CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR
February 2010
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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 257 persons to 11,950, a rate of 3.4%.

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

Area	Feb'10 Number	Feb'10 Rate	Jan'10 Number	Jan'10 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,657,041	4.4	1,654,025	4.3	3,016	0.2	0.1
GB	1,600,181	4.3	1,597,855	4.3	2,326	0.1	0.0
England & Wales	1,453,271	4.3	1,452,985	4.3	286	0.0	0.0
England	1,370,285	4.3	1,369,811	4.3	474	0.0	0.0
South West	98,015	3.1	97,758	3.1	257	0.3	0.0
Gloucestershire	11,950	3.4	12,207	3.5	-257	-2.1	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,696	3.9	2,811	4.0	-115	-4.1	-0.1
Cotswold	1,039	2.2	1,077	2.2	-38	-3.5	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,681	3.5	1,704	3.5	-23	-1.3	0.0
Gloucester	3,244	4.5	3,282	4.6	-38	-1.2	-0.1
Stroud	1,940	3.0	1,951	3.0	-11	-0.6	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,350	2.9	1,382	3.0	-32	-2.3	-0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **increased** by **2,326** persons to **1,600,181** a rate of **4.3%.**

The County rate of unemployment has decreased to **3.4%**.

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

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **8,754 (4.8%),** a decrease on last month and the number of females unemployed stands at **3,196 (1.9%)** an increase on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

1) the UK figure of **2.45 million** unemployed at a rate of **7.8%.** 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 **1.59 million** at a rate of **4.2%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level