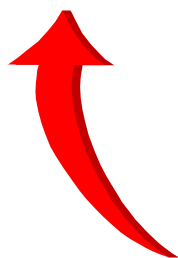


CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

February 2012

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Unemployment in the County has increased by 416 persons to 11,082, a rate of 3.0%.

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

Area	Feb'12 Number	Feb'12 Rate	Jan'12 Number	Jan'12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,685,989	4.2	1,649,190	4.1	36,799	2.2	0.1
GB	1,623,211	4.1	1,586,864	4.0	36,347	2.3	0.1
England & Wales	1,471,315	4.1	1,438,713	4.0	32,602	2.3	0.1
England	1,386,368	4.1	1,355,582	4.0	30,786	2.3	0.1
South West	98,939	3.0	96,083	2.9	2,856	3.0	0.1
Gloucestershire	11,082	3.0	10,666	2.9	416	3.9	0.1
Cheltenham	2,543	3.4	2,469	3.3	74	3.0	0.1
Cotswold	830	1.6	804	1.6	26	3.2	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,603	3.1	1,502	2.9	101	6.7	0.2
Gloucester	3,346	4.4	3,199	4.2	147	4.6	0.2
Stroud	1,538	2.2	1,507	2.2	31	2.1	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,222	2.4	1,185	2.3	37	3.1	0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **increased** by 36,347 persons to **1,623,211** a rate of **4.1%**.

The County rate of unemployment has increased to **3.0%**.

All districts showed an increase in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **7,499 (4.0%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **3,583 (1.9%)** both representing an increase on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.67 million** unemployed at a rate of **8.4 %**. This is based on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. It is obtained from an ongoing national household survey and updated on a quarterly basis.
- 2) the seasonally adjusted unemployment claimant count for the UK of **1.61 million** at a rate of **4.0%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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