

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

March 2015

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 280 persons to 4,624 a rate of 1.2%.

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

Area	Mar'15 Number	Mar'15 Rate	Feb'15 Number	Feb'15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate %
UK	826,849	2.0	858,344	2.1	-31,495	-3.7	-0.1
GB	780,964	2.0	810,607	2.0	-29,643	-3.7	0.0
England & Wales	696,511	1.9	723,987	2.0	-27,476	-3.8	-0.1
England	648,280	1.9	673,750	2.0	-25,470	-3.8	-0.1
South West	41,853	1.3	44,208	1.3	-2,355	-5.3	0.0
Gloucestershire	4,624	1.2	4,904	1.3	-280	-5.7	-0.1
Cheltenham	915	1.2	961	1.3	-46	-4.8	-0.1
Cotswold	354	0.7	387	0.8	-33	-8.5	-0.1
Forest of Dean	645	1.3	675	1.3	-30	-4.4	0.0
Gloucester	1,589	2.0	1,681	2.1	-92	-5.5	-0.1
Stroud	585	0.8	600	0.9	-15	-2.5	-0.1
Tewkesbury	536	1.0	600	1.2	-64	-10.7	-0.2

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 29,643 persons to **780,964** a rate of **2.0%**.

The County rate of unemployment **decreased** to **1.2%**.

All districts saw a decrease in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **3,019 (1.6%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **1,605 (0.8%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **1.84 million** unemployed at a rate of **5.6%**. 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 **0.77 million** at a rate of **1.9%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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