

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

April 2015

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 4 persons to 4,620 a rate of 1.2%.

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

Area	Apr'15 Number	Apr'15 Rate	Mar'15 Number	Mar'15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate %
UK	795,967	1.9	826,849	2.0	-30,882	-3.7	-0.1
GB	751,795	1.9	780,964	2.0	-29,169	-3.7	-0.1
England & Wales	671,163	1.9	696,511	1.9	-25,348	-3.6	0.0
England	624,743	1.8	648,280	1.9	-23,537	-3.6	-0.1
South West	39,350	1.2	41,853	1.3	-2,503	-6.0	-0.1
Gloucestershire	4,620	1.2	4,624	1.2	-4	-0.1	0.0
Cheltenham	945	1.3	915	1.2	30	3.3	0.1
Cotswold	352	0.7	354	0.7	-2	-0.6	0.0
Forest of Dean	627	1.2	645	1.3	-18	-2.8	-0.1
Gloucester	1,573	2.0	1,589	2.0	-16	-1.0	0.0
Stroud	572	0.8	585	0.8	-13	-2.2	0.0
Tewkesbury	551	1.1	536	1.0	15	2.8	0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 29,169 persons to **751,795** a rate of **1.9%**.

The County rate of unemployment remained the same as last month at **1.2%**.

Cheltenham and Tewkesbury saw an increase in claimants, while the remaining districts experienced a decrease.

The number of males unemployed in the County increased to **3,036 (1.6%)**. The number of females unemployed stands at **1,584 (0.8%)** representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **1.83 million** unemployed at a rate of **5.5%**. 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 **0.76 million** at a rate of **1.9%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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