

Unemployment Bulletin

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Please note: the ward and LSOA boundaries used in this report have been updated. This means figures for these areas are not comparable with those reported in previous bulletins.

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.

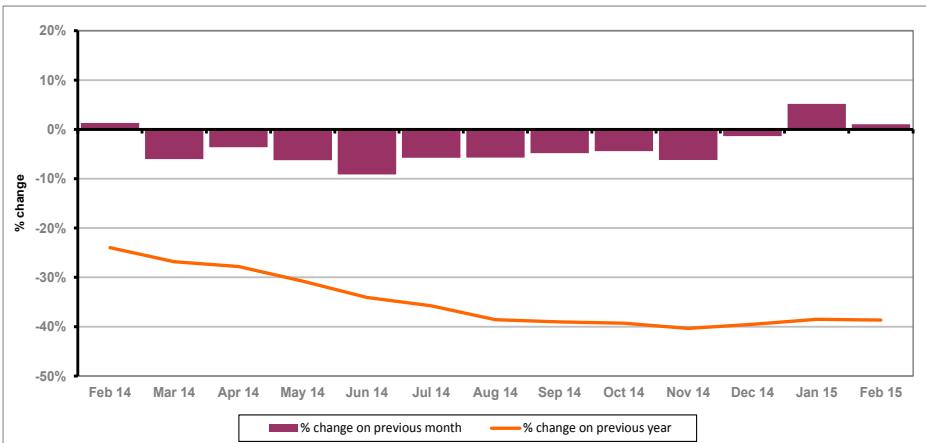
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.3% in February 2015. This was the same as the January 2015 figure. The South West and UK rate remained the same as the previous month at 1.3% and 2.1% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was the same as the South West average of 1.3%, and 0.8% lower than the UK average of 2.1%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in February 2015 increased by 51 people. The amount of people claiming in February 2015 was 1.1% higher than the number in January 2015. This compares to a 1.7% increase in the South West and a 0.6% increase for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was 38.7% lower in February 2015 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:
February 2014 to February 2015



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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 February 2015

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in February 2015

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	961
Compared to last month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (2.6%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,681
Compared to last month:	-0.7%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Westgate (4.6%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	387
Compared to last month:	10.9%
Claimant rate:	0.8%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (2.0%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	600
Compared to last month:	-2.1%
Claimant rate:	0.9%
Highest claiming ward	Slade (2.1%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	675
Compared to last month:	2.7%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (3.2%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	600
Compared to last month:	3.4%
Claimant rate:	1.2%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (3.4%)

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

At the end of February 2015 there were 532 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 3.64%.

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

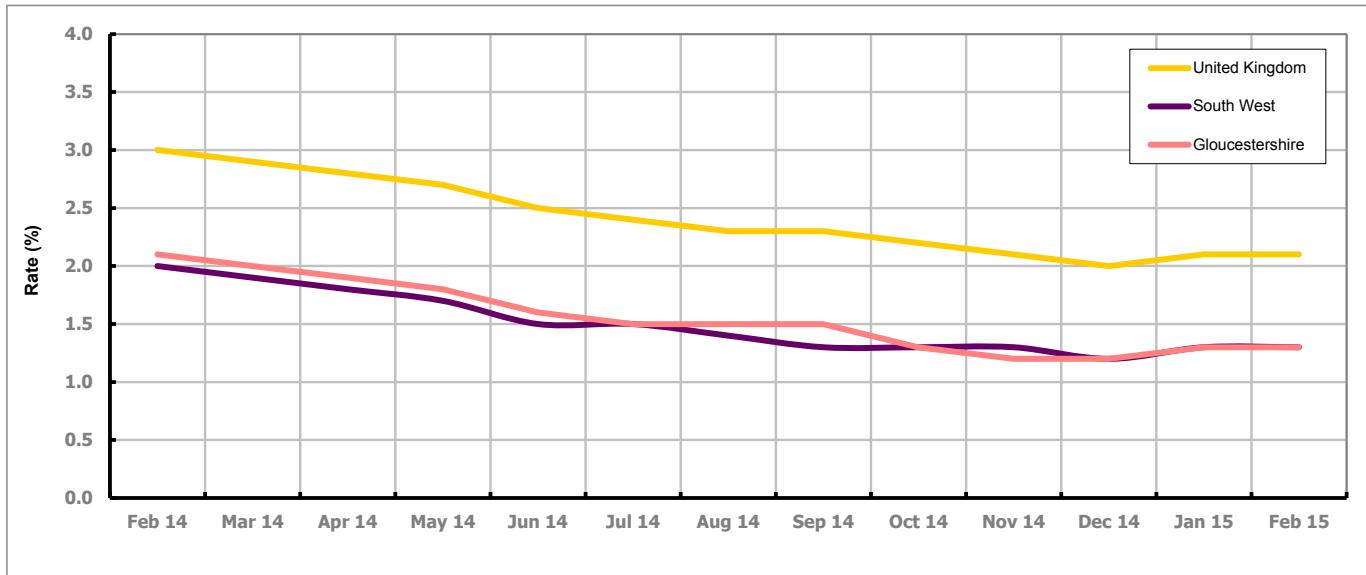


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.3% in February 2015. Between February and September 2014 the Gloucestershire rate was generally higher than the South West, it has been the same as the South West average since October 2014. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.8% against the UK average. The February 2015 rate remained the same as January 2015.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in February 2015	% change on January 2015	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	858,344	0.6%	-1.2%	0
South West	44,208	1.7%	-0.1%	0
Gloucestershire	4,904	1.1%	-1.0%	0

Table 1 shows that in February 2015, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.1% higher than the number in January 2015.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to February 2015 was -1.0%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - February 2015

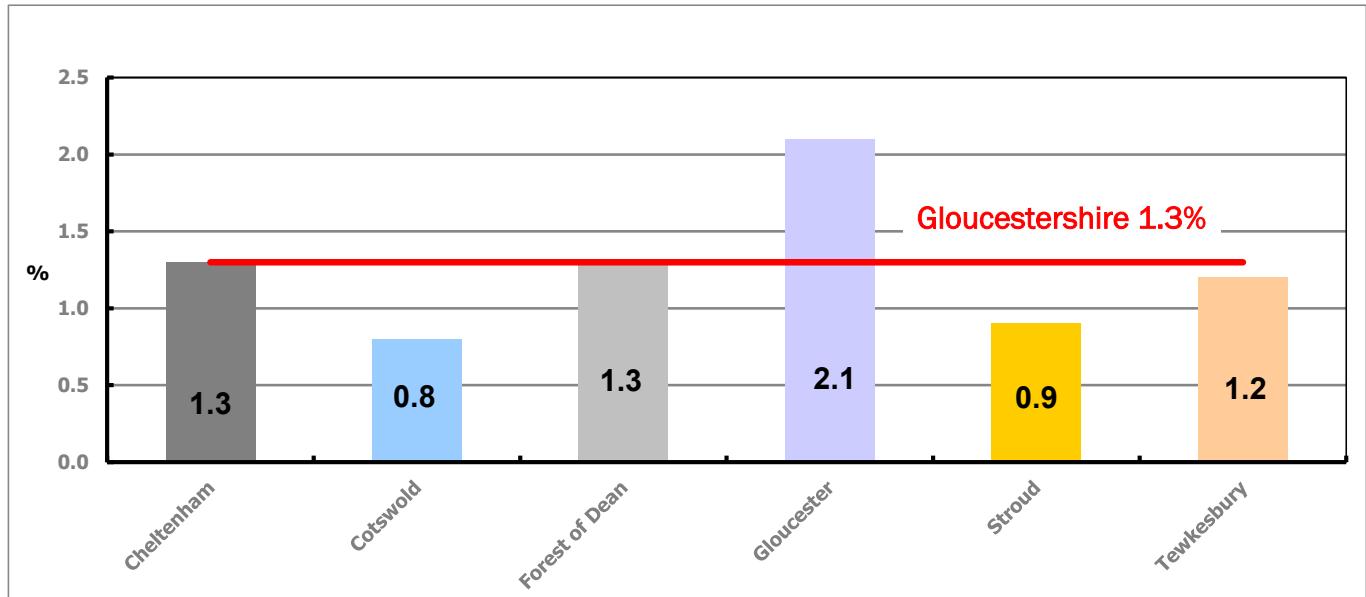


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for February 2015 in Gloucestershire. Between January 2015 and February 2015, the rate in Gloucester and Stroud decreased, while the rate in Cotswold, Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury increased, and the rate in Cheltenham remained the same.

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

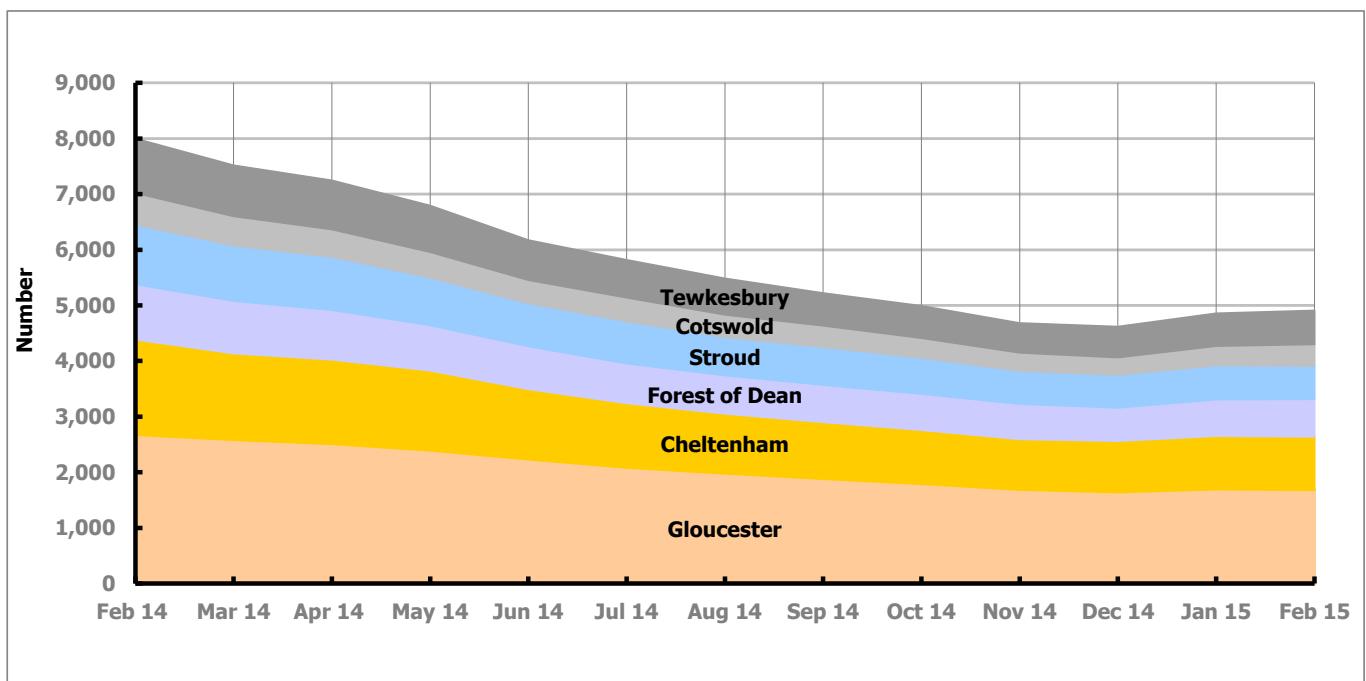


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants has decreased over the last year, with the exception of January and February 2015 when there was an increase.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Feb 15 Number	Feb 15 Rate	Jan 15 Number	Jan 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,904	1.3	4,853	1.3	51	1.1%	0.0
Cheltenham	961	1.3	961	1.3	0	0.0%	0.0
Cotswold	387	0.8	349	0.7	38	10.9%	0.1
Forest of Dean	675	1.3	657	1.3	18	2.7%	0.0
Gloucester	1,681	2.1	1,693	2.1	-12	-0.7%	0.0
Stroud	600	0.9	613	0.9	-13	-2.1%	0.0
Tewkesbury	600	1.2	580	1.1	20	3.4%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in February 2015 compared to January 2015. Cotswold, Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of claimants, Gloucester and Stroud saw a decrease, and Cheltenham remained the same.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Feb 15 Number	Feb 15 Rate	Jan 15 Number	Jan 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,211	1.7	3,180	1.7	31	1.0%	0.0
Cheltenham	635	1.7	644	1.7	-9	-1.4%	0.0
Cotswold	265	1.1	236	1.0	29	12.3%	0.1
Forest of Dean	437	1.7	424	1.7	13	3.1%	0.0
Gloucester	1,119	2.8	1,129	2.8	-10	-0.9%	0.0
Stroud	382	1.1	392	1.1	-10	-2.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	373	1.5	355	1.4	18	5.1%	0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in February 2015 compared to January 2015. Cotswold, Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of male claimants, while all of the other districts saw a decrease.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Feb 15 Number	Feb 15 Rate	Jan 15 Number	Jan 15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	1,693	0.9	1,673	0.9	20	1.2%	0.0
Cheltenham	326	0.9	317	0.8	9	2.8%	0.1
Cotswold	122	0.5	113	0.4	9	8.0%	0.1
Forest of Dean	238	0.9	233	0.9	5	2.1%	0.0
Gloucester	562	1.4	564	1.4	-2	-0.4%	0.0
Stroud	218	0.6	221	0.6	-3	-1.4%	0.0
Tewkesbury	227	0.9	225	0.9	2	0.9%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in February 2015 compared to January 2015. Cheltenham, Cotswold, Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of female claimants, while the other districts saw a decrease.

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

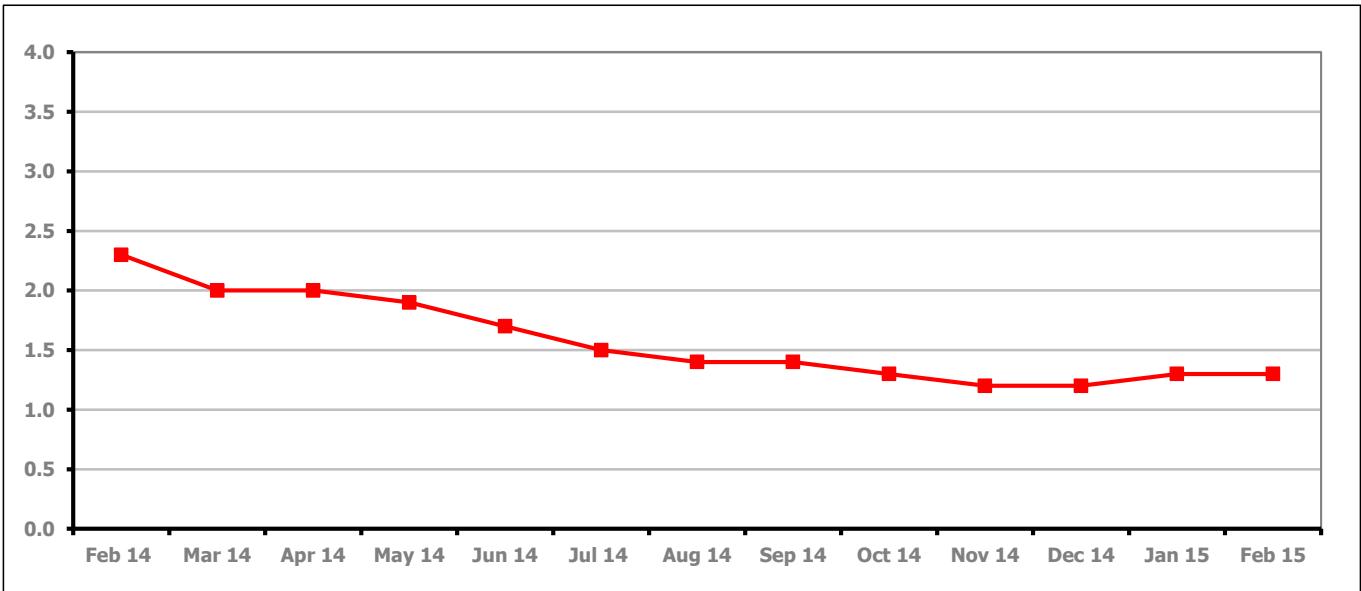


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained the same as last month at 1.3%.

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

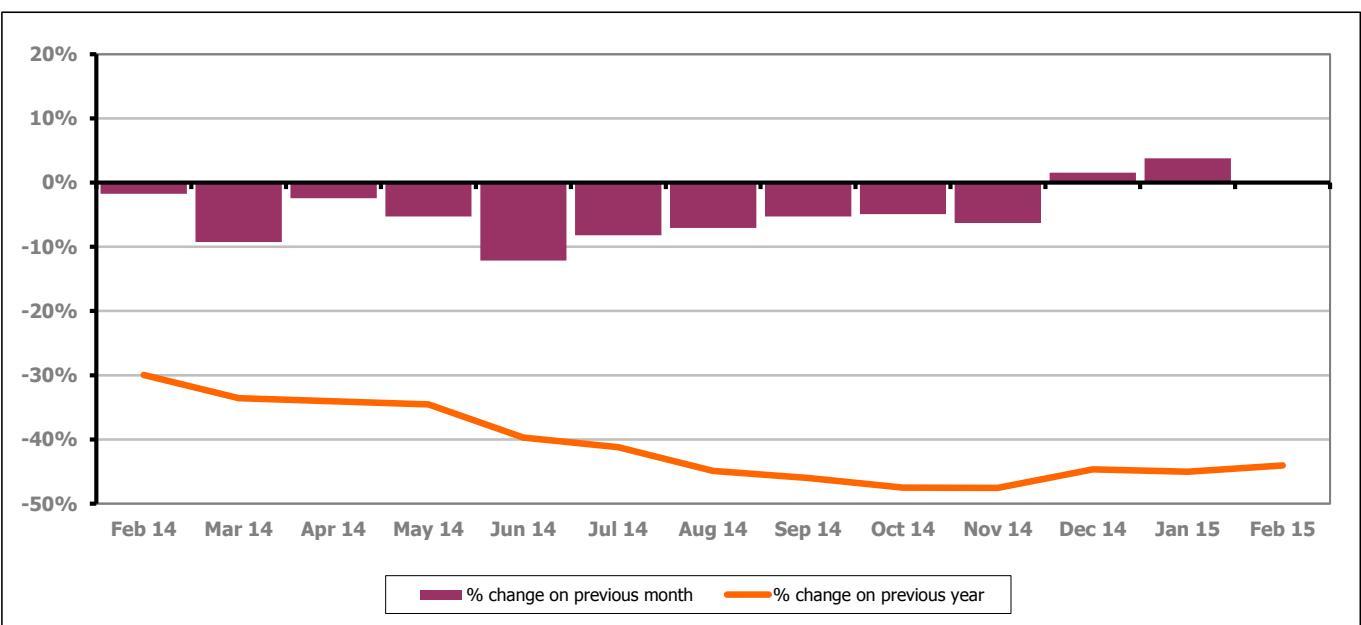


Figure 5 shows the claimant count remained the same as last month. The change on the previous year has increased between January and February 2015 to -44.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - February 2015

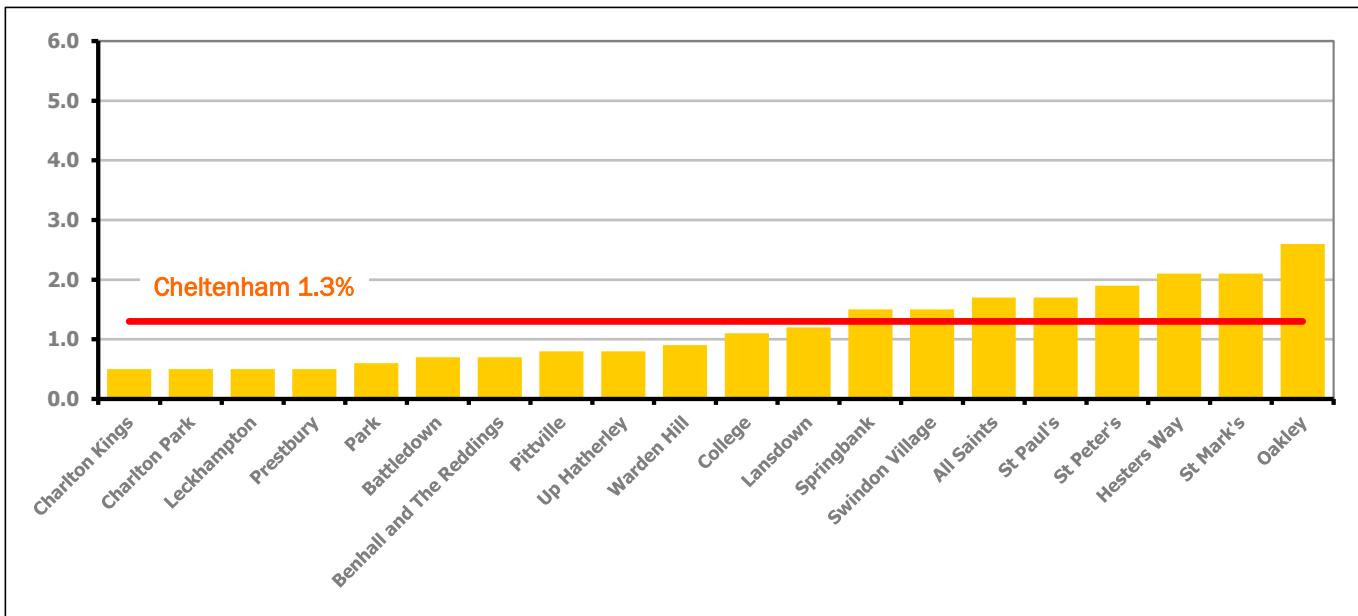


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.3%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - February 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*	
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.5	17	
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.5	17	
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.5	17	
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.5	17	
Cheltenham	Park	0.6	30	
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.7	38	
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.7	38	
Cheltenham	Pittville	0.8	57	
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.8	57	
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	0.9	69	
Cheltenham	College	1.1	89	
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.2	96	
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.5	113	
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.5	113	
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.7	120	
Cheltenham	St Paul's	1.7	120	
Cheltenham	St Peter's	1.9	125	
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	2.1	129	
Cheltenham	St Mark's	2.1	129	
Cheltenham	Oakley	2.6	134	

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.

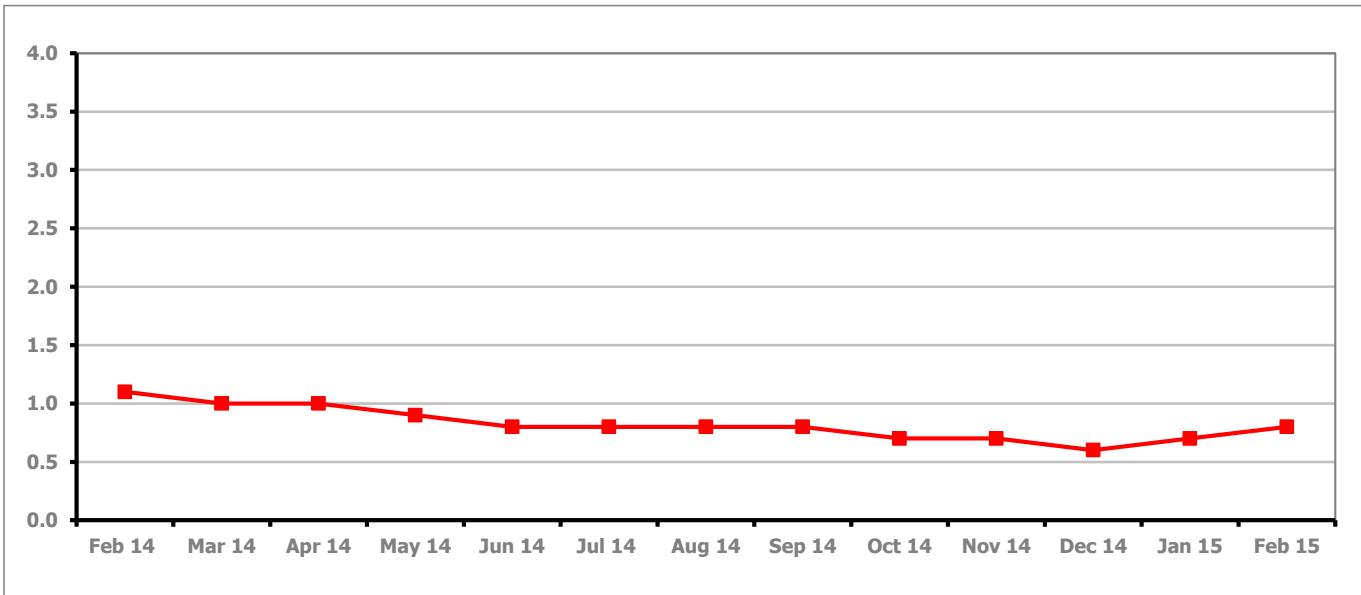
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased in February 2015 to 0.8%.

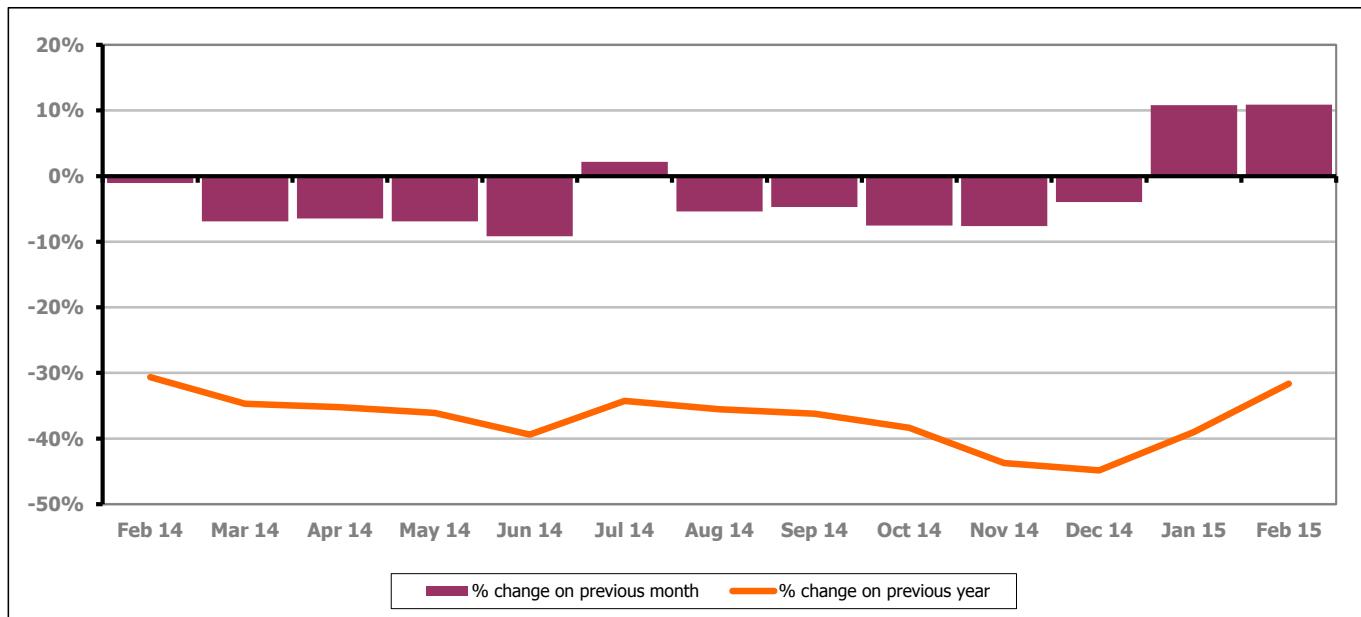
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by 10.9% since January 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between January and February 2015 to -31.6%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - February 2015

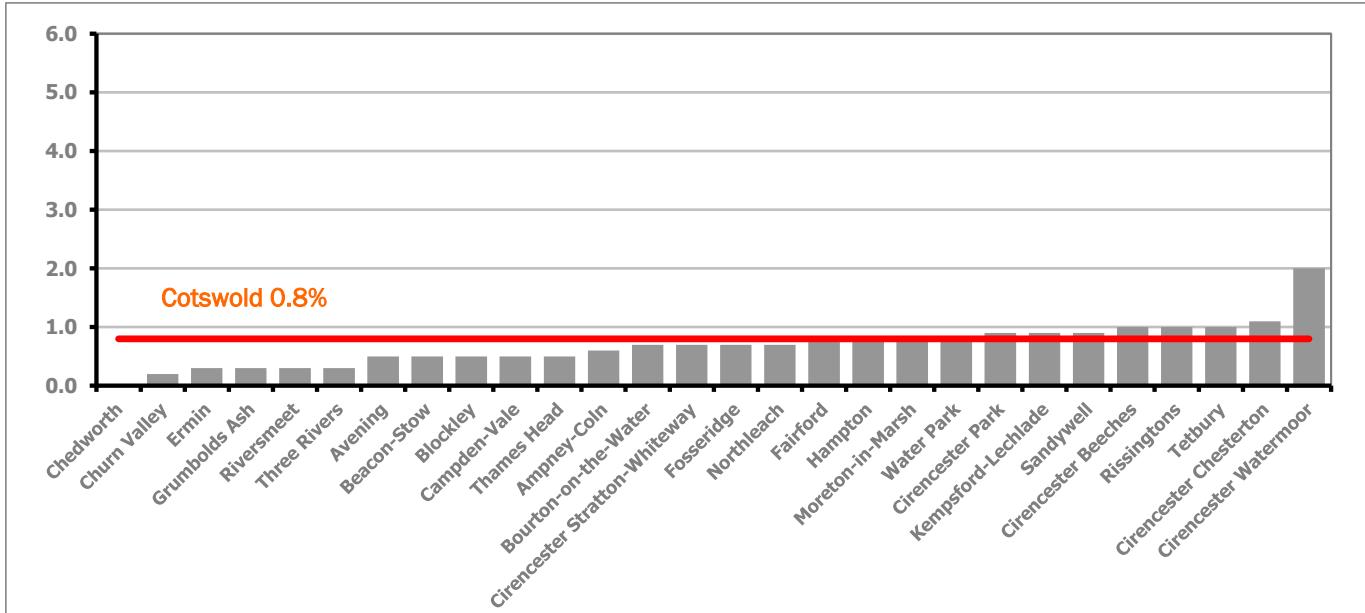


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.8%. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - February 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Chedworth	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	0.2	3
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.3	5
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.3	5
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.3	5
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.3	5
Cotswolds	Avening	0.5	17
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.5	17
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.5	17
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.5	17
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.5	17
Cotswolds	Ampney-Colin	0.6	30
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	0.7	38
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	0.7	38
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.7	38
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.7	38
Cotswolds	Fairford	0.8	57
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.8	57
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	0.8	57
Cotswolds	Water Park	0.8	57
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	0.9	69
Cotswolds	Kemsford-Lechlade	0.9	69
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.9	69
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	1.0	83
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	1.0	83
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.0	83
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	1.1	89
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	2.0	127



* 1 = "best" and 127 = "worst"

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

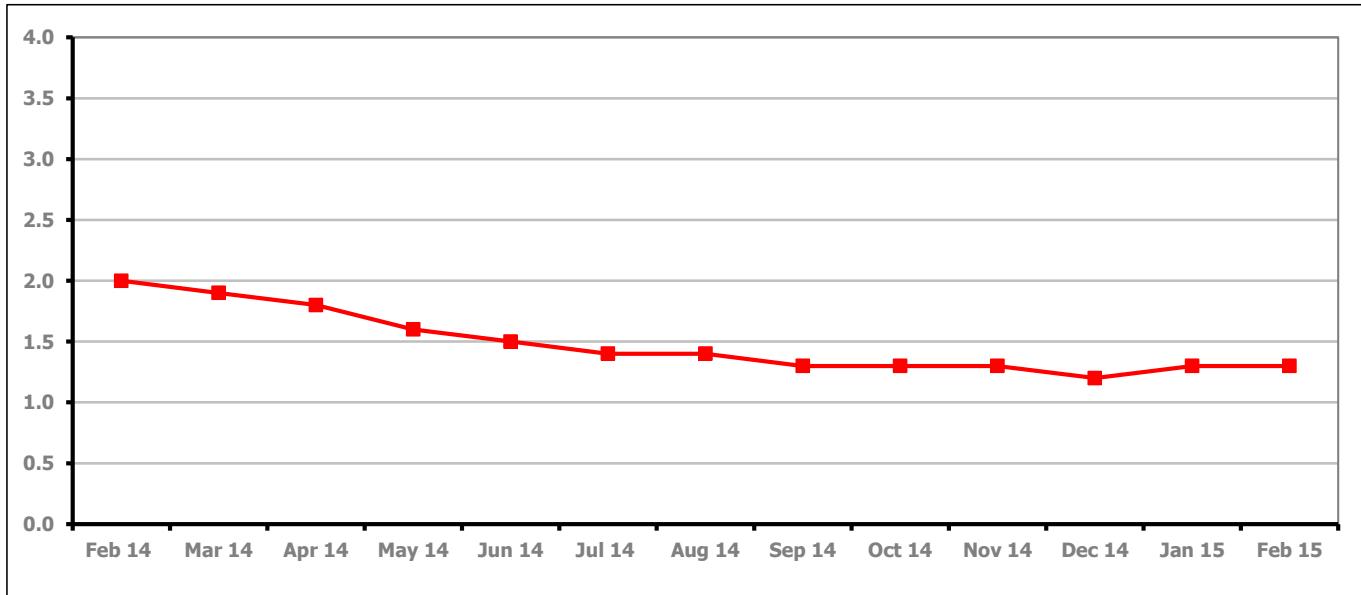
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained the same as last month at 1.3%.

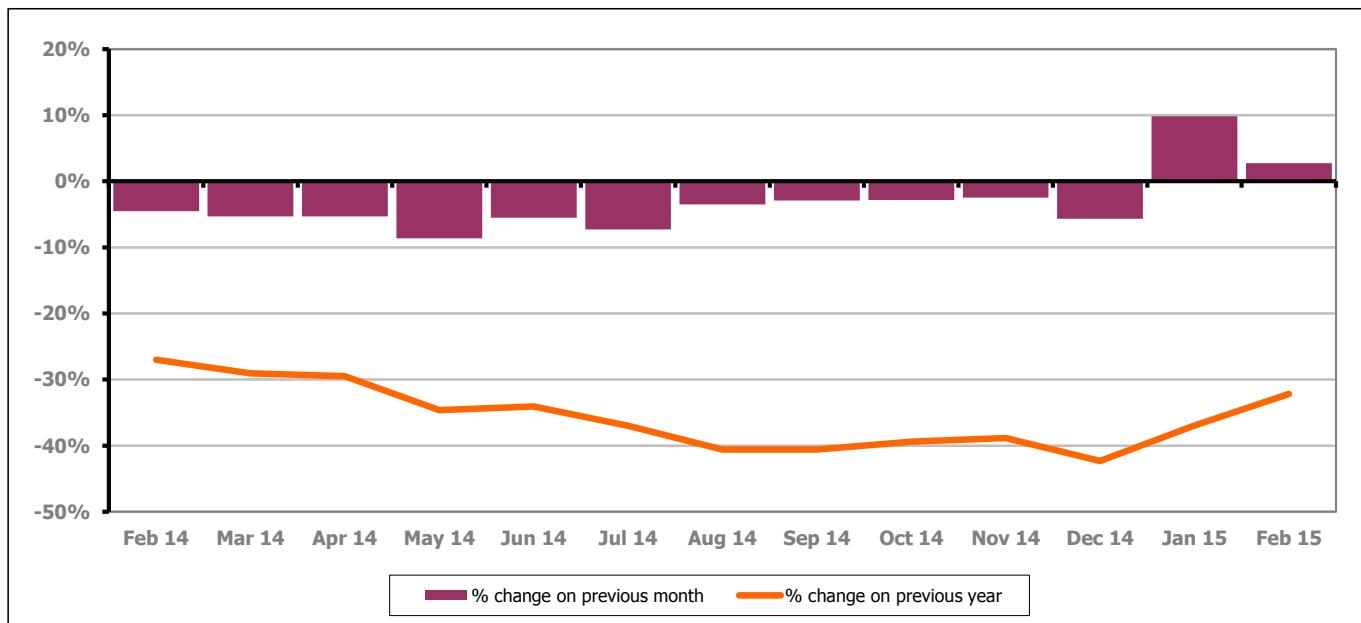
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count increased by 2.7% since January 2015. The change on the previous year has increased between January and February 2015 to -32.2%.

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 - February 2015

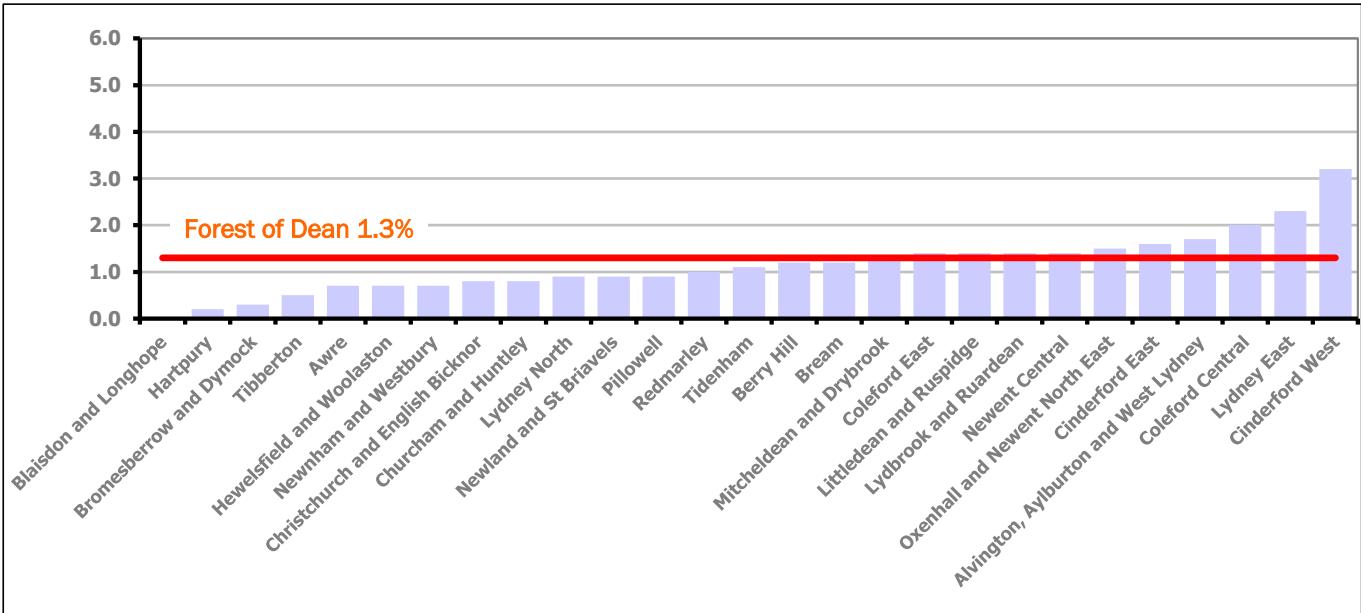
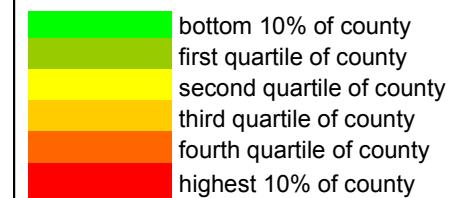


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.3%. Ten wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - February 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	<0.2	1
Forest	Hartpury	0.2	3
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.3	5
Forest	Tibberton	0.5	17
Forest	Awre	0.7	38
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.7	38
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.7	38
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	0.8	57
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.8	57
Forest	Lydney North	0.9	69
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	0.9	69
Forest	Pillowell	0.9	69
Forest	Redmarley	1.0	83
Forest	Tidenham	1.1	89
Forest	Berry Hill	1.2	96
Forest	Bream	1.2	96
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.3	103
Forest	Coleford East	1.4	106
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.4	106
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.4	106
Forest	Newent Central	1.4	106
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.5	113
Forest	Cinderford East	1.6	118
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.7	120
Forest	Coleford Central	2.0	127
Forest	Lydney East	2.3	133
Forest	Cinderford West	3.2	138



* 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.

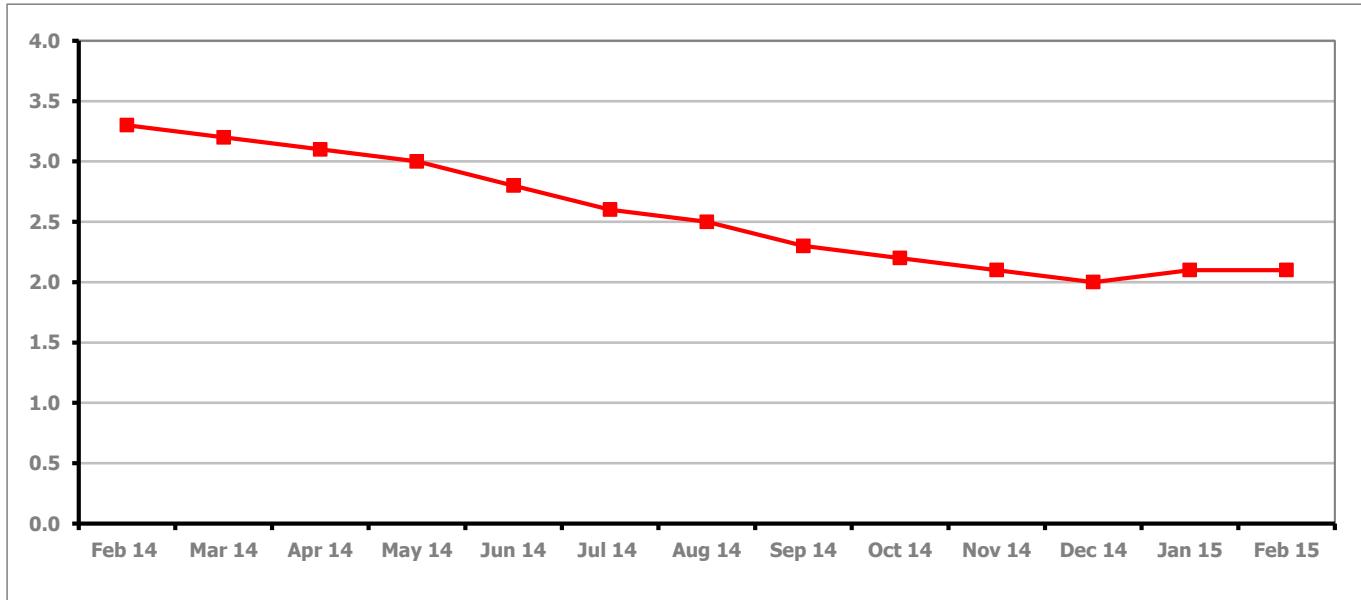
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained the same as last month at 2.1%.

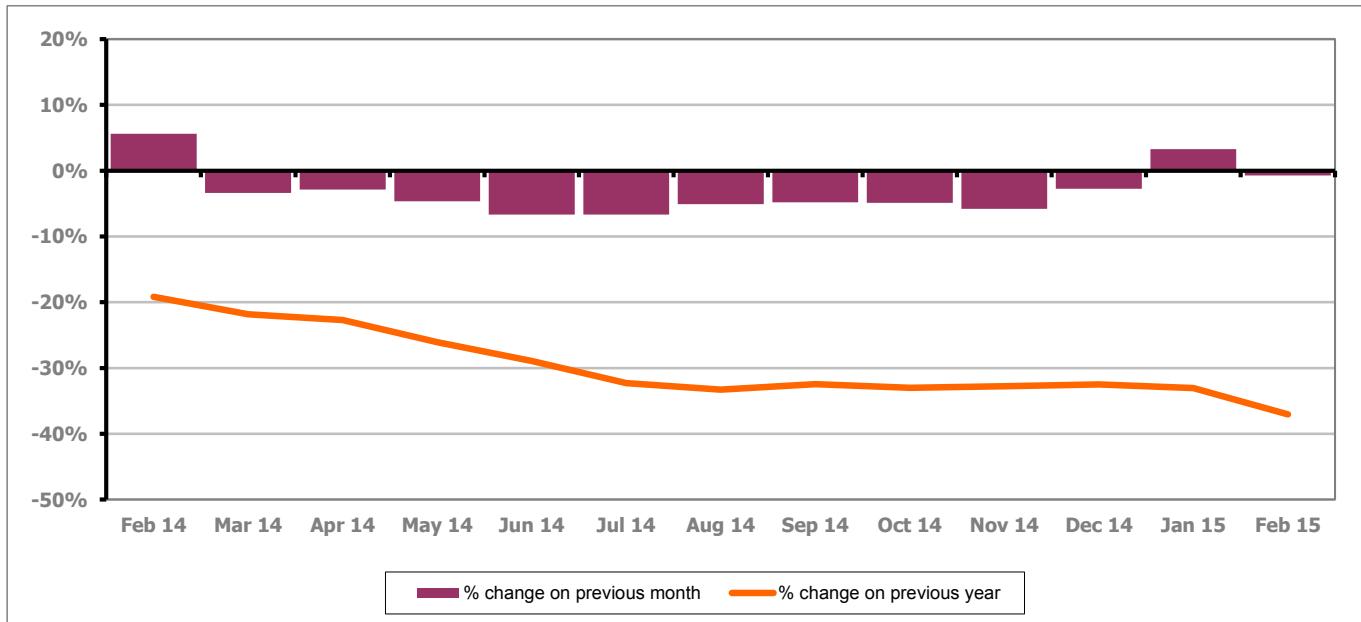
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 0.7% since January 2015. The change on the previous year has decreased between January and February 2015 to -37.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - February 2015

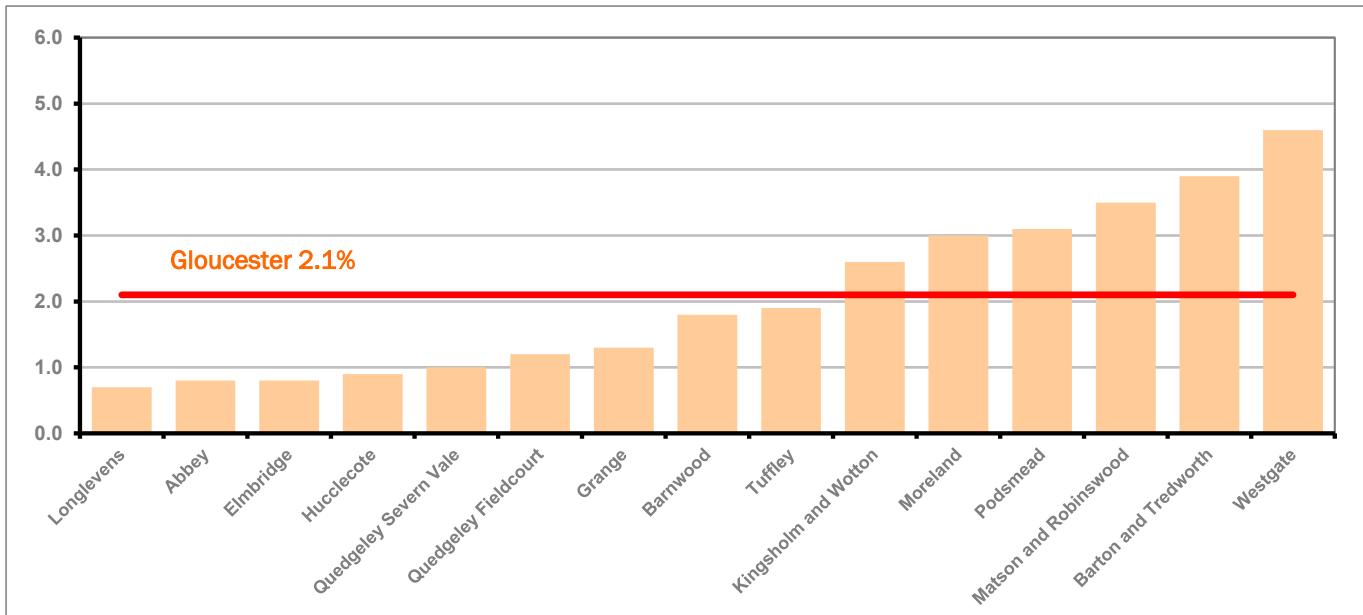
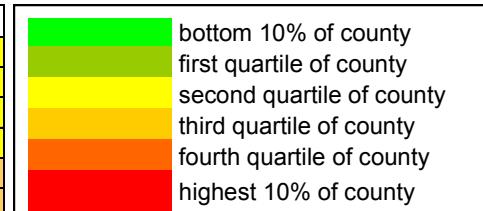


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.1%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - February 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.7	38
Gloucester	Abbey	0.8	57
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.8	57
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.9	69
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.0	83
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.2	96
Gloucester	Grange	1.3	103
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.8	124
Gloucester	Tuffley	1.9	125
Gloucester	Kingsholme and Wotton	2.6	134
Gloucester	Moreland	3.0	136
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.1	137
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	3.5	140
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	3.9	141
Gloucester	Westgate	4.6	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.

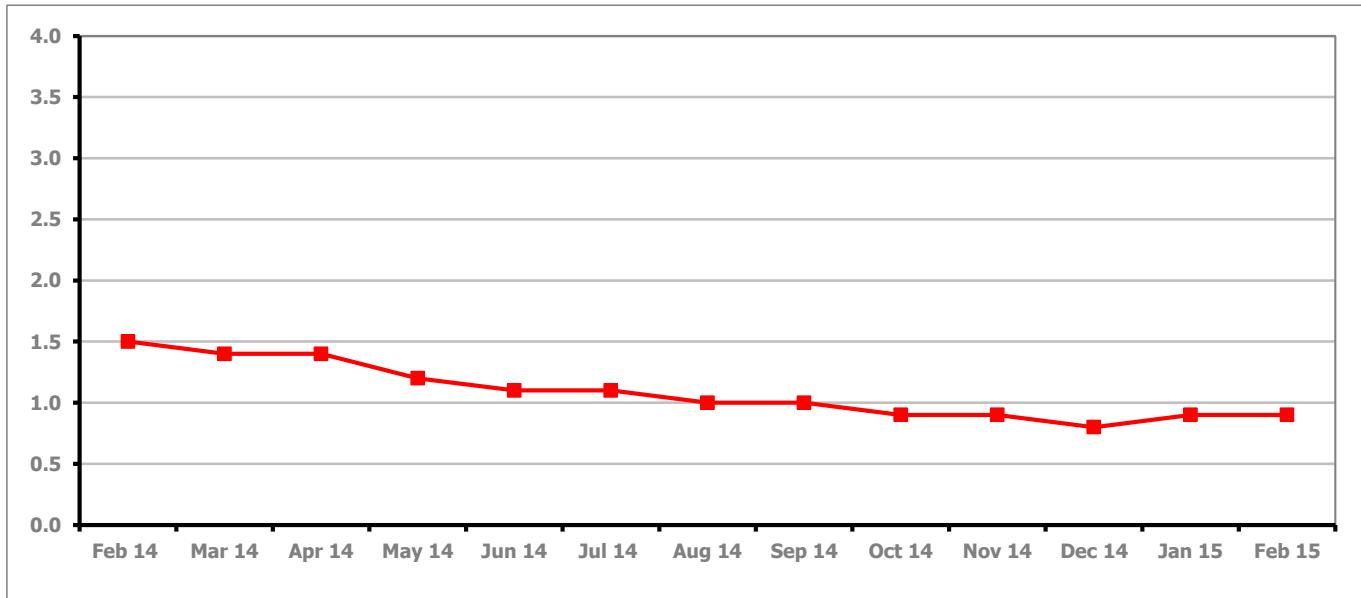
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained the same as last month at 0.9%.

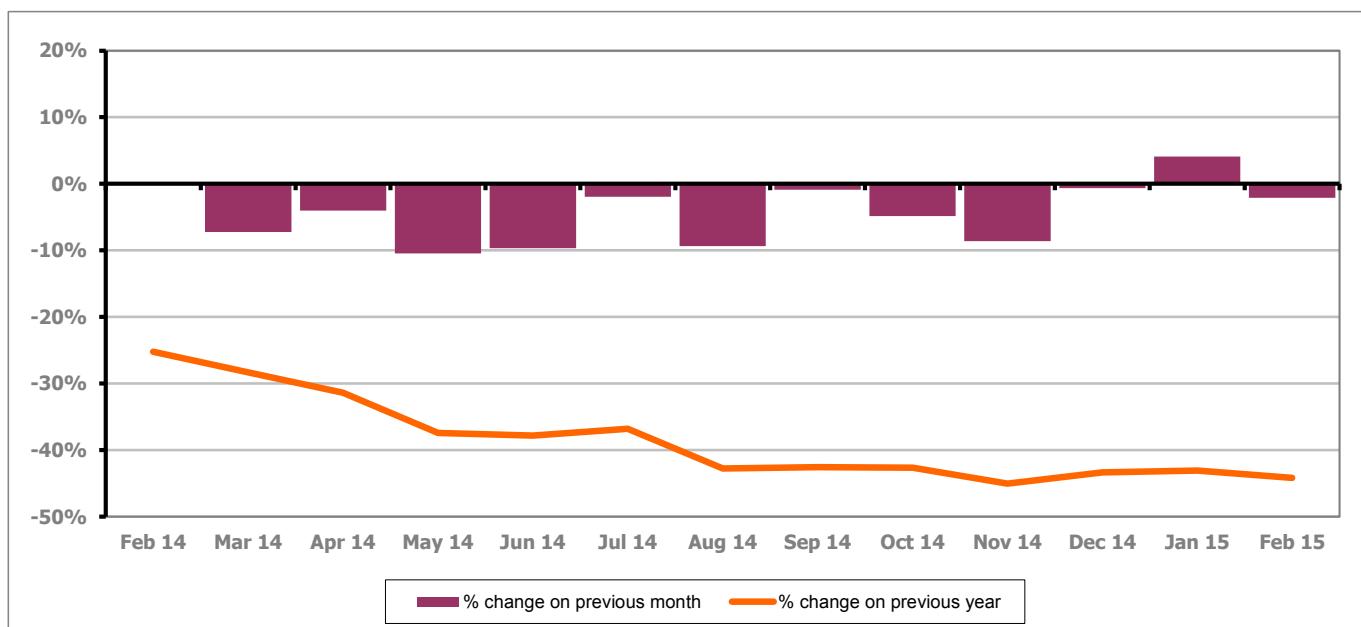
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 2.1% since January 2015. The change on the previous year has decreased between January and February 2015 to -44.2%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - February 2015

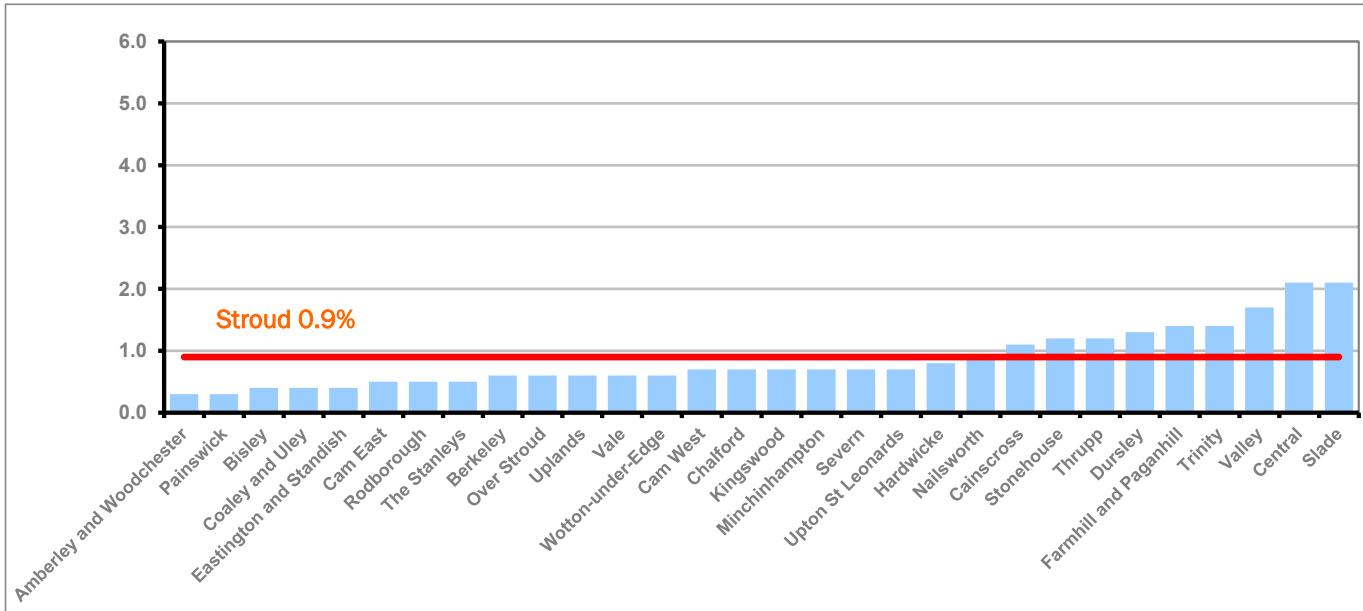
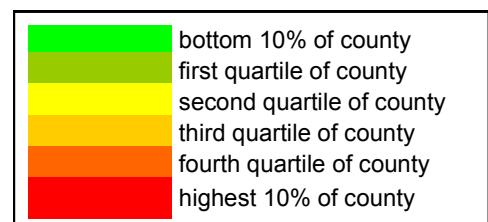


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.9%. Nine wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - February 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.3	5
Stroud	Painswick	0.3	5
Stroud	Bisley	0.4	13
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.4	13
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.4	13
Stroud	Cam East	0.5	17
Stroud	Rodborough	0.5	17
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.5	17
Stroud	Berkeley	0.6	30
Stroud	Over Stroud	0.6	30
Stroud	Uplands	0.6	30
Stroud	Vale	0.6	30
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.6	30
Stroud	Cam West	0.7	38
Stroud	Chalford	0.7	38
Stroud	Kingswood	0.7	38
Stroud	Minchinhampton	0.7	38
Stroud	Severn	0.7	38
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.7	38
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.8	57
Stroud	Nailsworth	0.9	69
Stroud	Cainscross	1.1	89
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.2	96
Stroud	Thrupp	1.2	96
Stroud	Dursley	1.3	103
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	1.4	106
Stroud	Trinity	1.4	106
Stroud	Valley	1.7	120
Stroud	Central	2.1	129
Stroud	Slade	2.1	129



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

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

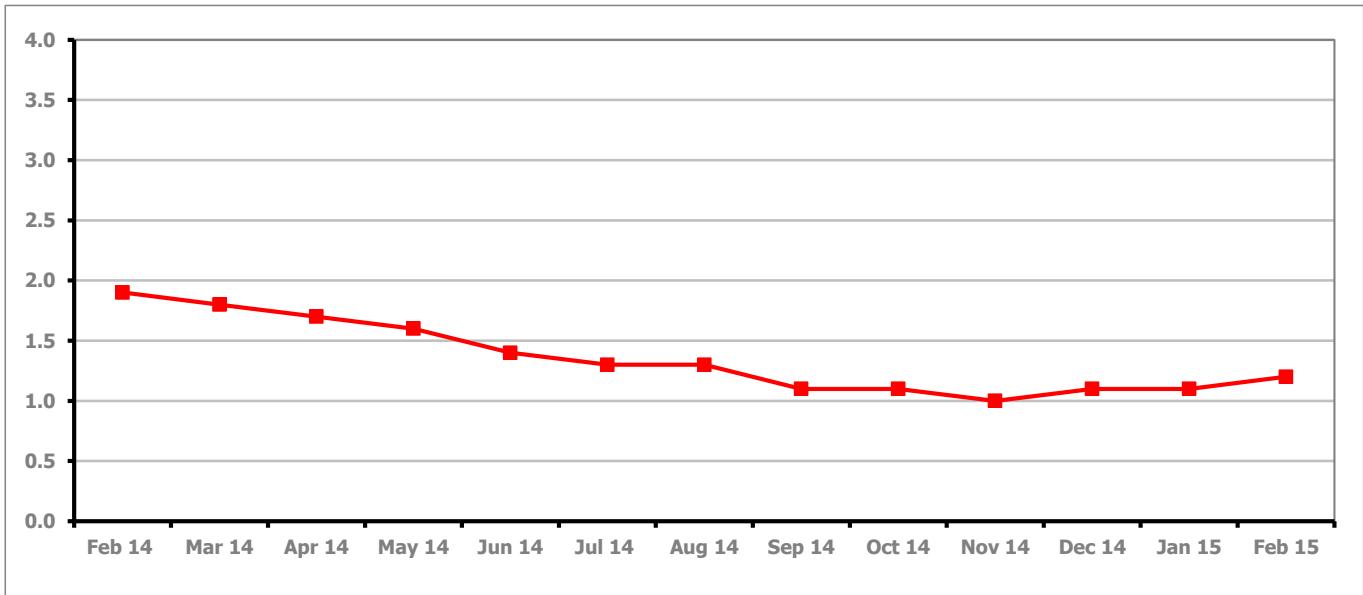


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District increased in February 2015 to 1.2%

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

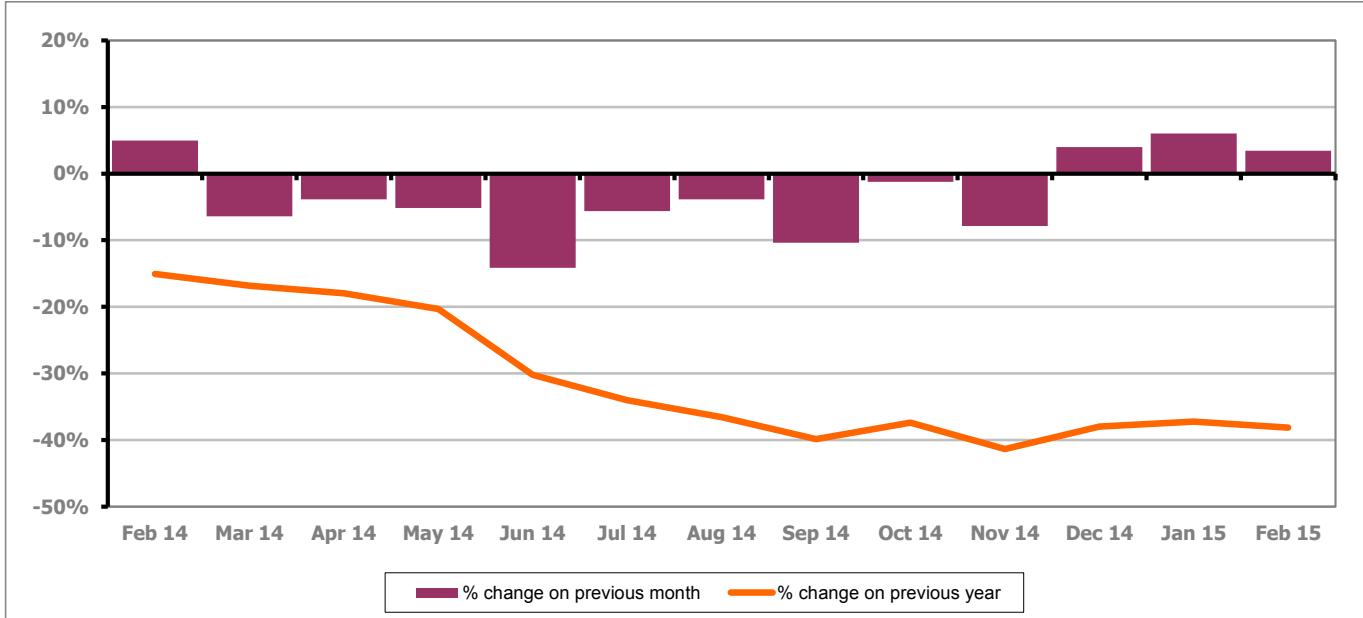


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count increased by 3.4% since January 2015. The change on the previous year decreased between January and February 2015 to -38.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - February 2015

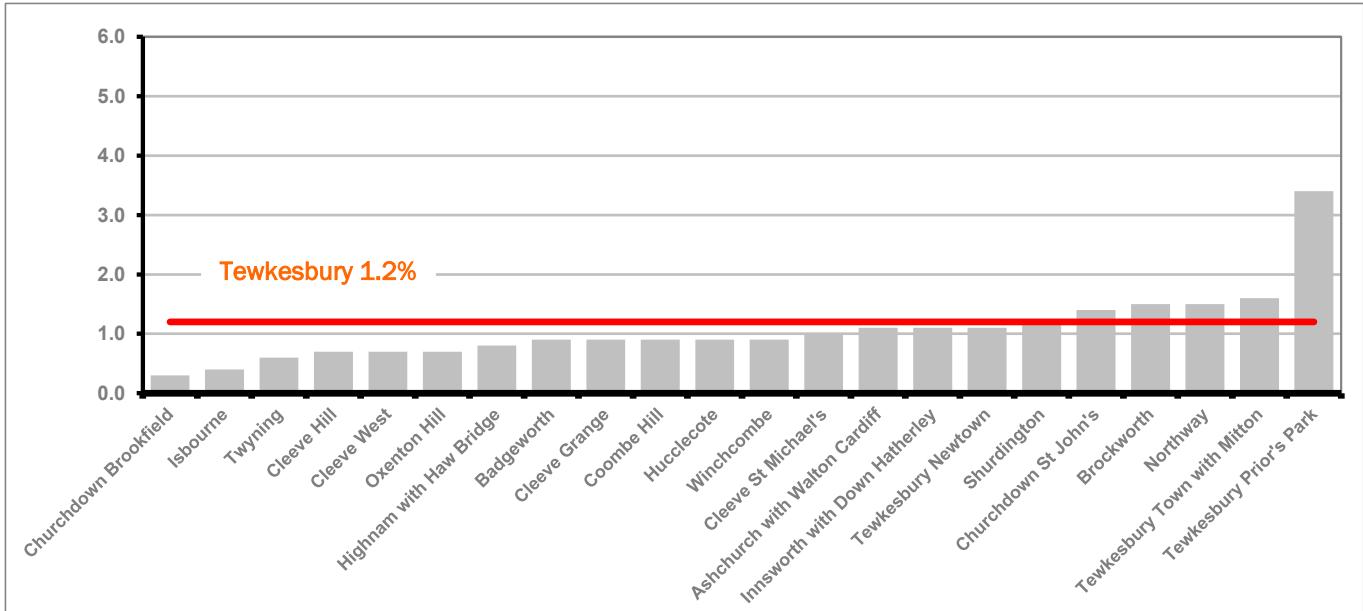
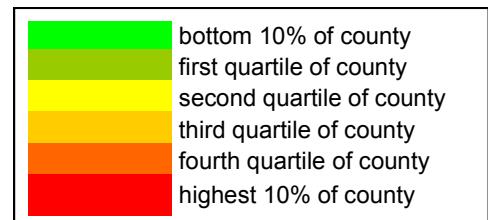


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.2% and five wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - February 2015

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.3	5
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.4	13
Tewkesbury	Twyning	0.6	30
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.7	38
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.7	38
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	38
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.8	57
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.9	69
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	0.9	69
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	0.9	69
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	0.9	69
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	0.9	69
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.0	83
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.1	89
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.1	89
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.1	89
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.2	96
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.4	106
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.5	113
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.5	113
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.6	118
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	3.4	139



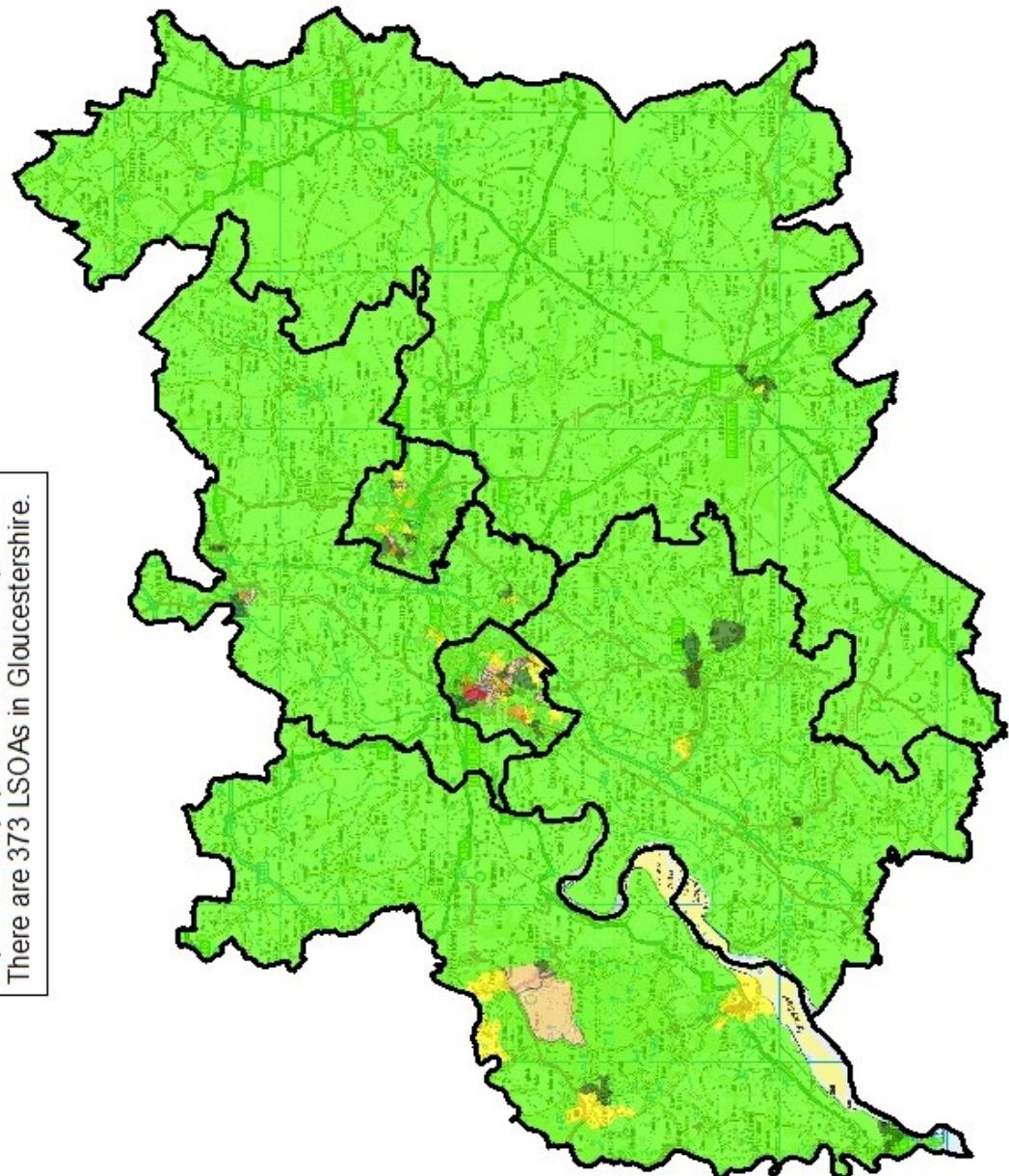
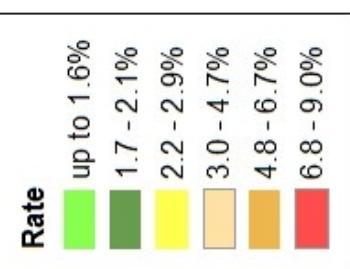
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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

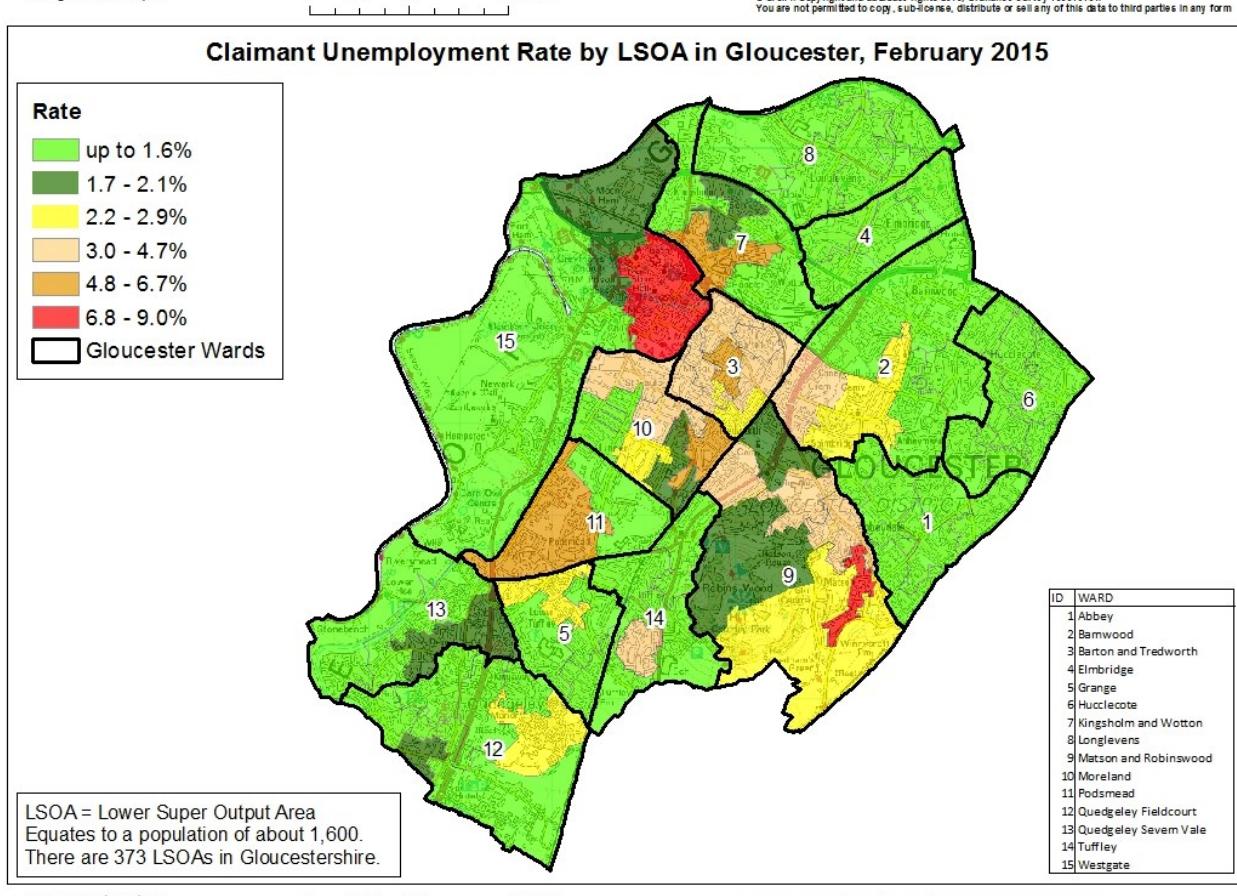
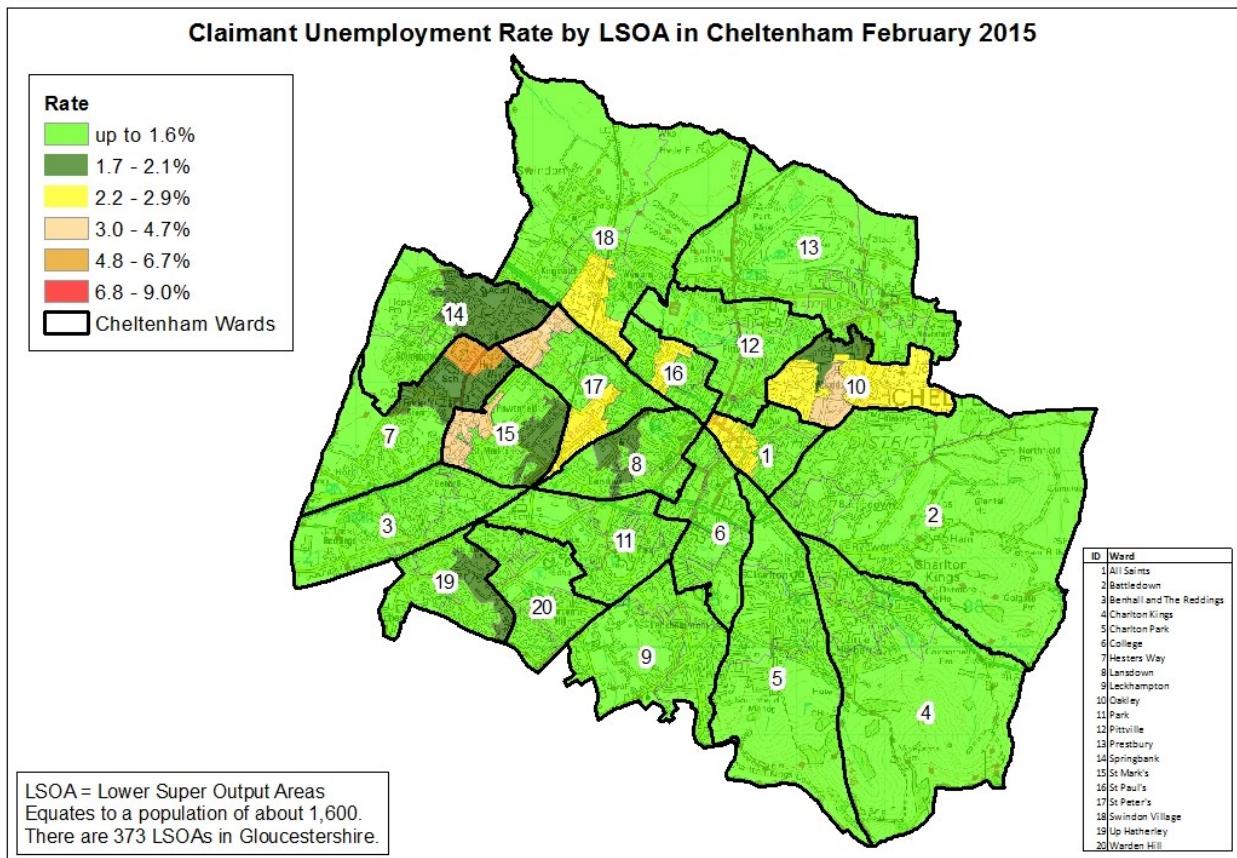
PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Unemployment Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, February 2015

LSOA = Lower Super Output Area.
Equate to a population of about 1,600.
There are 373 LSOAs in Gloucestershire.



PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



PART 6: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT(18-24 year olds)

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

The claimant rate for young people is higher than for the working age (16-64) population with 2.3% of 18-24 year olds in Gloucestershire claiming Job Seekers Allowance (1.3% for working age).

Figure 22: Youth Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

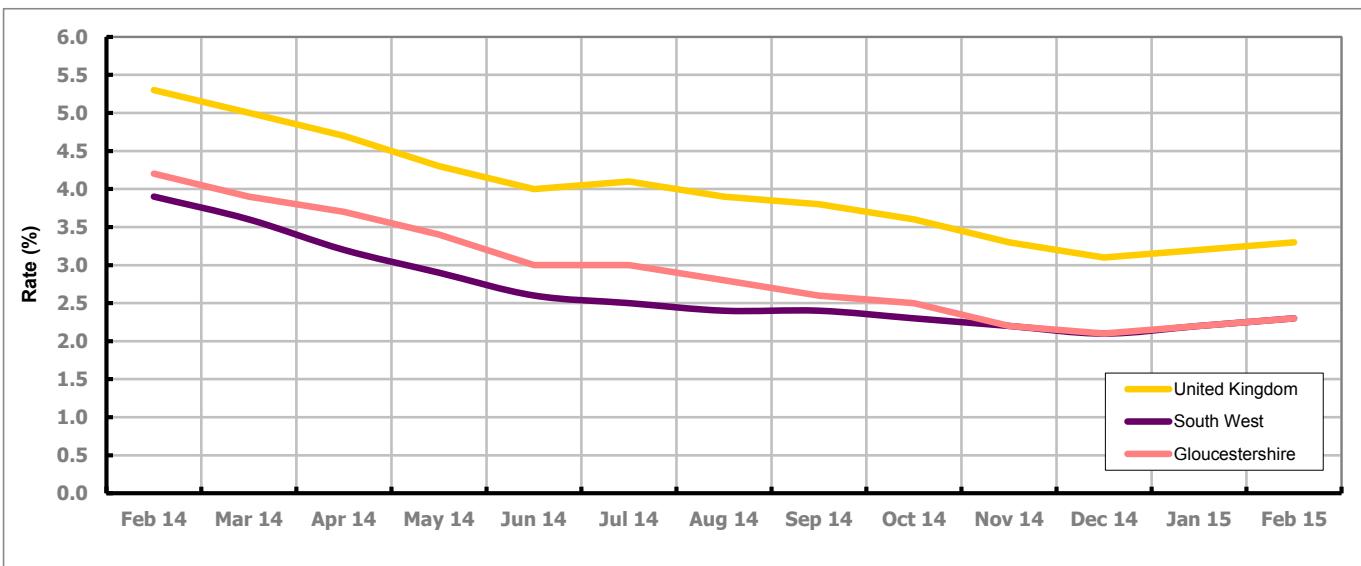


Figure 22 shows Gloucestershire's 18-24 claimant rate is the same as the South West average of 2.3%, but 1.0% lower than the UK average of 3.3%

Figure 23: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

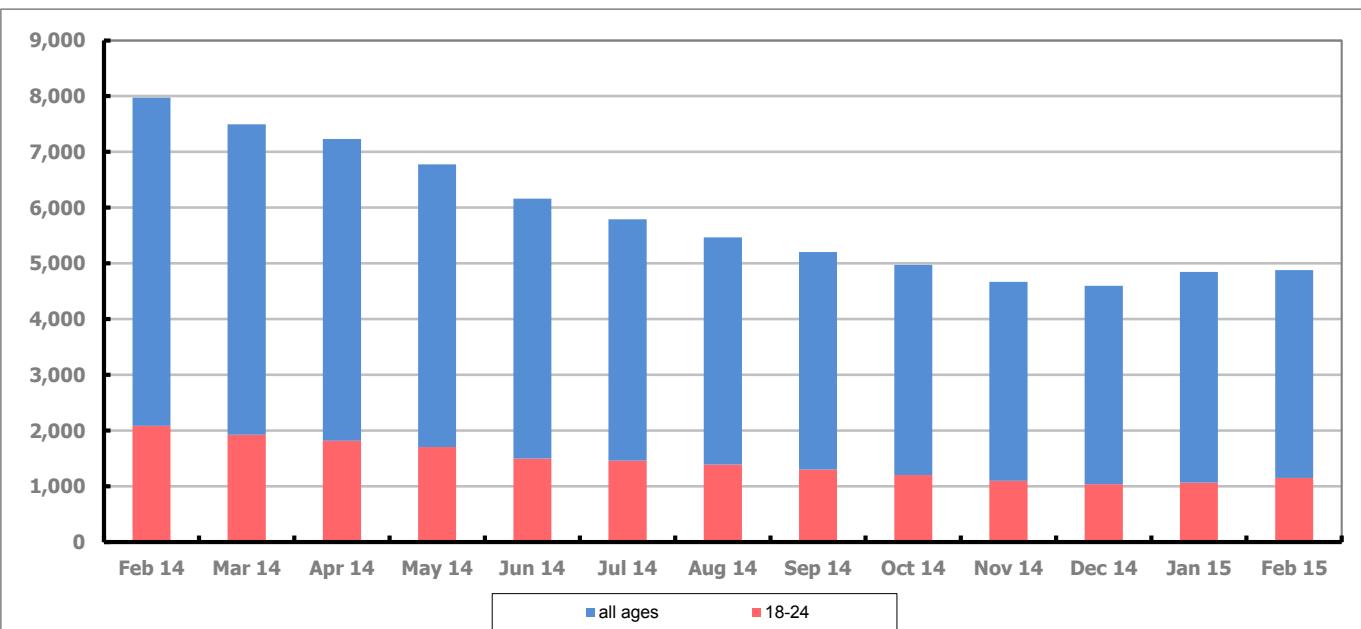


Figure 23 shows that in February 2015, 1,150 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance in Gloucestershire, this represents 23.5% of total working age claimants.

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Figure 24: Youth Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

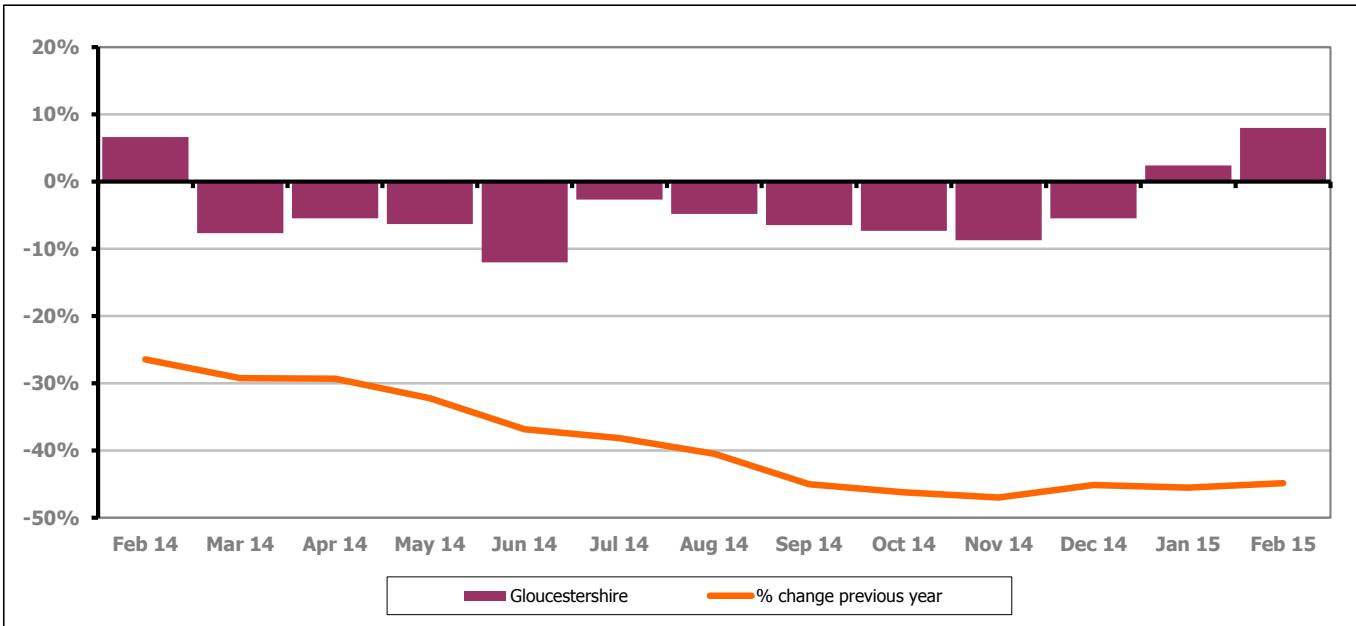


Figure 24 shows the number of young claimants increased in February 2015 by 8.0% this represented 85 people. Over the last year the number of young claimants fell by 44.8% or 935 people.

Youth unemployment and duration of claim

Figure 25: Duration of claim in the 18-24 year age group

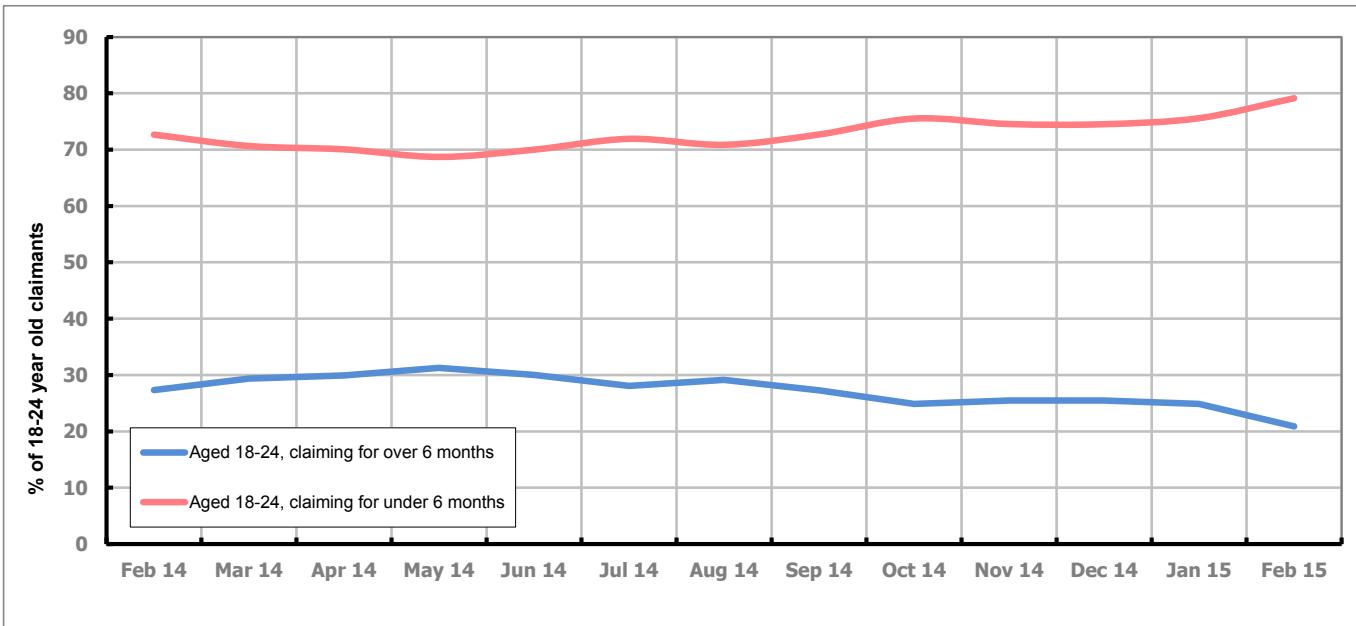


Figure 25 shows the proportion of 18-24 year olds claiming for less than six months increased from 75.6% of 18-24 year old claimants in January to 79.1% in February 2015. During the same period those claiming for more than six months decreased from 24.9% to 20.9%.

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 February 2015 there were 532 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 3.64%. The total number of NEET decreased by 37 young people in February 2015 compared to January 2015. Five districts saw a decrease in their NEET figures and one district stayed the same.

Total NEET Group by District Area

February 2015 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	99	67	66	171	74	55	532
Cohort	2609	2069	2051	4536	2877	1720	15862
% NEET	3.79	3.24	3.22	3.77	2.57	3.20	3.64

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 426900.

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