

# Unemployment Bulletin

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The Claimant Count is a measure of the number of people who are unemployed and claiming benefits. From 1996 until the recent introduction of Universal Credit, this was based on the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. However, since its introduction some unemployment benefit claimants will be claiming Universal Credit instead. **To reflect this change, the Claimant Count has been expanded to include people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit and who are searching for work.**

Gloucestershire is in the process of transitioning to full Universal Credit. This means a broader span of claimants will be required to look for work than previously under Jobseekers Allowance. As more people are brought within the coverage of Universal Credit, the Claimant Count is set to rise noticeably over time. This will happen irrespective of how the economy performs and is a feature of the design of Universal Credit which brings additional groups of people into 'Searching for Work' conditionality (and therefore the Claimant Count), to help encourage and support these claimants into work.

For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](#).

## 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 Data & Analysis Team in the County Council's Planning, Performance and Change function. The data are sourced from the Office for National Statistics via Nomis ([www.nomis.co.uk](http://www.nomis.co.uk)). All data are rounded to the nearest 5 and may not precisely add to the sum of the number of people claiming JSA, and the number of people claiming Universal Credit required to seek work, due to independent rounding.

## PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.6% in June 2024. The South West rate remained at 2.7% and the UK rate increased to 3.9%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.1% lower than the South West average of 2.7%, and 1.3% lower than the UK average of 3.9%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in June 2024 increased by **165 people**. The amount of people claiming in June was 1.6% higher than the number in May. This compares to a 1.1% increase in the South West and a 0.1% increase in the UK.

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## DISTRICTS AT A GLANCE

At a glance unemployment information grouped by district. Includes:

**Claimant count:** Total number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in June 2024

**Claimant count change on previous month:** How much larger/smaller June's claimant count is compared to May expressed as a %

**Claimant rate:** The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in June 2024

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

### CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	2,045
Claimant count change on previous month:	1.7%
Claimant rate:	2.7%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Oakley (5.7%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	3,030
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.5%
Claimant rate:	3.6%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Westgate (7.6%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	970
Claimant count change on previous month:	1.0%
Claimant rate:	1.8%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watermoor (4.2%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,420
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.7%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Slade (4.1%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,600
Claimant count change on previous month:	5.3%
Claimant rate:	3.1%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tidenham (7.2%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,280
Claimant count change on previous month:	1.2%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (4.3%)

## 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

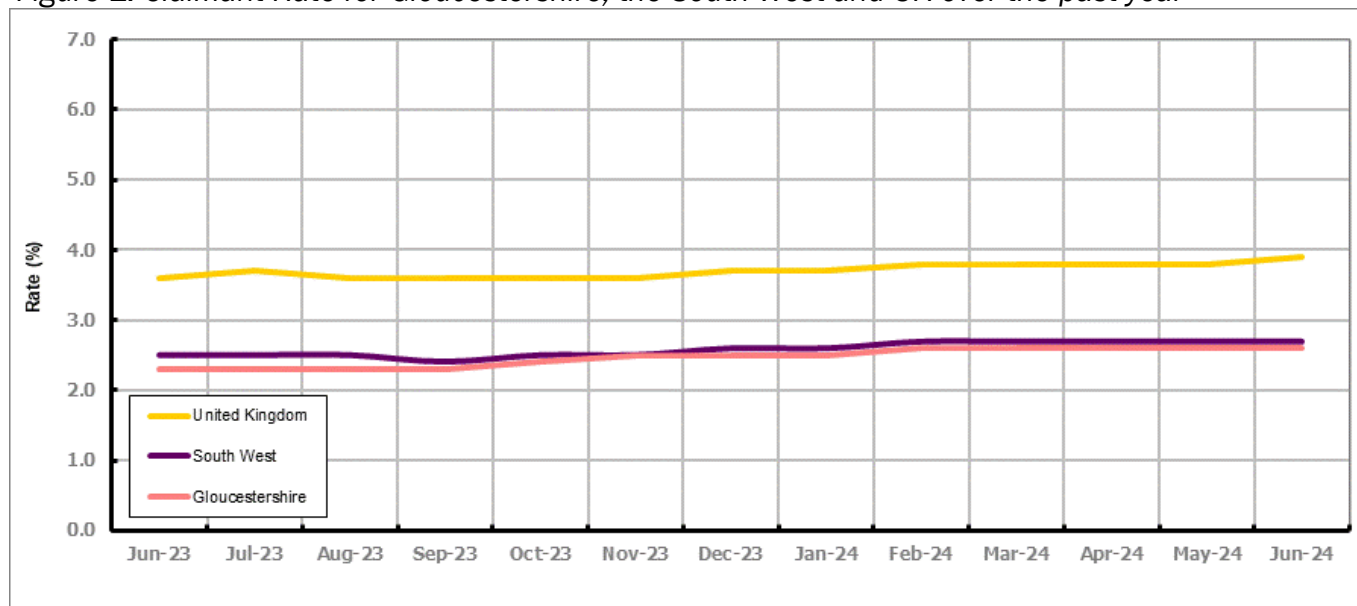


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.6% in June 2024. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since November 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 and, more recently, November 2023 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.2% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in June 2024	% change on May 2024	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,664,025	3.7%	1
South West	93,720	1.1%	0
Gloucestershire	10,345	1.6%	0

Table 1 shows that in June 2024, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.6% higher than the number in May 2024.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - June 2024

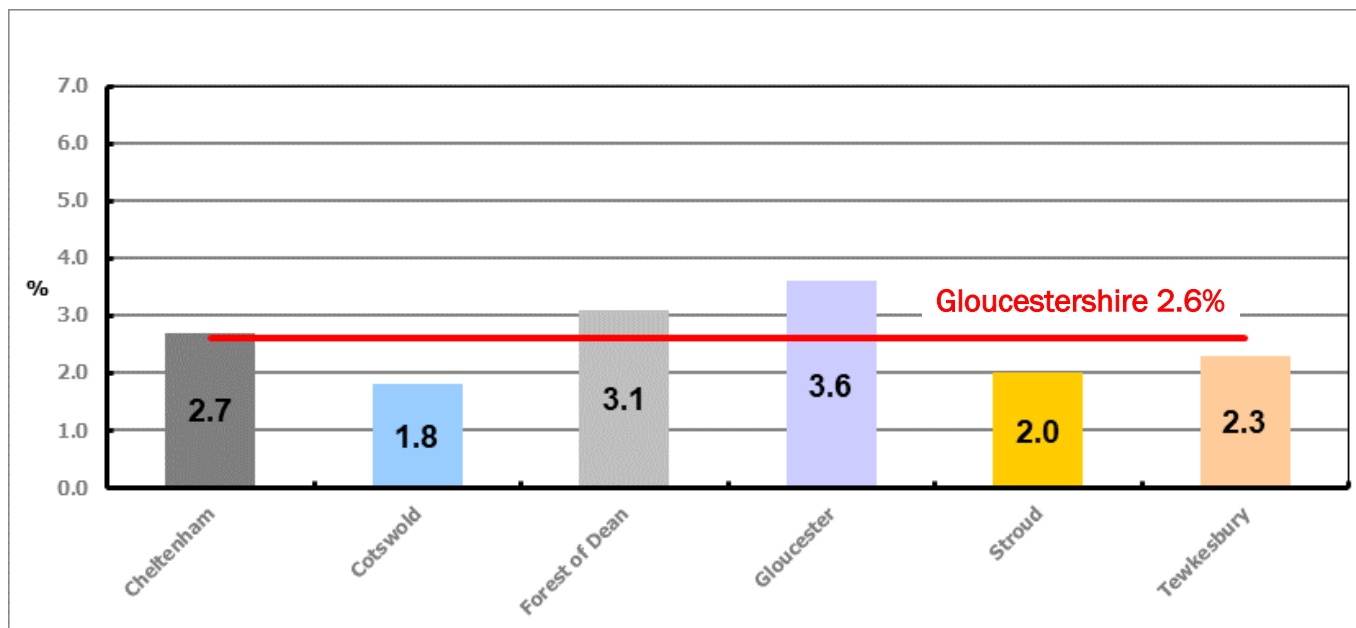


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for June 2024 in Gloucestershire. Between May and June 2024 the rate remained the same in all districts except Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury where there was an increase.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jun 24 Number	Jun 24 Rate	May 24 Number	May 24 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	10,345	2.6	10,180	2.6	165	1.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	2,045	2.7	2,010	2.7	35	1.7%	0.0
Cotswold	970	1.8	960	1.8	10	1.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,600	3.1	1,520	3.0	80	5.3%	0.1
Gloucester	3,030	3.6	3,015	3.6	15	0.5%	0.0
Stroud	1,420	2.0	1,410	2.0	10	0.7%	0.0
Tewkesbury	1,280	2.3	1,265	2.2	15	1.2%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in June compared to May 2024. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jun 24 Number	Jun 24 Rate	May 24 Number	May 24 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	5,635	2.9	5,565	2.9	70	1.3%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,155	3.1	1,125	3.0	30	2.7%	0.1
Cotswold	480	1.9	480	1.9	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	855	3.4	810	3.2	45	5.6%	0.2
Gloucester	1,780	4.2	1,755	4.2	25	1.4%	0.0
Stroud	715	2.0	725	2.0	-10	-1.4%	0.0
Tewkesbury	655	2.4	665	2.4	-10	-1.5%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in June compared to May 2024. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants, except Stroud and Tewkesbury which saw a decrease, and Cotswold which stayed the same.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jun 24 Number	Jun 24 Rate	May 24 Number	May 24 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	4,710	2.4	4,615	2.3	95	2.1%	0.1
Cheltenham	890	2.3	885	2.3	5	0.6%	0.0
Cotswold	490	1.8	480	1.8	10	2.1%	0.0
Forest of Dean	745	2.9	710	2.7	35	4.9%	0.2
Gloucester	1,250	2.9	1,260	3.0	-10	-0.8%	-0.1
Stroud	705	1.9	685	1.9	20	2.9%	0.0
Tewkesbury	625	2.1	595	2.0	30	5.0%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in June compared to May 2024. All districts saw an increase in the number of female claimants, except Gloucester which 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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

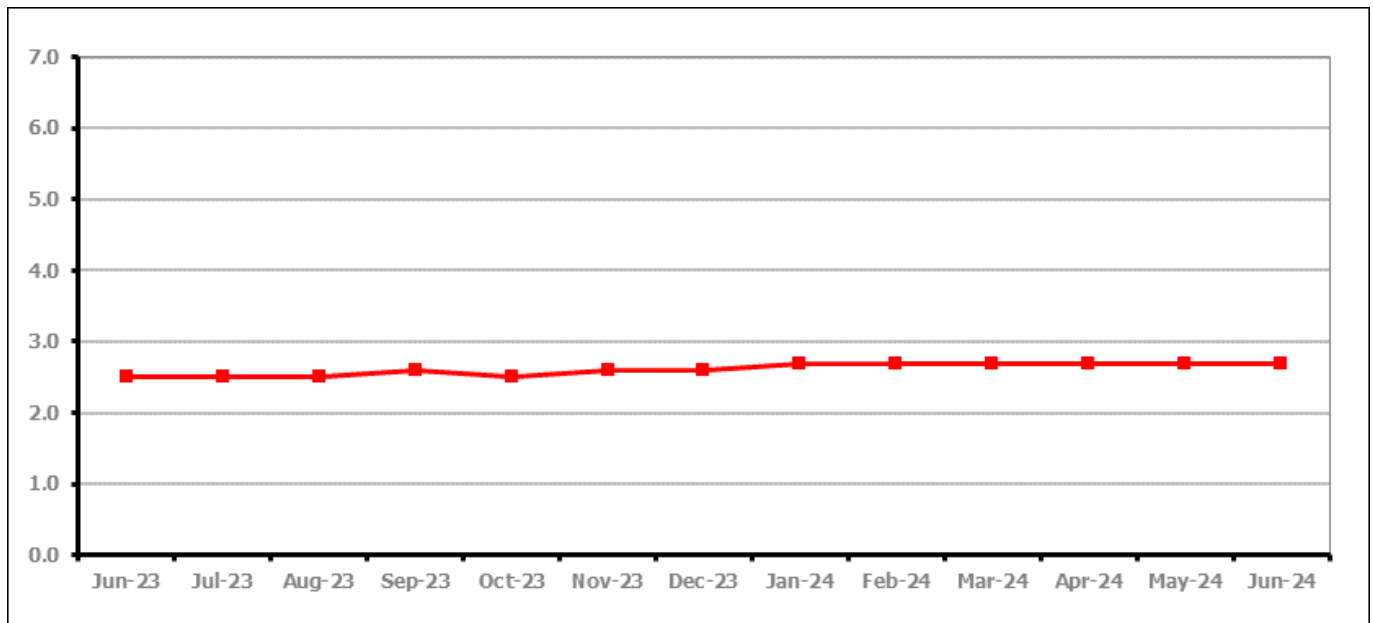


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained at 2.7% in June 2024.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - June 2024

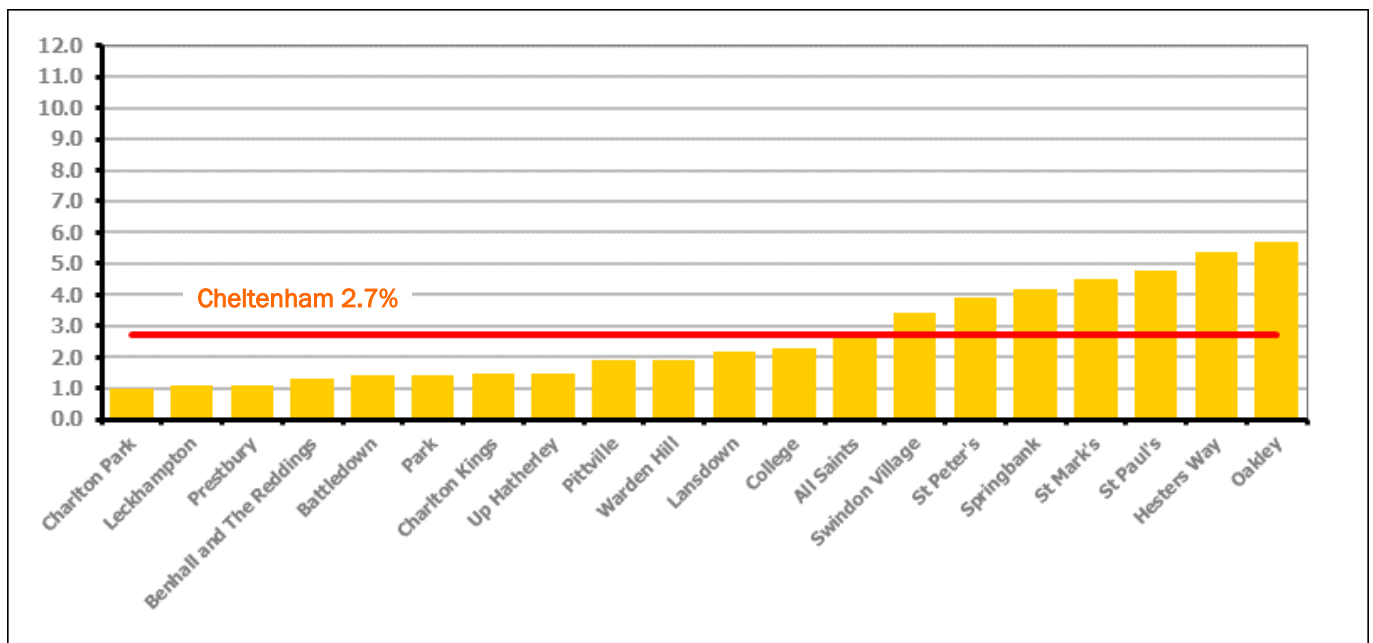


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.7%. Seven wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - June 2024

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.0	3
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.1	5
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.1	5
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.3	17
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.4	27
Cheltenham	Park	1.4	27
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.5	29
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.5	29
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.9	55
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.9	55
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.2	72
Cheltenham	College	2.3	79
Cheltenham	All Saints	2.6	97
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.4	116
Cheltenham	St Peter's	3.9	119
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.2	123
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.5	128
Cheltenham	St Paul's	4.8	130
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	5.4	134
Cheltenham	Oakley	5.7	135

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\* 1 = "best" and 138 = "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 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

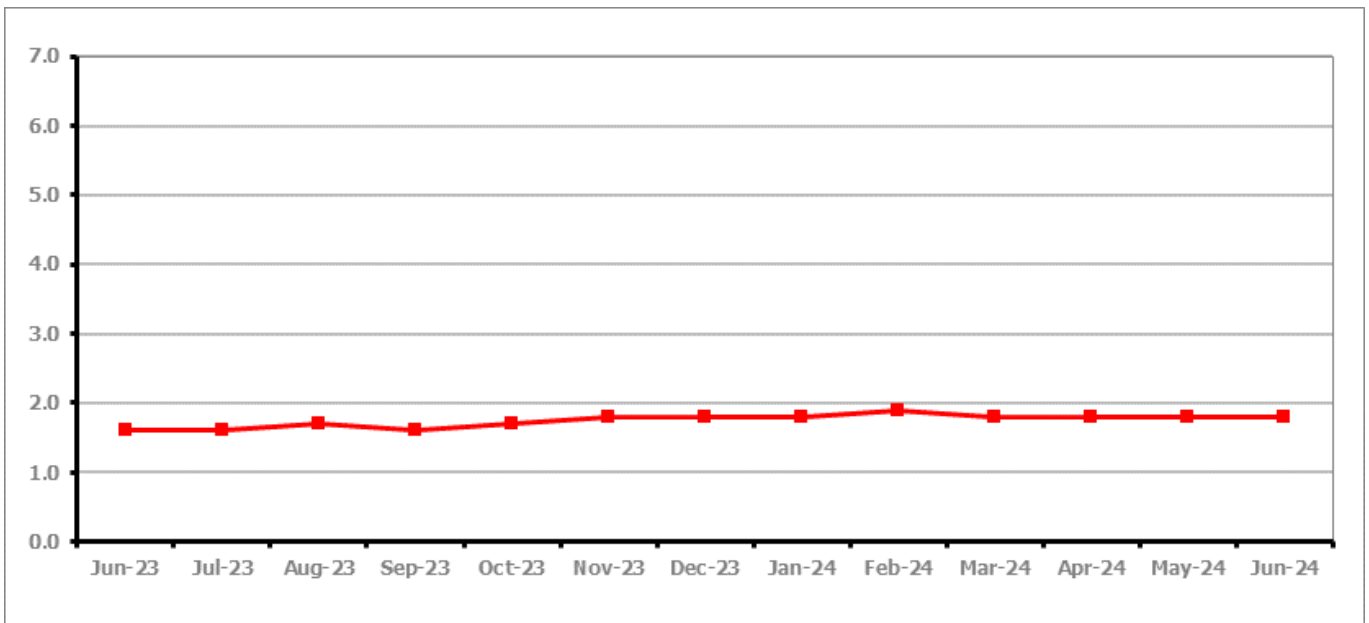


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained at 1.8% in June 2024.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards – June 2024

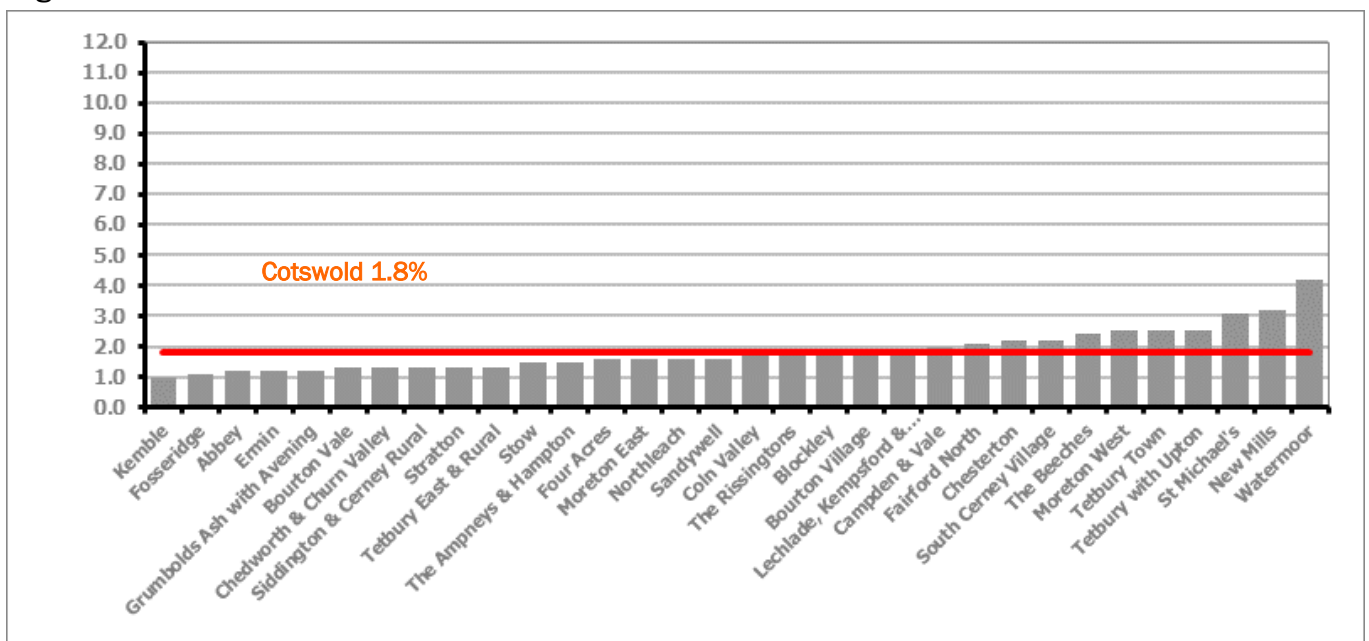


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.8%. Fourteen wards lie above the average.



## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - June 2024

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswold	Kemble	1.0	3
Cotswold	Fosseridge	1.1	5
Cotswold	Abbey	1.2	8
Cotswold	Ermin	1.2	8
Cotswold	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.2	8
Cotswold	Bourton Vale	1.3	17
Cotswold	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.3	17
Cotswold	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.3	17
Cotswold	Stratton	1.3	17
Cotswold	Tetbury East & Rural	1.3	17
Cotswold	Stow	1.5	29
Cotswold	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.5	29
Cotswold	Four Acres	1.6	39
Cotswold	Moreton East	1.6	39
Cotswold	Northleach	1.6	39
Cotswold	Sandywell	1.6	39
Cotswold	Coln Valley	1.7	47
Cotswold	The Rissingtons	1.7	47
Cotswold	Blockley	1.9	55
Cotswold	Bourton Village	1.9	55
Cotswold	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	1.9	55
Cotswold	Campden & Vale	2.0	62
Cotswold	Fairford North	2.1	67
Cotswold	Chesterton	2.2	72
Cotswold	South Cerney Village	2.2	72
Cotswold	The Beeches	2.4	84
Cotswold	Moreton West	2.5	88
Cotswold	Tetbury Town	2.5	88
Cotswold	Tetbury with Upton	2.5	88
Cotswold	St Michael's	3.1	109
Cotswold	New Mills	3.2	110
Cotswold	Watermoor	4.2	123

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

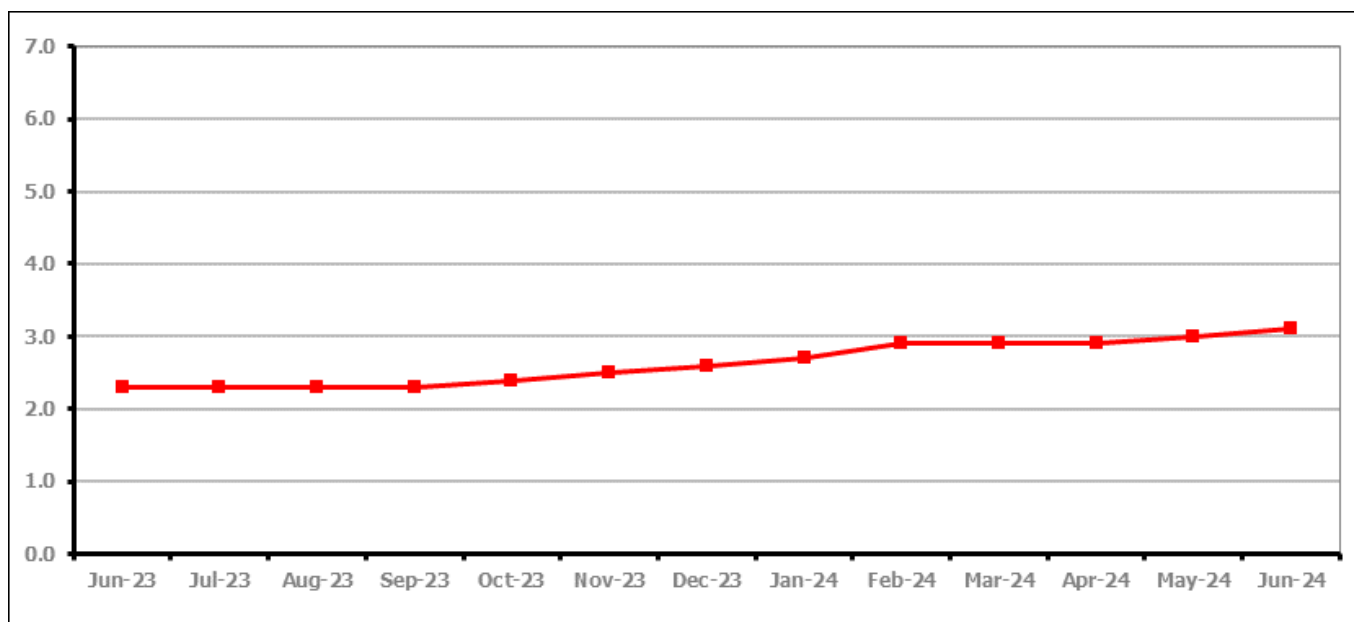
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased to 3.1% in June 2024.

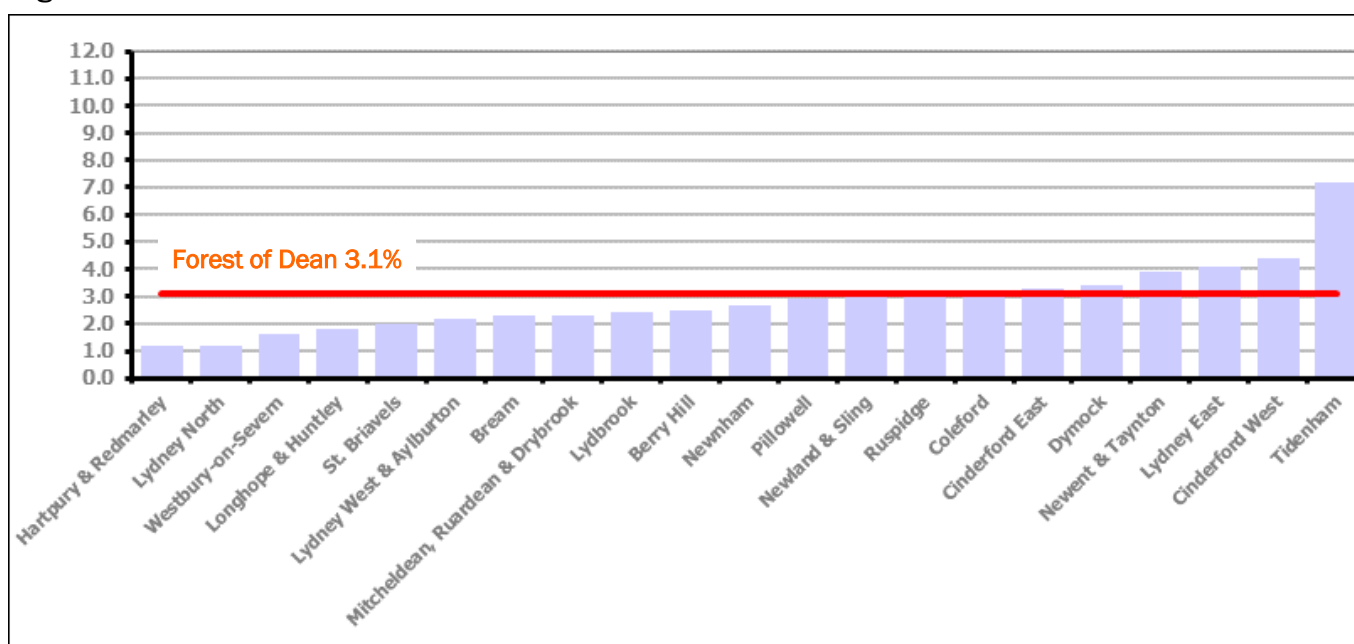
*Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards – June 2024*

Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 3.1%. Seven wards lie above the average.

**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.3 Forest of Dean District continued...***Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - June 2024*

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury & Redmarley	1.2	8
Forest	Lydney North	1.2	8
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	1.6	39
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	1.8	53
Forest	St. Briavels	2.0	62
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	2.2	72
Forest	Bream	2.3	79
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.3	79
Forest	Lydbrook	2.4	84
Forest	Berry Hill	2.5	88
Forest	Newnham	2.7	101
Forest	Pillowell	2.9	104
Forest	Newland & Sling	3.0	107
Forest	Ruspidge	3.0	107
Forest	Coleford	3.2	110
Forest	Cinderford East	3.3	114
Forest	Dymock	3.4	116
Forest	Newent & Taynton	3.9	119
Forest	Lydney East	4.1	121
Forest	Cinderford West	4.4	126
Forest	Tidenham	7.2	136

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Table 7 shows overall claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

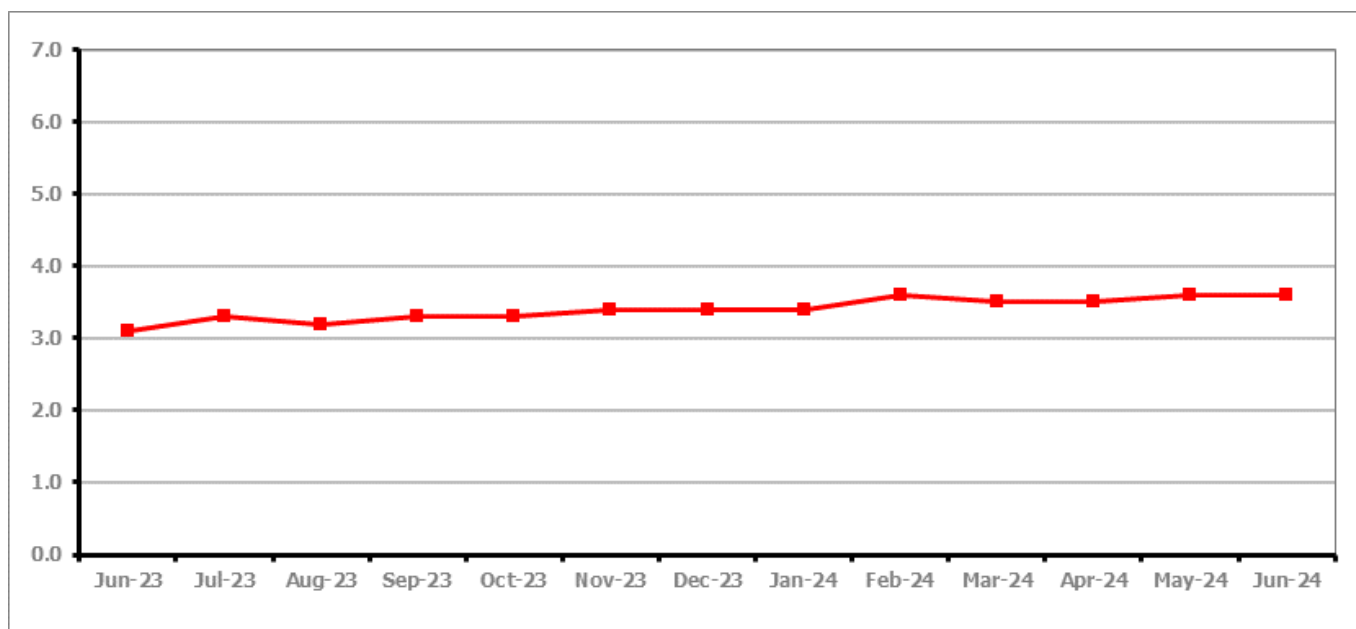
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained at 3.6% in June 2024.

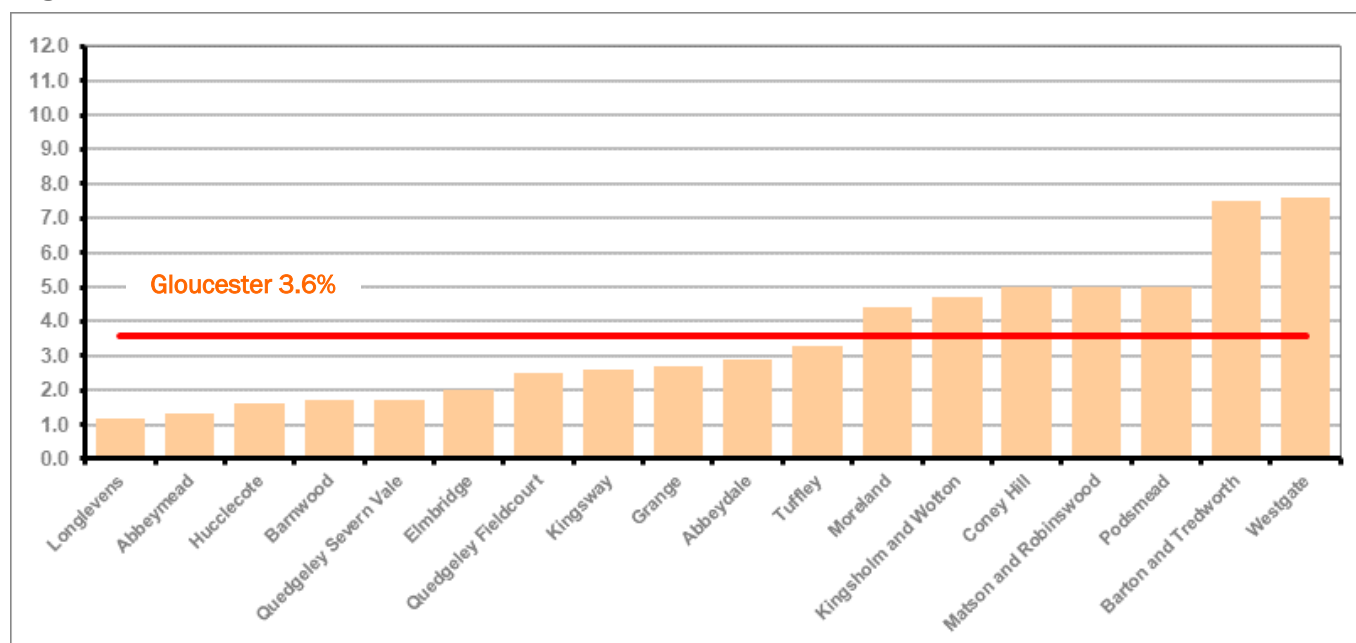
*Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - June 2024*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.6%. Seven wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - June 2024

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.2	8
Gloucester	Abbeymead	1.3	17
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.6	39
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.7	47
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.7	47
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.0	62
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.5	88
Gloucester	Kingsway	2.6	97
Gloucester	Grange	2.7	101
Gloucester	Abbeylea	2.9	104
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.3	114
Gloucester	Moreland	4.4	126
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.7	129
Gloucester	Coney Hill	5.0	131
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	5.0	131
Gloucester	Podsmead	5.0	131
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	7.5	137
Gloucester	Westgate	7.6	138

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Table 8 shows overall claimant rates for Gloucester City wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

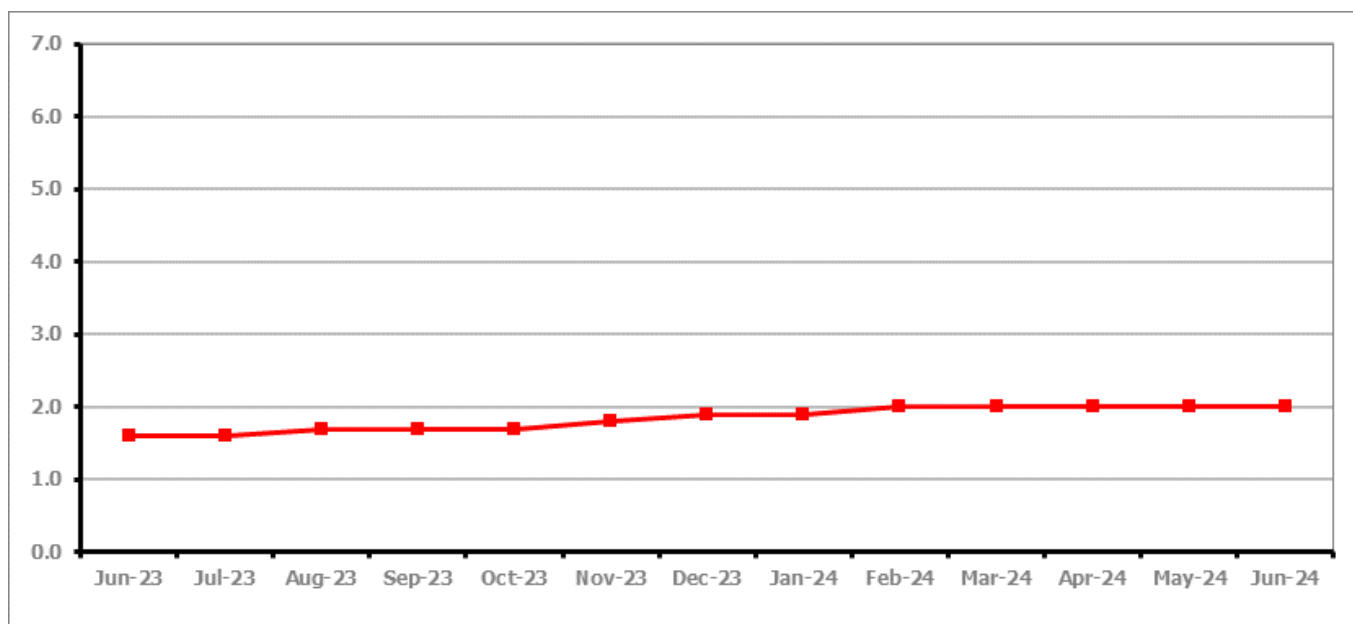
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained at 2.0% in June 2024.

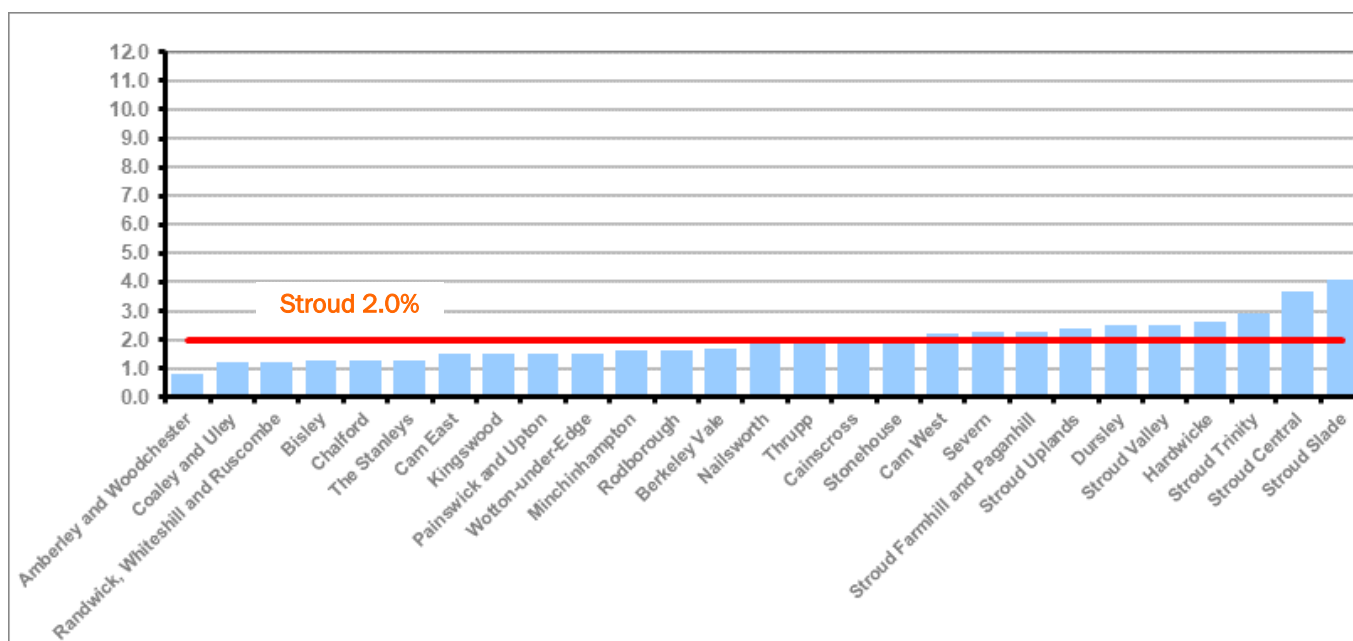
*Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - June 2024*

Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0%. Twelve wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - June 2024

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.8	1
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.2	8
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.2	8
Stroud	Bisley	1.3	17
Stroud	Chalford	1.3	17
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.3	17
Stroud	Cam East	1.5	29
Stroud	Kingswood	1.5	29
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	1.5	29
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.5	29
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.6	39
Stroud	Rodborough	1.6	39
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	1.7	47
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.9	55
Stroud	Thrupp	2.0	62
Stroud	Cainscross	2.1	67
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.1	67
Stroud	Cam West	2.2	72
Stroud	Severn	2.3	79
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	2.3	79
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	2.4	84
Stroud	Dursley	2.5	88
Stroud	Stroud Valley	2.5	88
Stroud	Hardwicke	2.6	97
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	2.9	104
Stroud	Stroud Central	3.7	118
Stroud	Stroud Slade	4.1	121

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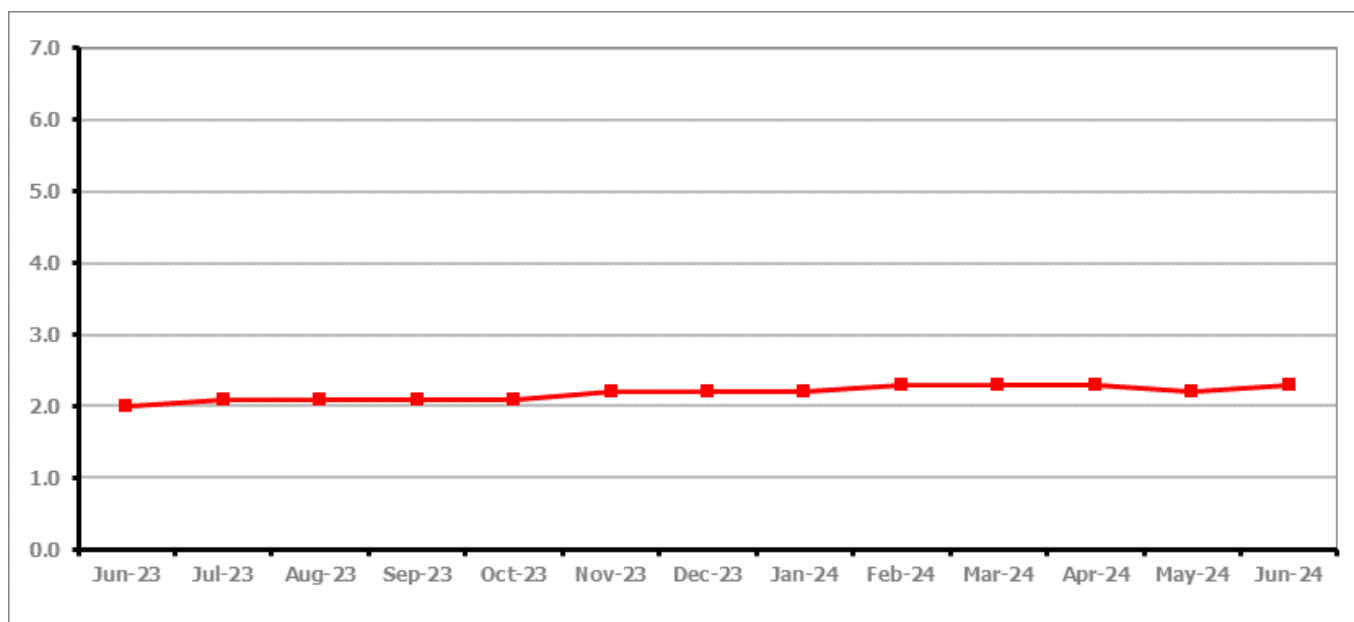
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.6 Tewkesbury Borough****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough increased to 2.3% in June 2024.

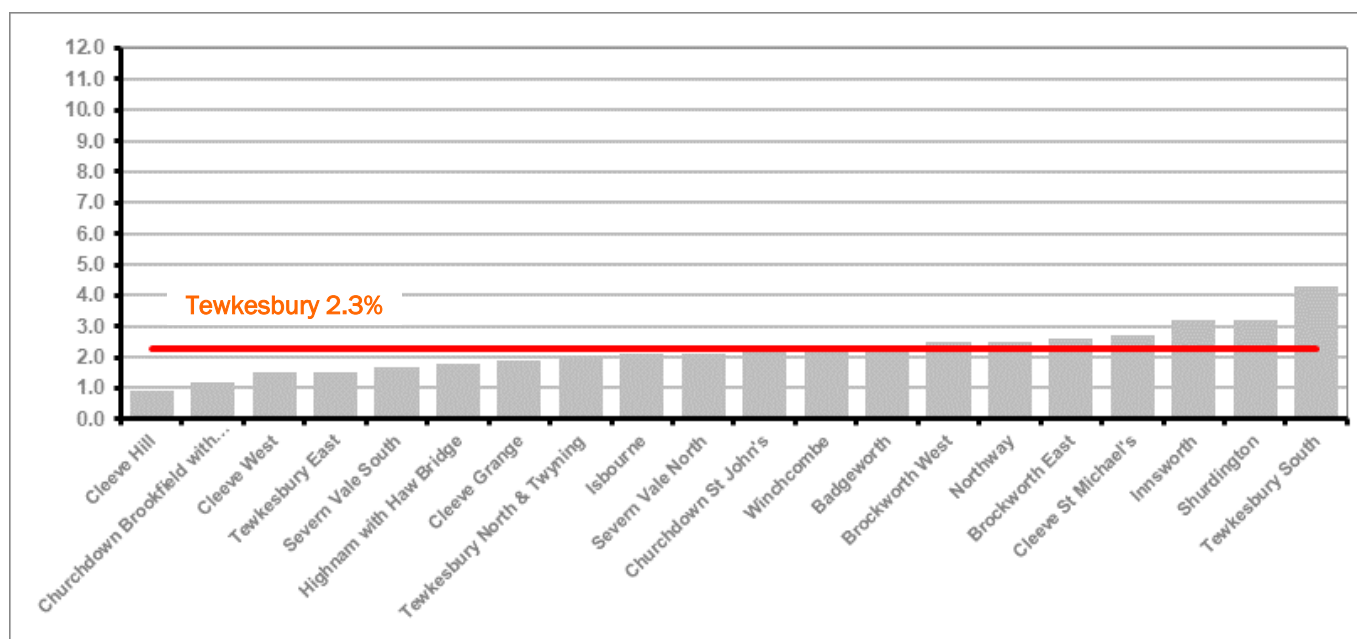
*Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - June 2024*

Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.3%. Eight wards are above the average.



## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - June 2024

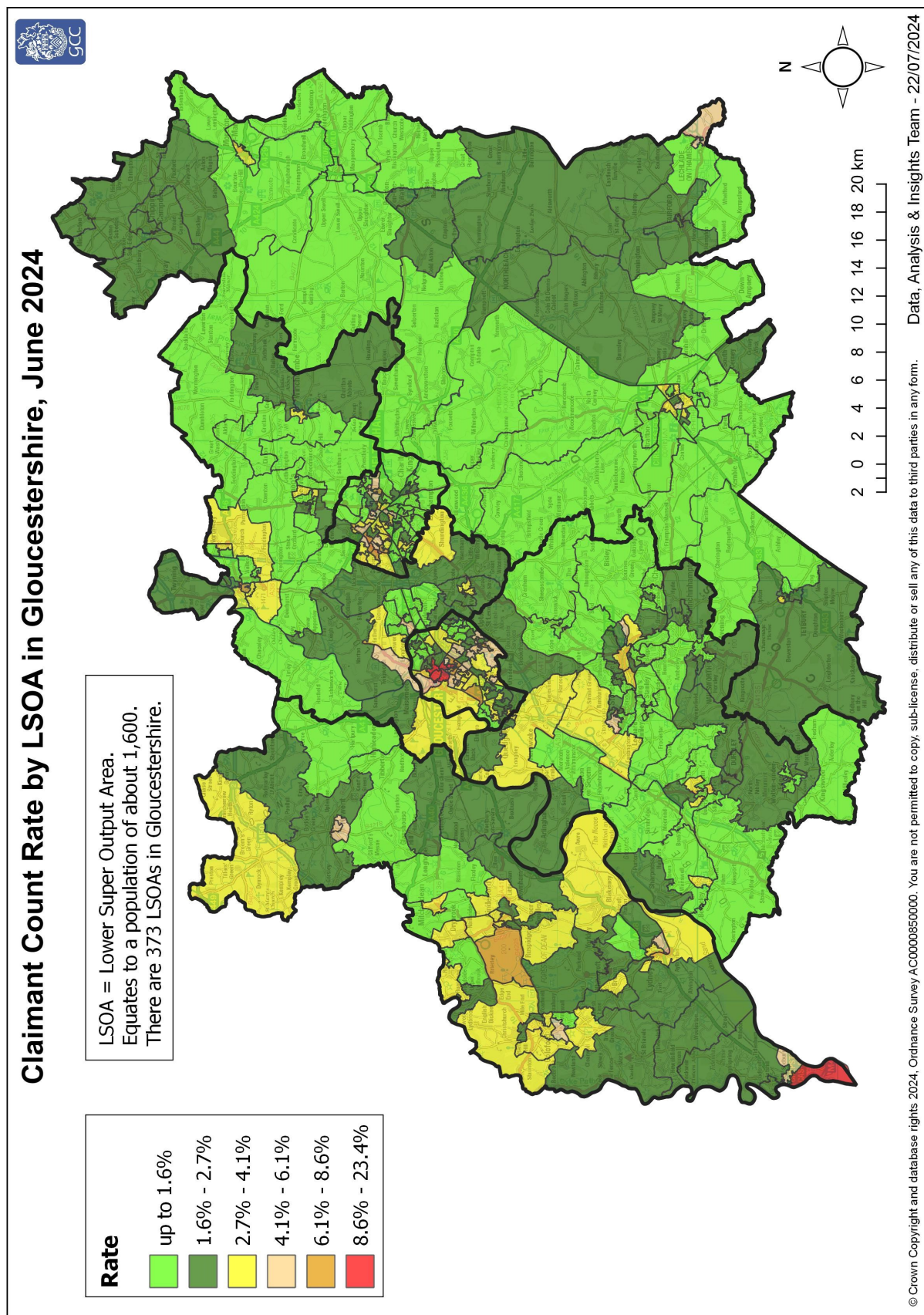
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.9	2
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	1.2	8
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.5	29
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	1.5	29
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	1.7	47
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.8	53
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.9	55
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twynning	2.0	62
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.1	67
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	2.1	67
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	2.2	72
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.2	72
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	2.4	84
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	2.5	88
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.5	88
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	2.6	97
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.7	101
Tewkesbury	Innsorth	3.2	110
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	3.2	110
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	4.3	125

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## PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



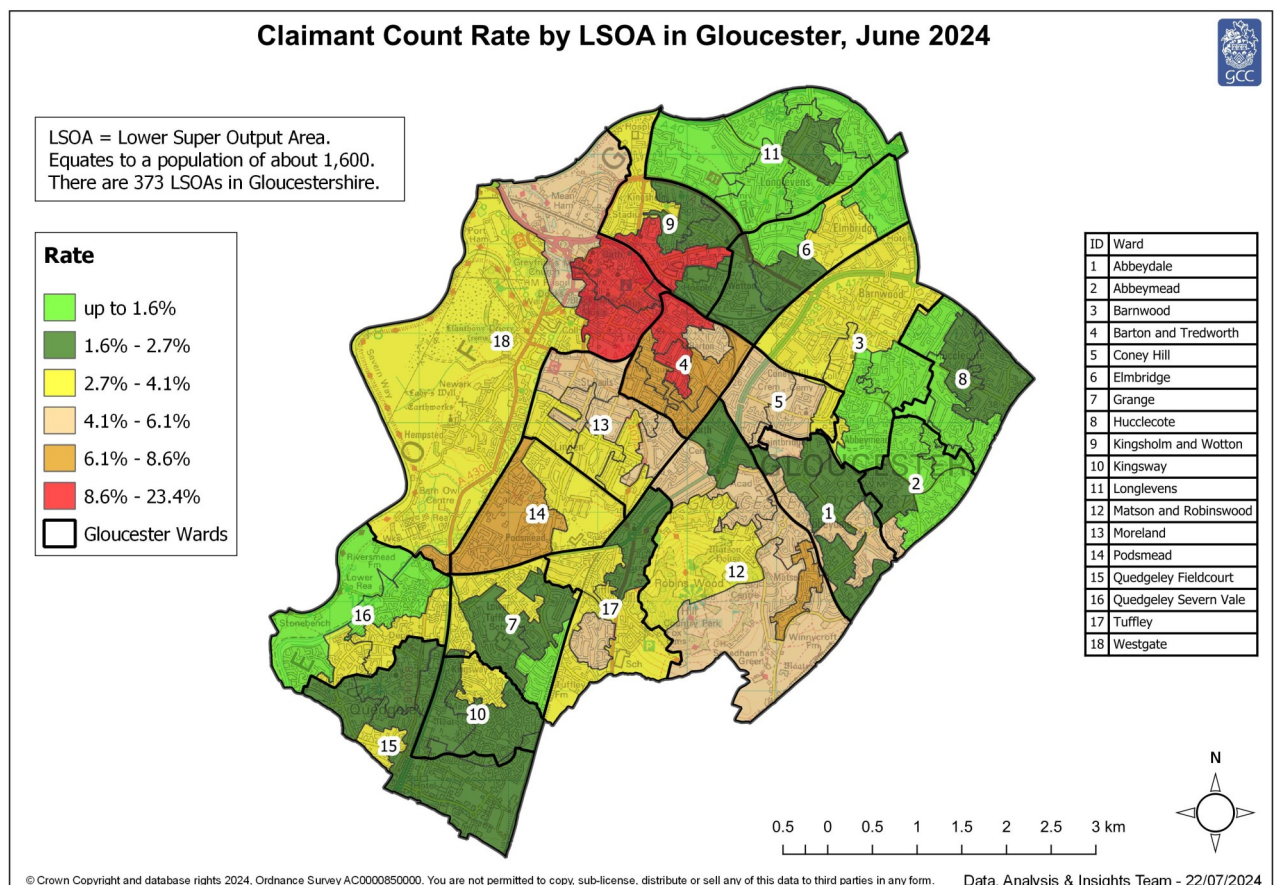
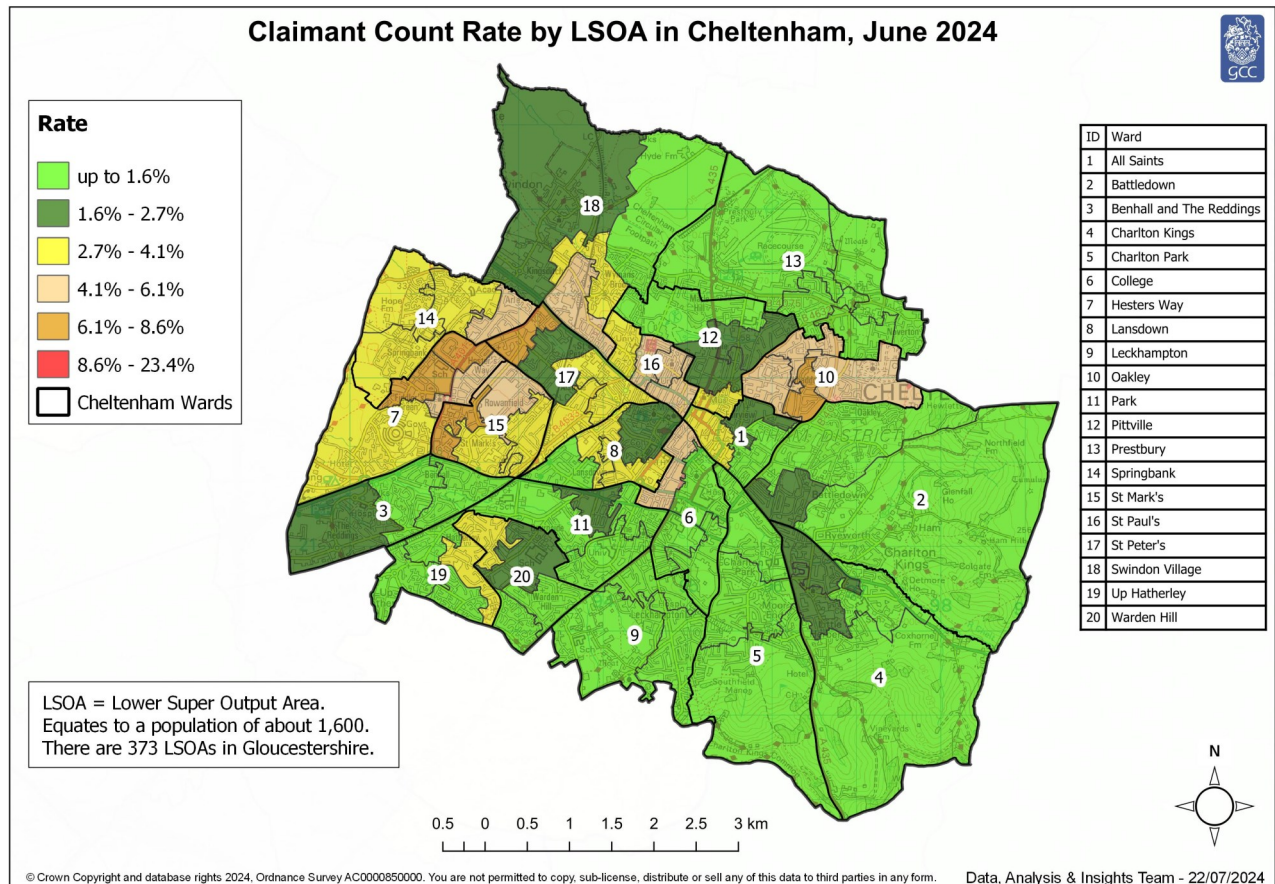
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## PART 6: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT(18-24 year olds)

### Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

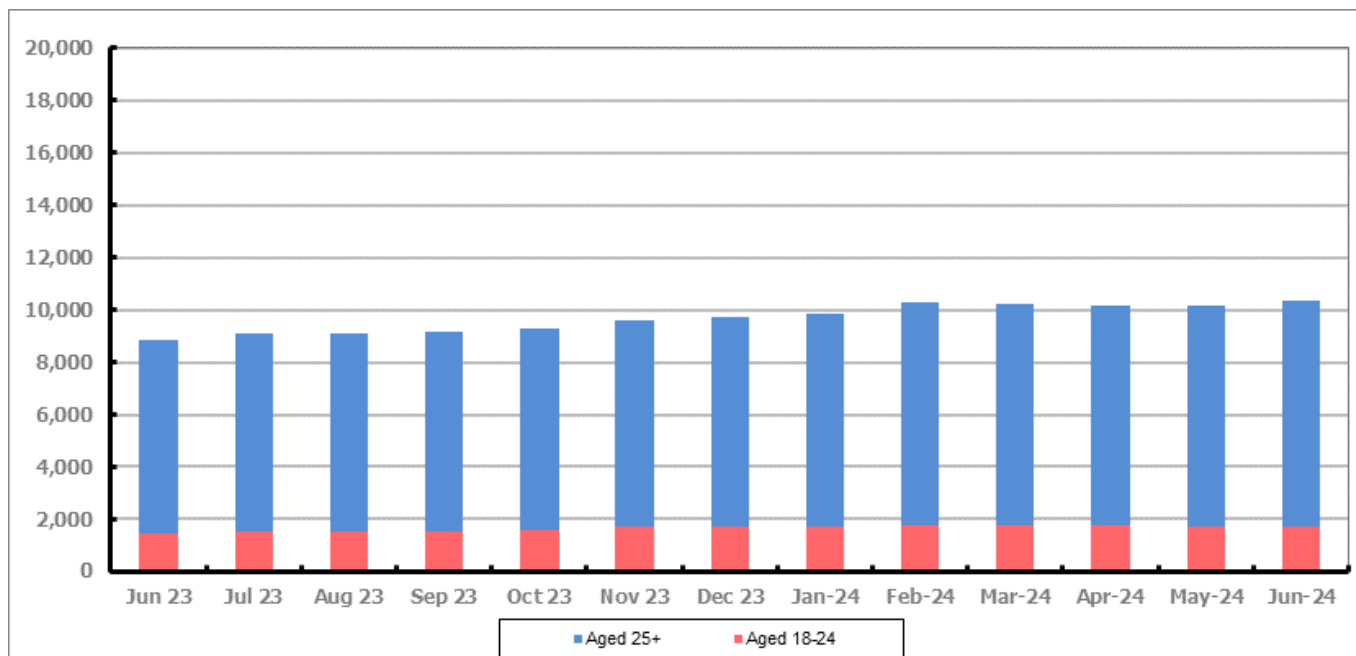


Figure 15 shows that in June 2024, 1,690 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 16.3% of total working age claimants.

## 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 on the Academic Year 12 and 13 (16/17 age) against nationally defined criteria for counting the NEET group to the Department for Education (DfE) on a monthly basis. 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.

(End of) June 2024

### Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	80	2332	3.43%
Cotswold	33	1772	1.86%
Forest	44	1737	2.53%
Gloucester	159	3379	4.71%
Stroud	41	2731	1.50%
Tewkesbury	49	2043	2.40%
Total	406	13994	2.90%

### 16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	78	2528	3.09%
Cotswold	33	1929	1.71%
Forest	49	1876	2.61%
Gloucester	165	3630	4.55%
Stroud	43	2959	1.45%
Tewkesbury	51	2215	2.30%
Total	419	15137	2.77%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	2.88%
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Monthly Change	-8	0	-0.06%
Previous month	414	13994	2.96%

Monthly Change	-32	-539	-0.11%
Previous month	451	15676	2.88%

The academic year 12-13 group contains a proportion of young people who turn 18 in the academic year but were 17 on the 31<sup>st</sup> August the previous academic year so are entitled to learning through RPA (raising participation age).

Please note all figures quoted above are subject to change before the submission date to the DfE which usually happens in the second or third week of the month for the previous month.

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy, then please contact [Lynne.Speak@Prospects.co.uk](mailto:Lynne.Speak@Prospects.co.uk) or telephone 07900 391182.

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