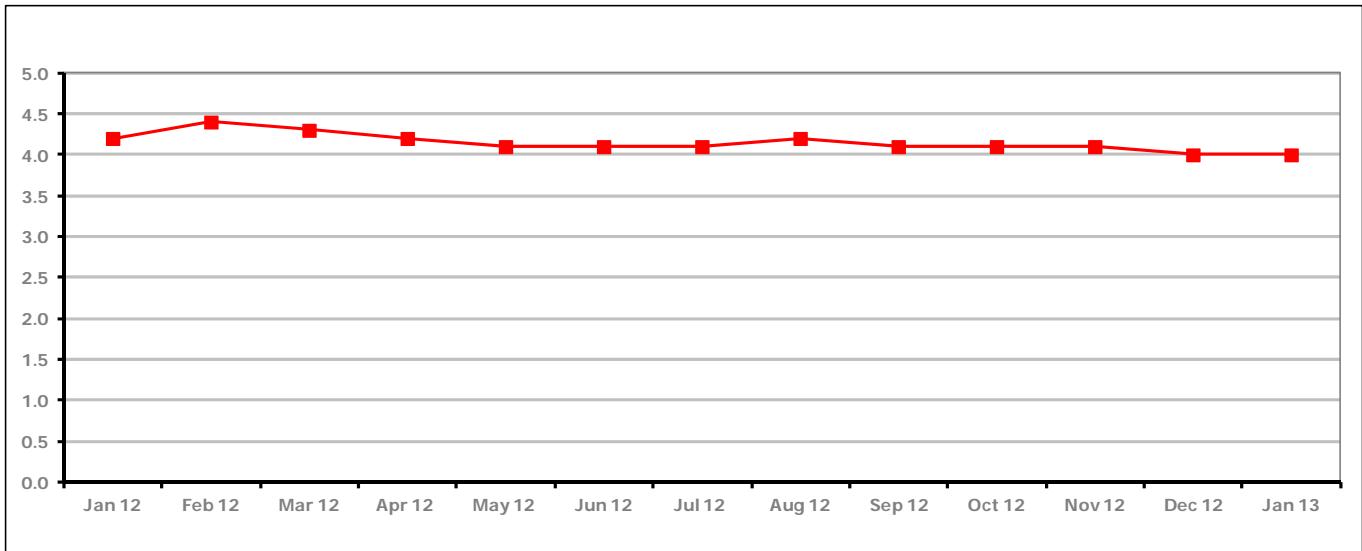
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained the same as last month at 4.0% .

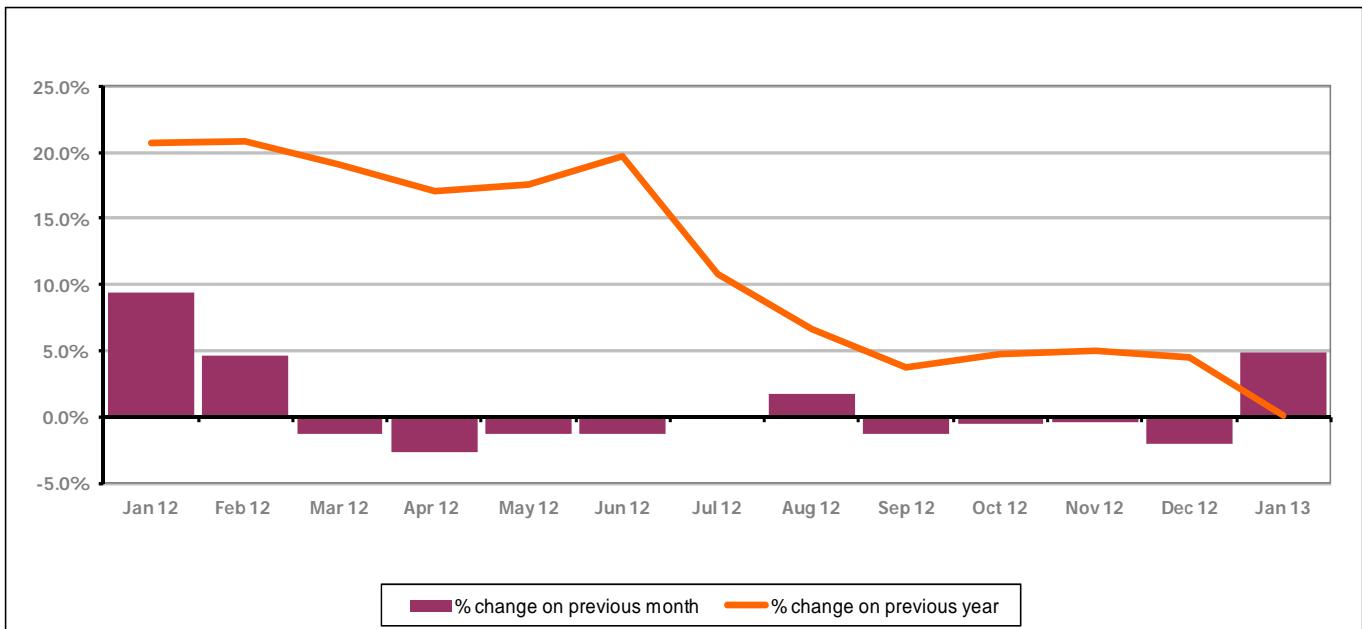
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count increased by +4.8% since December 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased from December 2012 compared to January 2013 to +0.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - January 2013

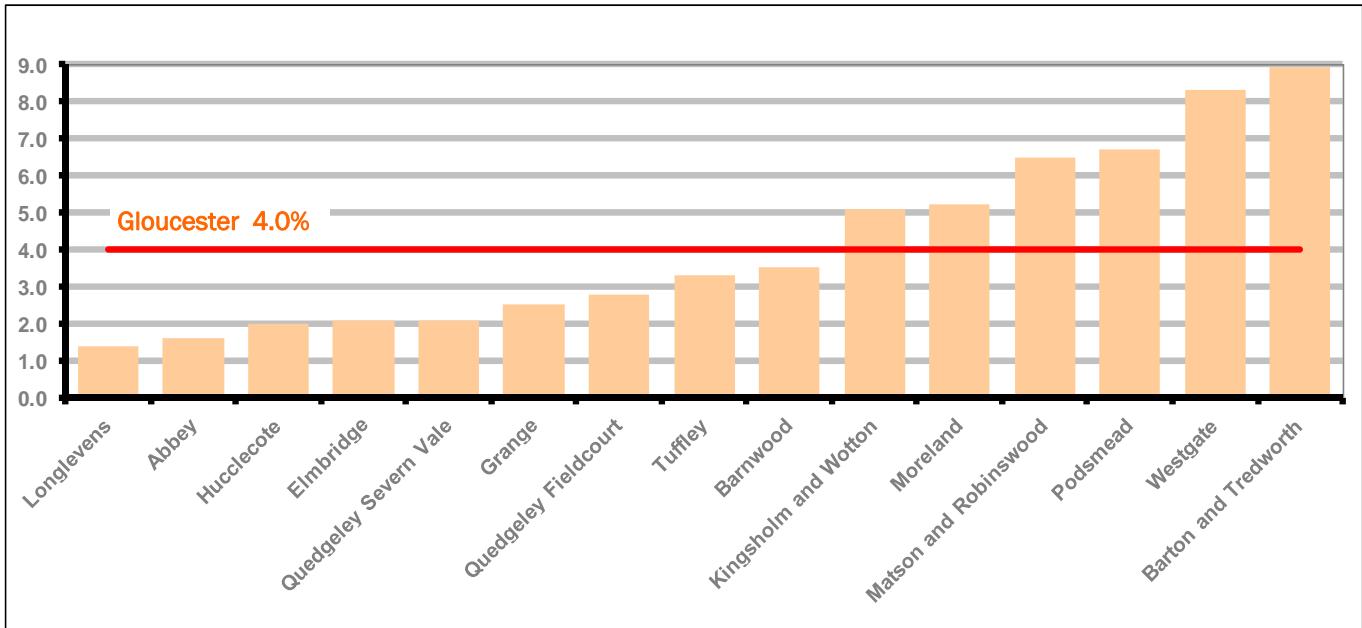
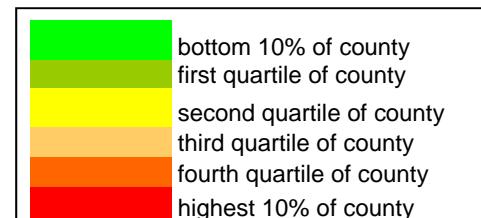


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.0%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - January 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.4	37
Gloucester	Abbey	1.6	51
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.0	81
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.1	84
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.1	84
Gloucester	Grange	2.5	101
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.8	107
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.3	114
Gloucester	Barnwood	3.5	117
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.1	131
Gloucester	Moreland	5.2	133
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.5	137
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.7	138
Gloucester	Westgate	8.3	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	8.9	142



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

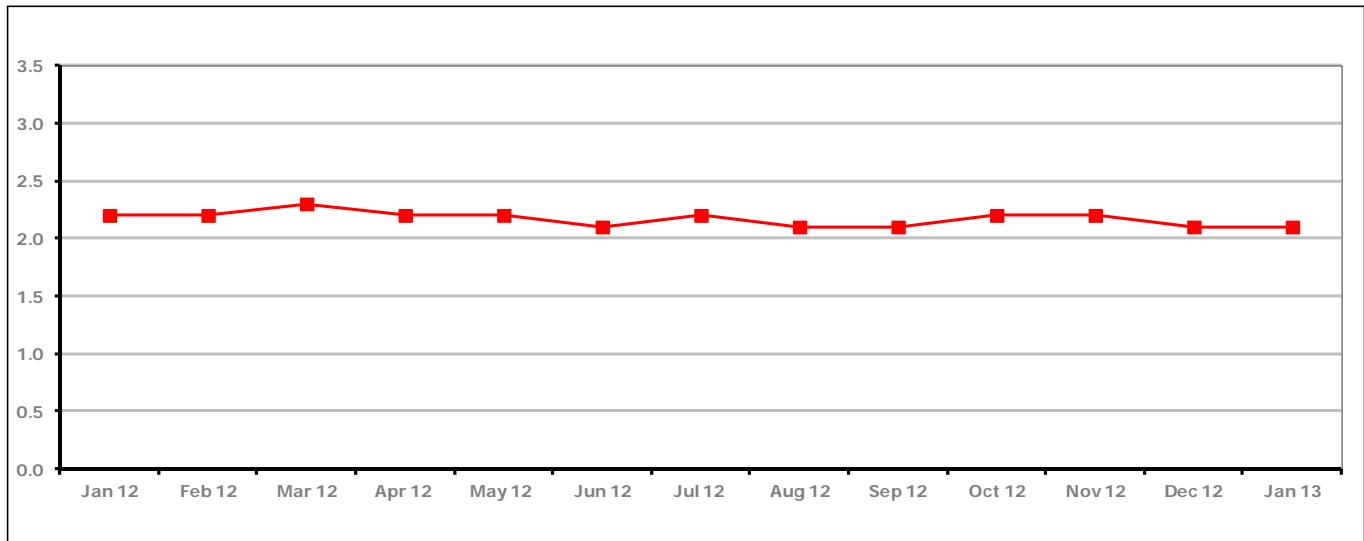
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained the same as last month at 2.1%.

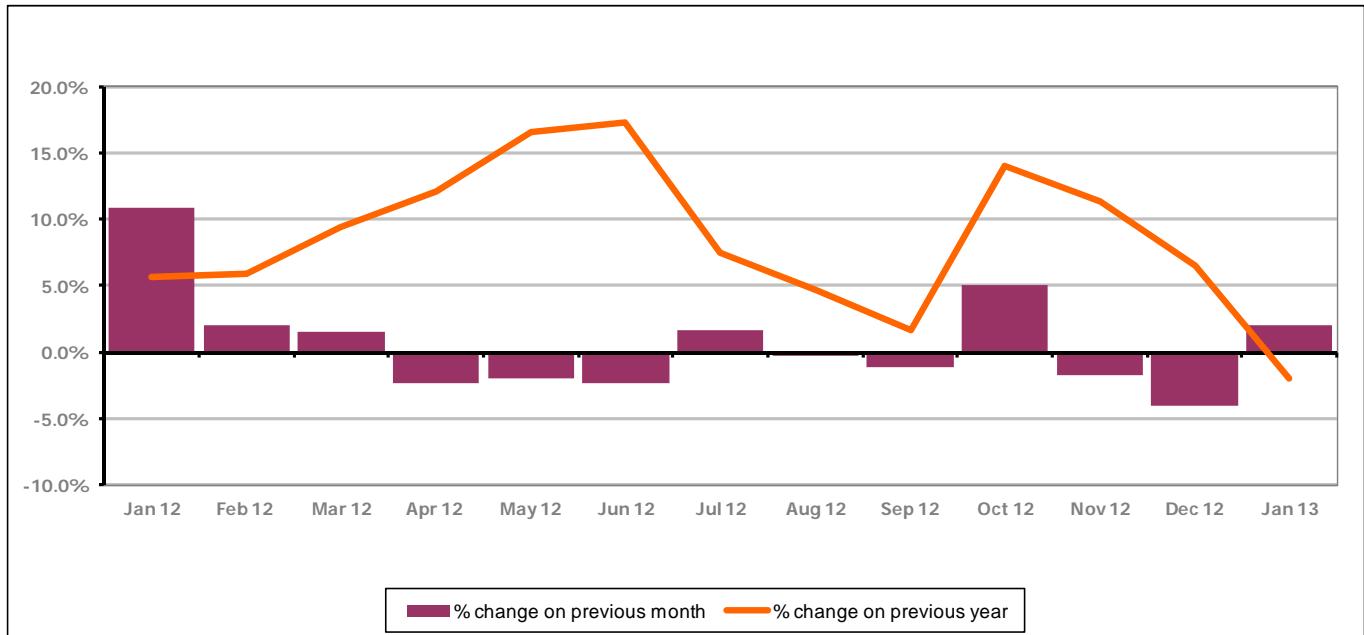
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count increased by +2.0% since December 2012. The change on the previous year has decreased between December 2012 and January 2013 to -2.0%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - January 2013

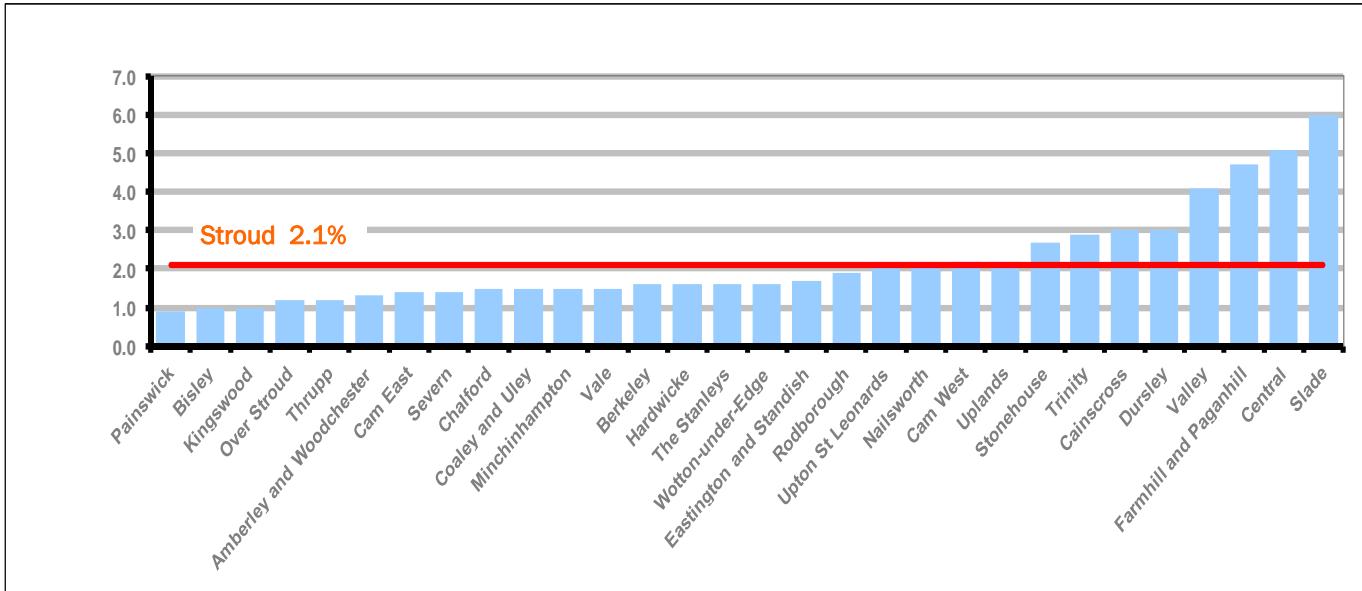
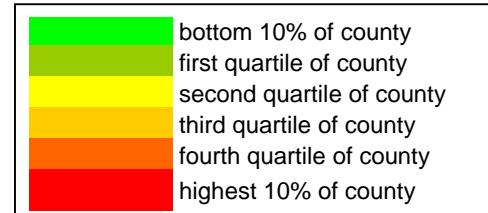


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1%. Ten wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - January 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Painswick	0.9	10
Stroud	Bisley	1.0	16
Stroud	Kingswood	1.0	16
Stroud	Over Stroud	1.2	28
Stroud	Thrupp	1.2	28
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.3	32
Stroud	Cam East	1.4	37
Stroud	Severn	1.4	37
Stroud	Chalford	1.5	43
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.5	43
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.5	43
Stroud	Vale	1.5	43
Stroud	Berkeley	1.6	51
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.6	51
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.6	51
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.6	51
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.7	65
Stroud	Rodborough	1.9	75
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	2.0	81
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.1	84
Stroud	Cam West	2.2	89
Stroud	Uplands	2.2	89
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.7	105
Stroud	Trinity	2.9	108
Stroud	Cainscross	3.0	109
Stroud	Dursley	3.0	109
Stroud	Valley	4.1	123
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	4.7	126
Stroud	Central	5.1	131
Stroud	Slade	6.0	135



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Table 9 shows overall claimant rates for Stroud District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

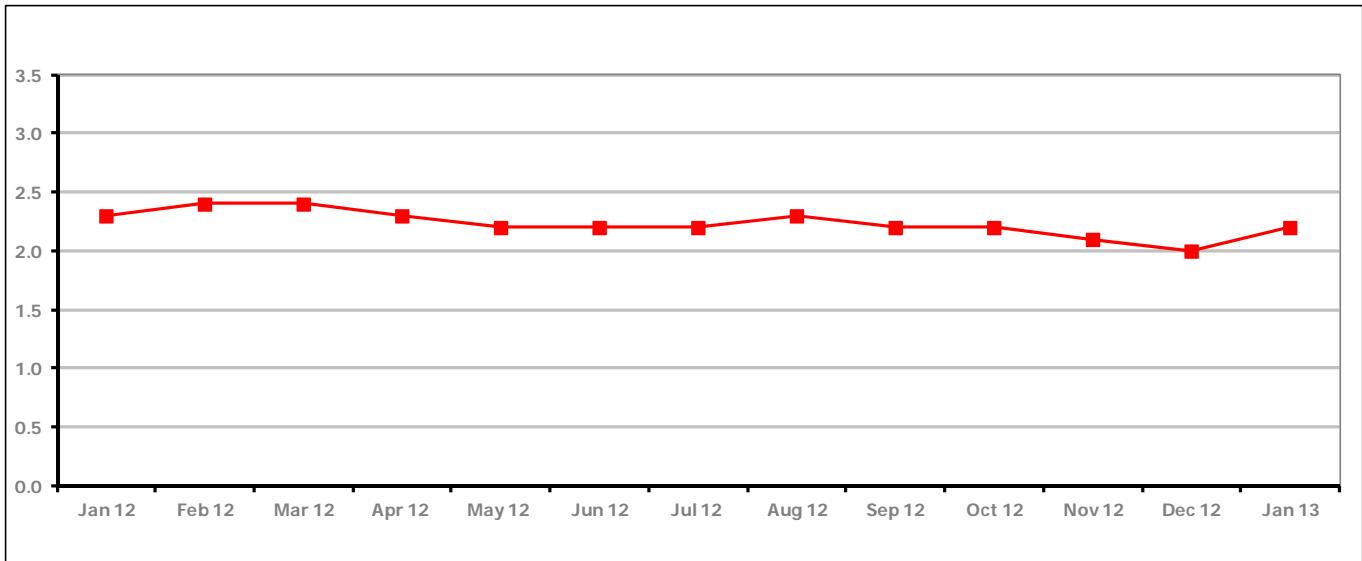
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.6 Tewkesbury District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District increased in January 2012 to 2.2%.

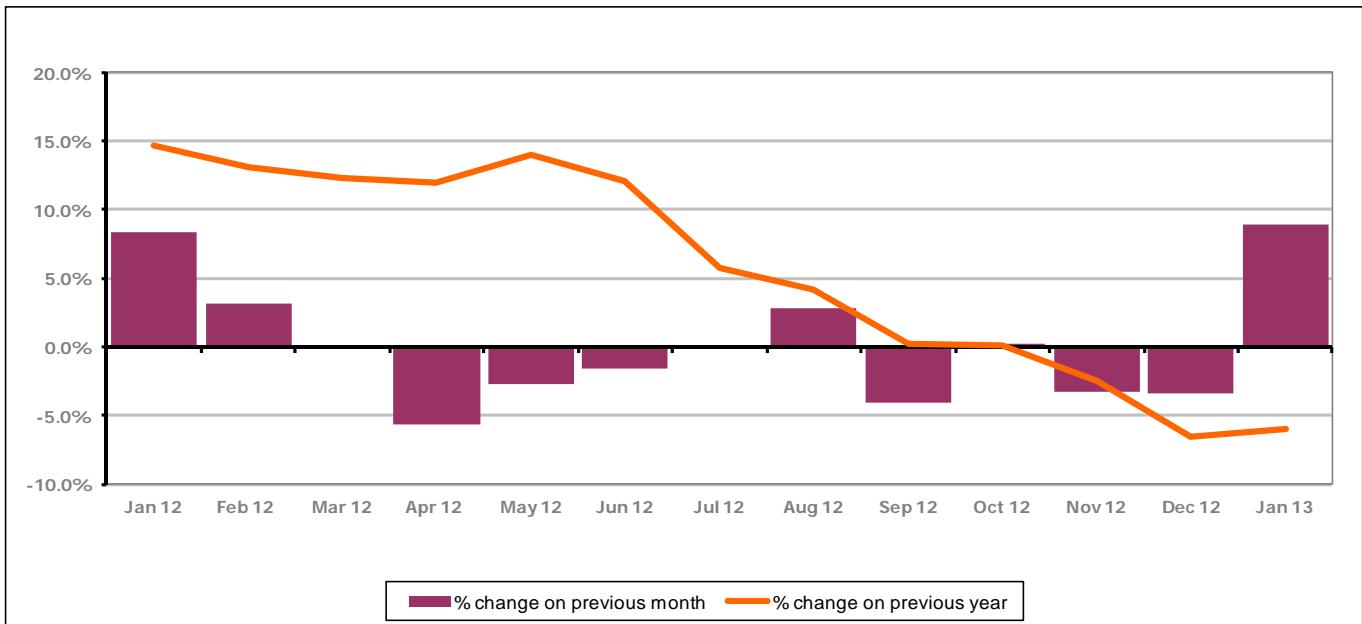
Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count increased in January 2012 by +8.9%. The change on the previous year increased between December 2012 and January 2013 to -6.0%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - January 2013

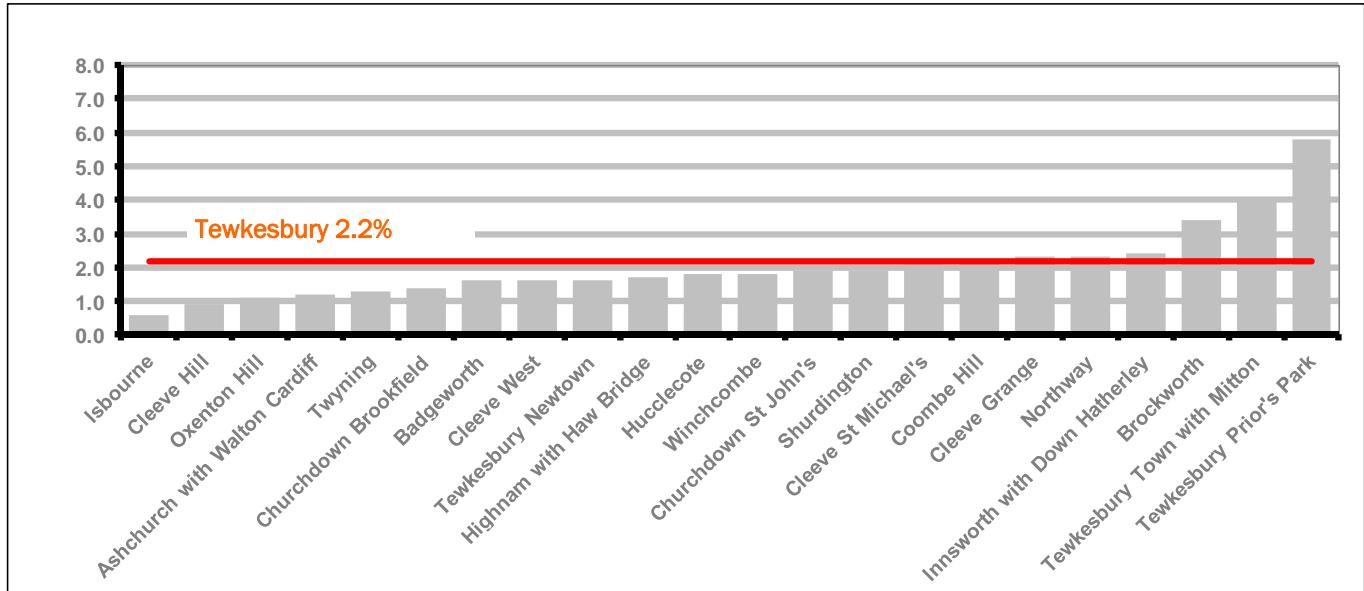
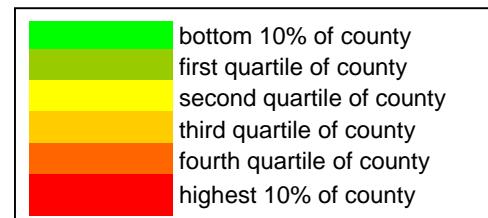


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.2% and six wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - January 2013

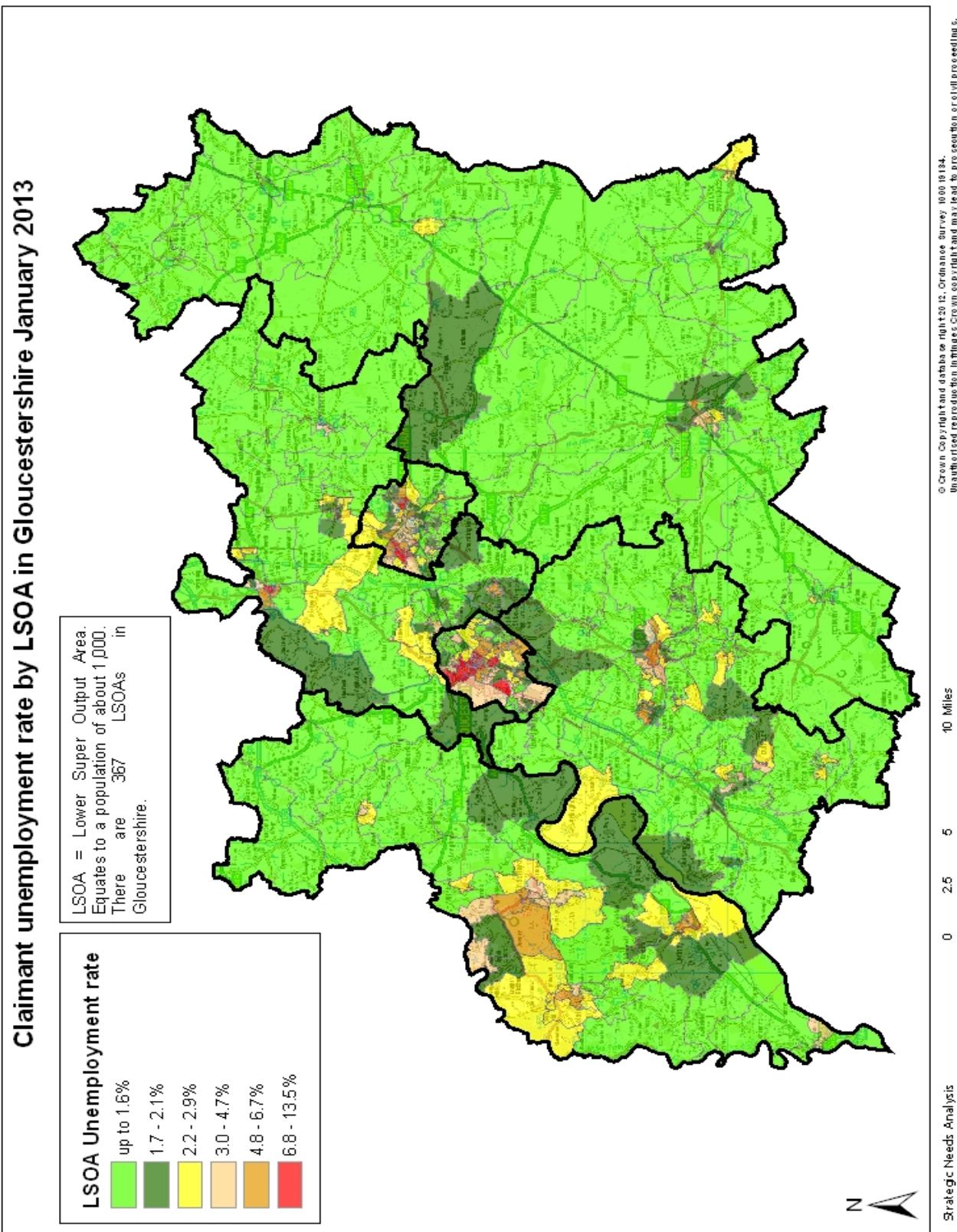
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.6	3
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.9	10
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	1.1	22
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.2	28
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.3	32
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	1.4	37
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.6	51
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.6	51
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.6	51
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.7	65
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.8	69
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.8	69
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.9	75
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.9	75
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.1	84
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	2.2	89
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.3	93
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.3	93
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.4	98
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	3.4	116
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	4.0	122
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.8	134



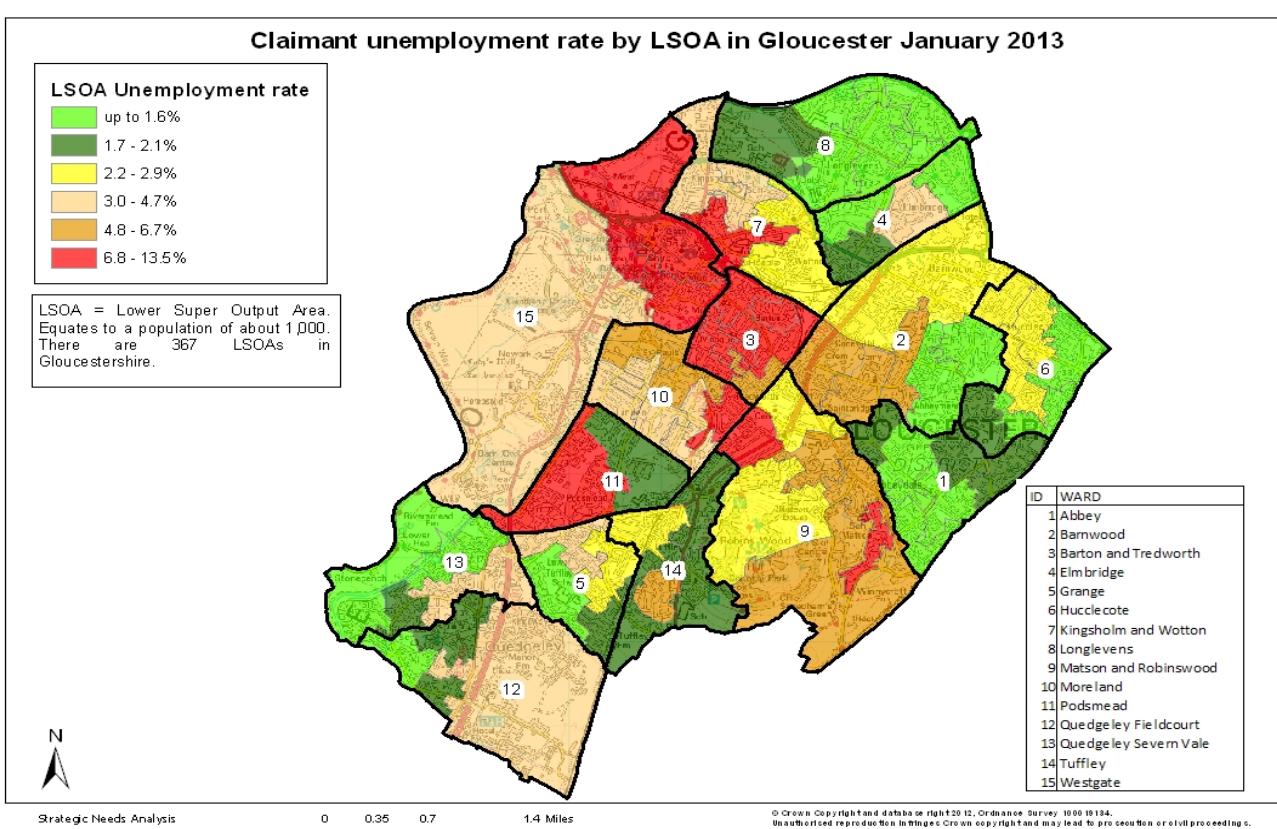
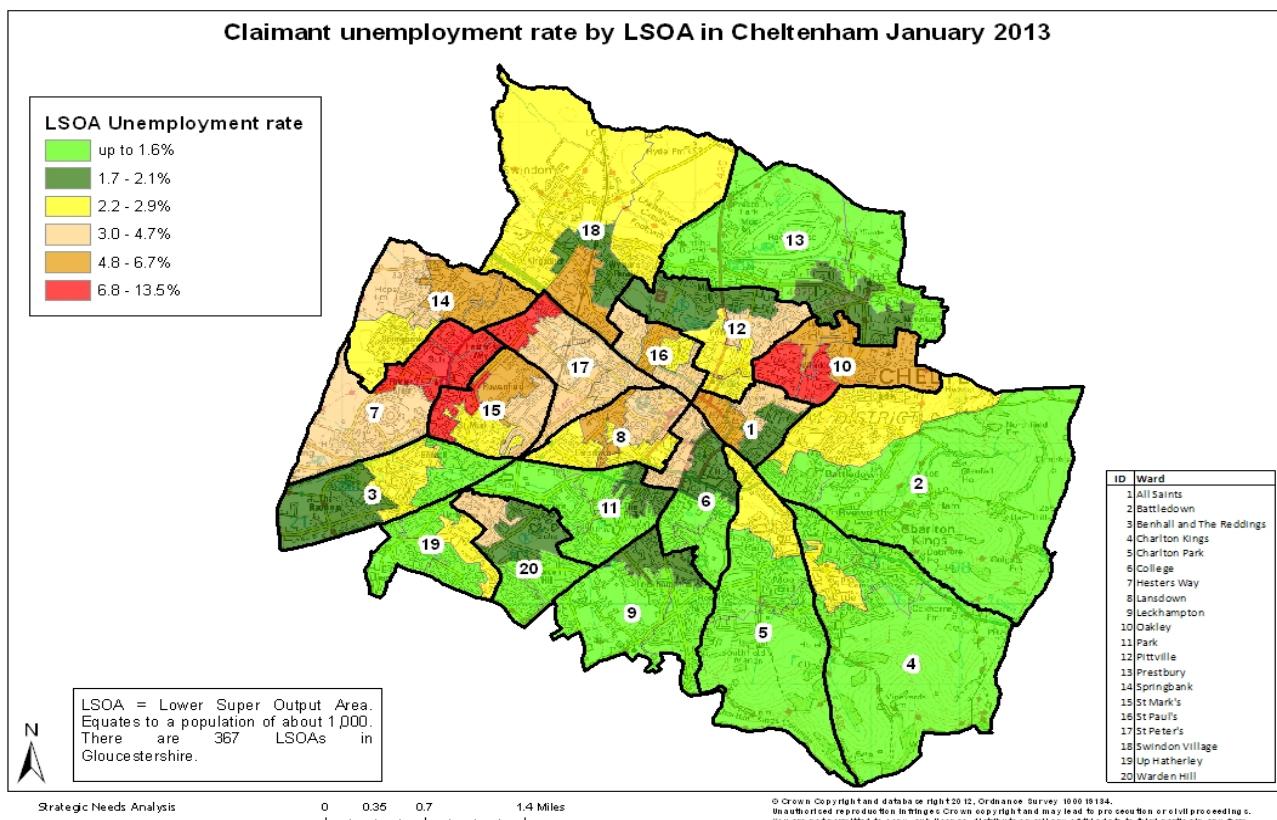
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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

At the end of January 2013 there were 668 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 4.6%. The total number of NEET decreased by 33 young people in January 2012 compared to December 2012. Four districts saw a decrease in their NEET figure, two districts saw an increase.

Total NEET Group by District Area

January 2013 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	131	48	96	230	97	86	688
Cohort	2573	2110	2226	4802	2969	1910	16590
% NEET	5.1	2.3	4.3	4.8	3.3	4.5	4.6

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.