

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). 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 1.5% in September 2018. The South West and UK rates stayed the same at 1.6% and 2.2% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.1% lower than the South West average of 1.6%, and 0.7% lower than the UK average of 2.2%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in September 2018 increased by 160 people. The amount of people claiming in September 2018 was 2.8% higher than the number in August 2018. This compares to a 1.6% increase in the South West and a 1.2% increase for the UK.

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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 and Universal Credit who are not in work in September 2018

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in September 2018

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

CHEL滕HAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,165
Compared to last month:	3.1%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (3.4%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,725
Compared to last month:	4.2%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming wards	Westgate (4.1%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	550
Compared to last month:	3.8%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (3.4%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	805
Compared to last month:	4.5%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (3.5%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	905
Compared to last month:	-2.2%
Claimant rate:	1.8%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (3.7%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	700
Compared to last month:	3.7%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (3.2%)

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

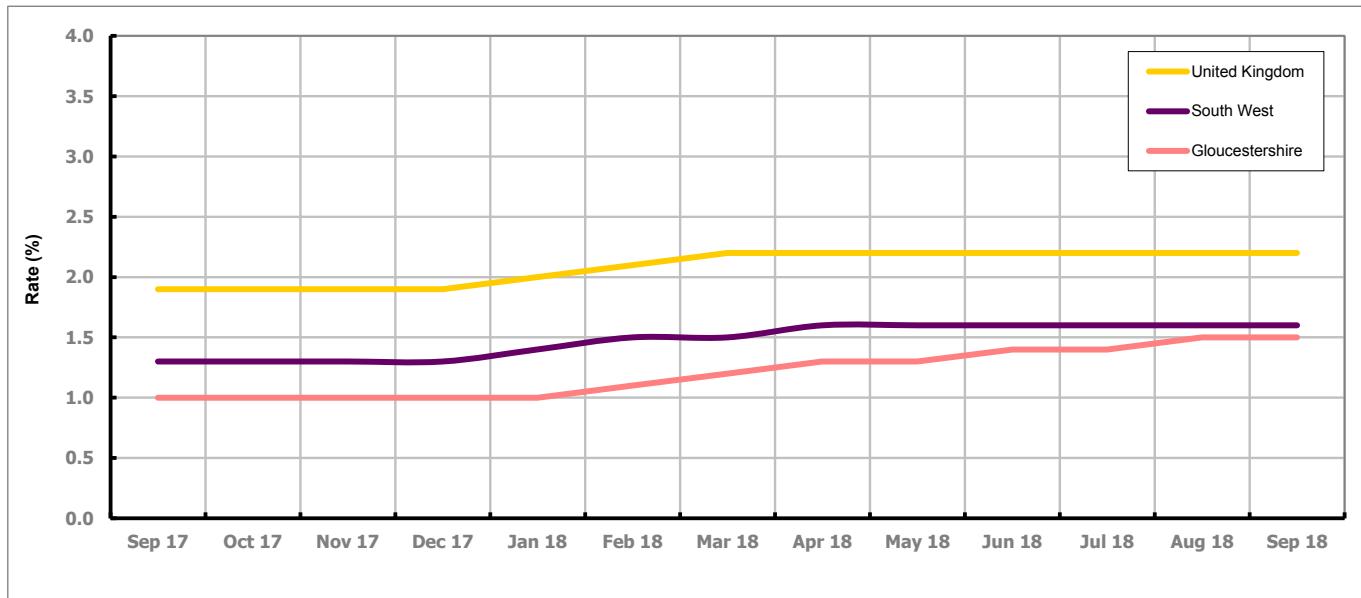


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.5% in September 2018. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in September 2018	% change on August 2018	Consecutive months increasing
UK	931,050	1.2%	2
South West	55,080	1.6%	2
Gloucestershire	5,845	2.8%	9

Table 1 shows that in September 2018, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 2.8% higher than the number in August 2018.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - September 2018

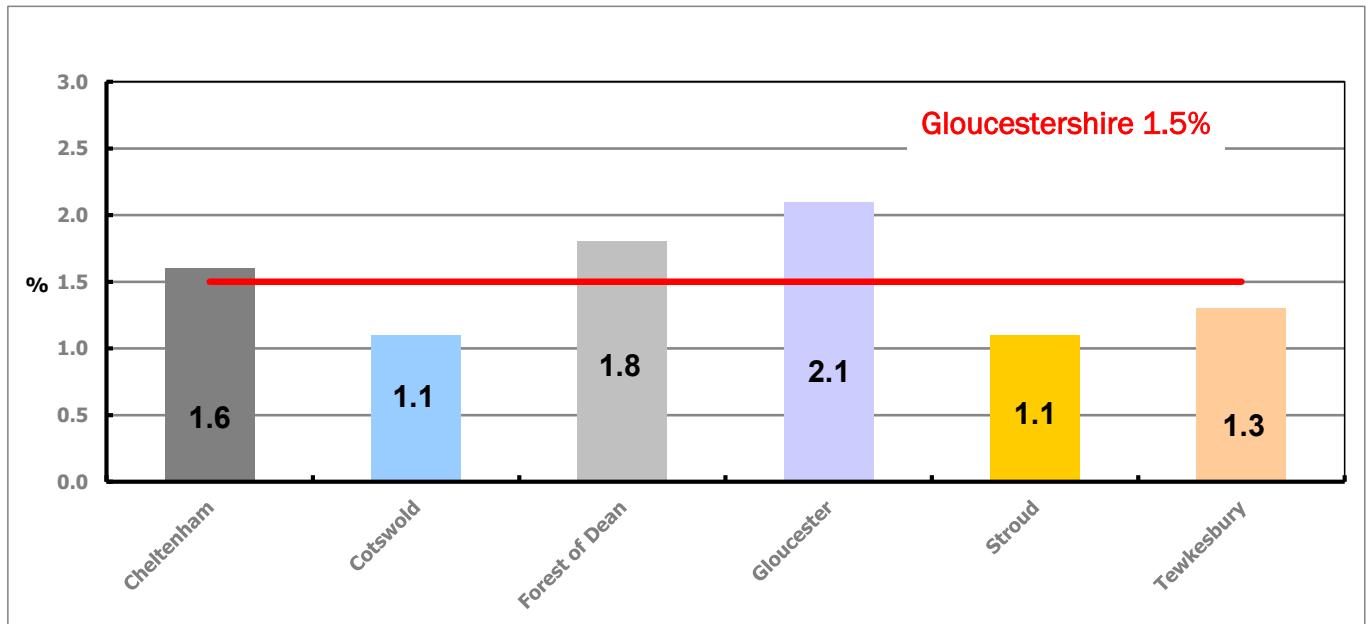


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for September 2018 in Gloucestershire. Between August and September 2018, the rate increased in Cheltenham, Cotswold and Gloucester, while all other districts stayed the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Sep 18 Number	Sep 18 Rate	Aug 18 Number	Aug 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,845	1.5	5,685	1.5	160	2.8%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,165	1.6	1,130	1.5	35	3.1%	0.1
Cotswold	550	1.1	530	1.0	20	3.8%	0.1
Forest of Dean	905	1.8	925	1.8	-20	-2.2%	0.0
Gloucester	1,725	2.1	1,655	2.0	70	4.2%	0.1
Stroud	805	1.1	770	1.1	35	4.5%	0.0
Tewkesbury	700	1.3	675	1.3	25	3.7%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in September 2018 compared to August 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants, except the Forest of Dean which saw a decrease.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Sep 18 Number	Sep 18 Rate	Aug 18 Number	Aug 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,385	1.8	3,320	1.7	65	2.0%	0.1
Cheltenham	690	1.9	680	1.8	10	1.5%	0.1
Cotswold	305	1.2	290	1.2	15	5.2%	0.0
Forest of Dean	495	2.0	520	2.0	-25	-4.8%	0.0
Gloucester	1,045	2.5	1,015	2.5	30	3.0%	0.0
Stroud	450	1.3	435	1.2	15	3.4%	0.1
Tewkesbury	395	1.5	380	1.4	15	3.9%	0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in September 2018 compared to August 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants, except the Forest of Dean which saw a decrease.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Sep 18 Number	Sep 18 Rate	Aug 18 Number	Aug 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,460	1.3	2,370	1.2	90	3.8%	0.1
Cheltenham	475	1.3	450	1.2	25	5.6%	0.1
Cotswold	245	0.9	245	0.9	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	410	1.6	410	1.6	0	0.0%	0.0
Gloucester	680	1.7	635	1.6	45	7.1%	0.1
Stroud	350	1.0	335	0.9	15	4.5%	0.1
Tewkesbury	305	1.1	295	1.1	10	3.4%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in September 2018 compared to August 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of female claimants, except Cotswold and the Forest of Dean which stayed the same.

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

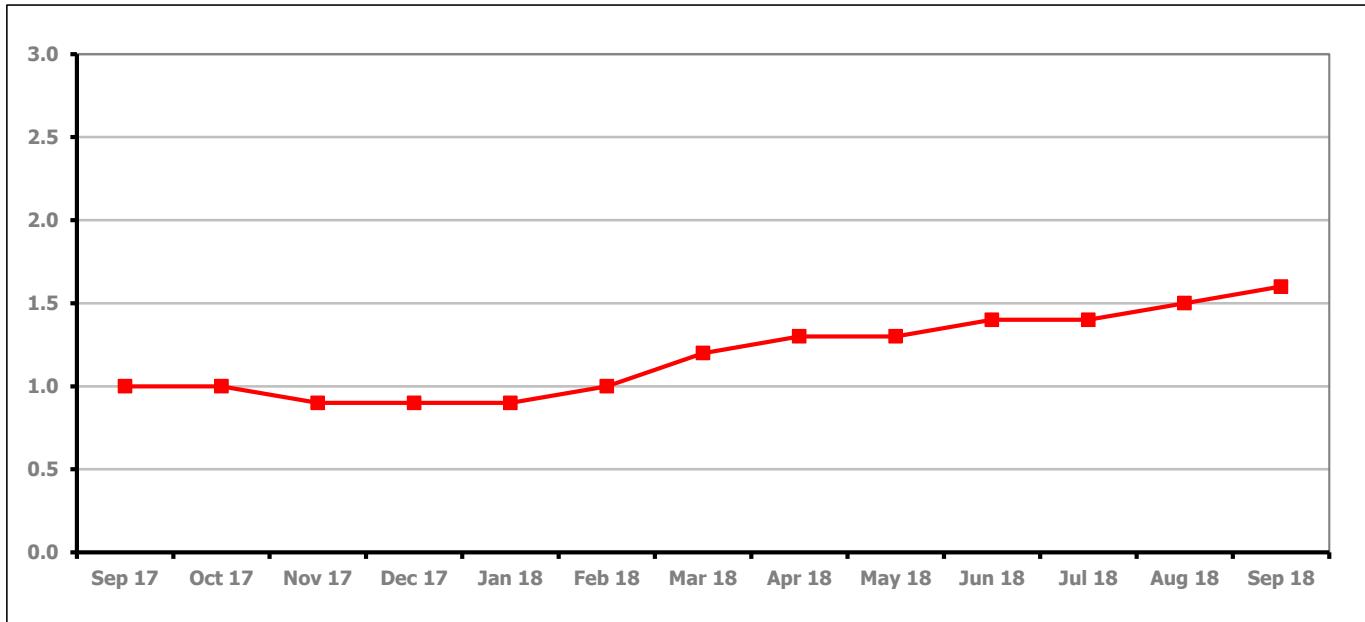


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham has increased in September 2018 to 1.6%.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - September 2018

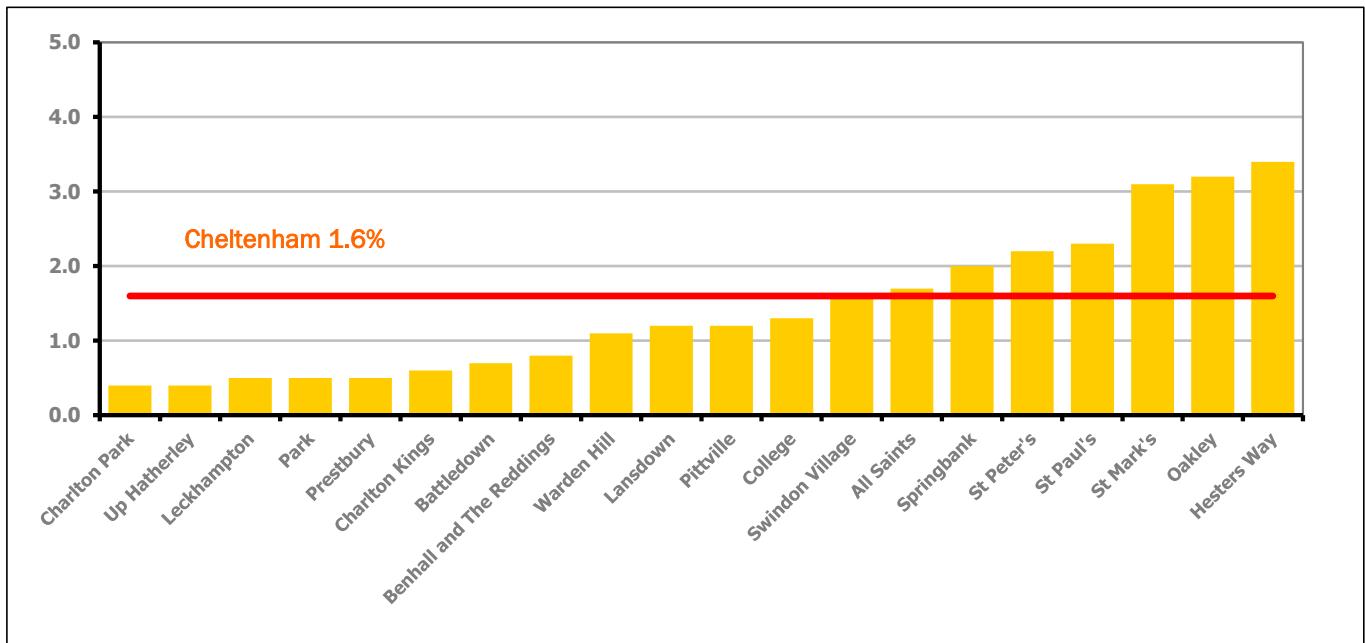


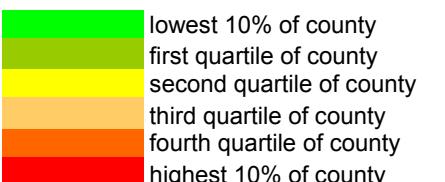
Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.6%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - September 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.4	2
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.4	2
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.5	7
Cheltenham	Park	0.5	7
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.5	7
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.6	18
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.7	30
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.8	40
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.1	69
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.2	75
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.2	75
Cheltenham	College	1.3	88
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.6	103
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.7	106
Cheltenham	Springbank	2.0	120
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.2	124
Cheltenham	St Paul's	2.3	128
Cheltenham	St Mark's	3.1	133
Cheltenham	Oakley	3.2	136
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	3.4	138


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Table 5 shows overall claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

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4.2 Cotswold District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

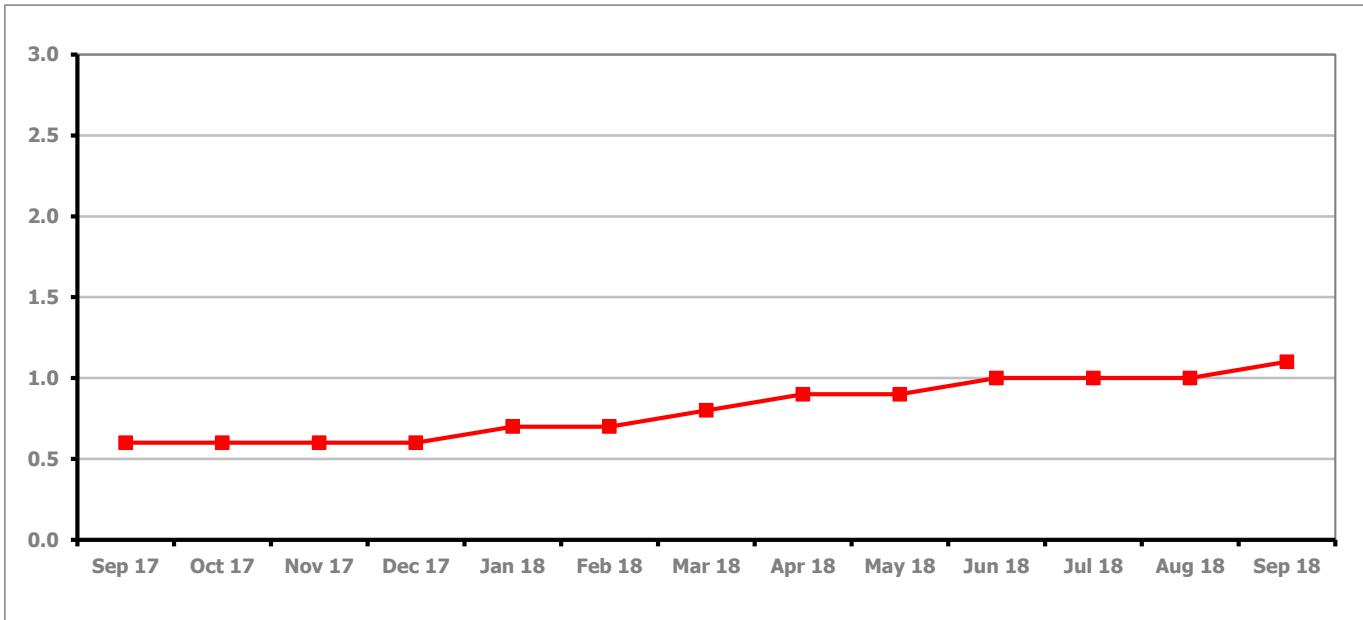


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District has increased since last month to 1.1%.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - September 2018

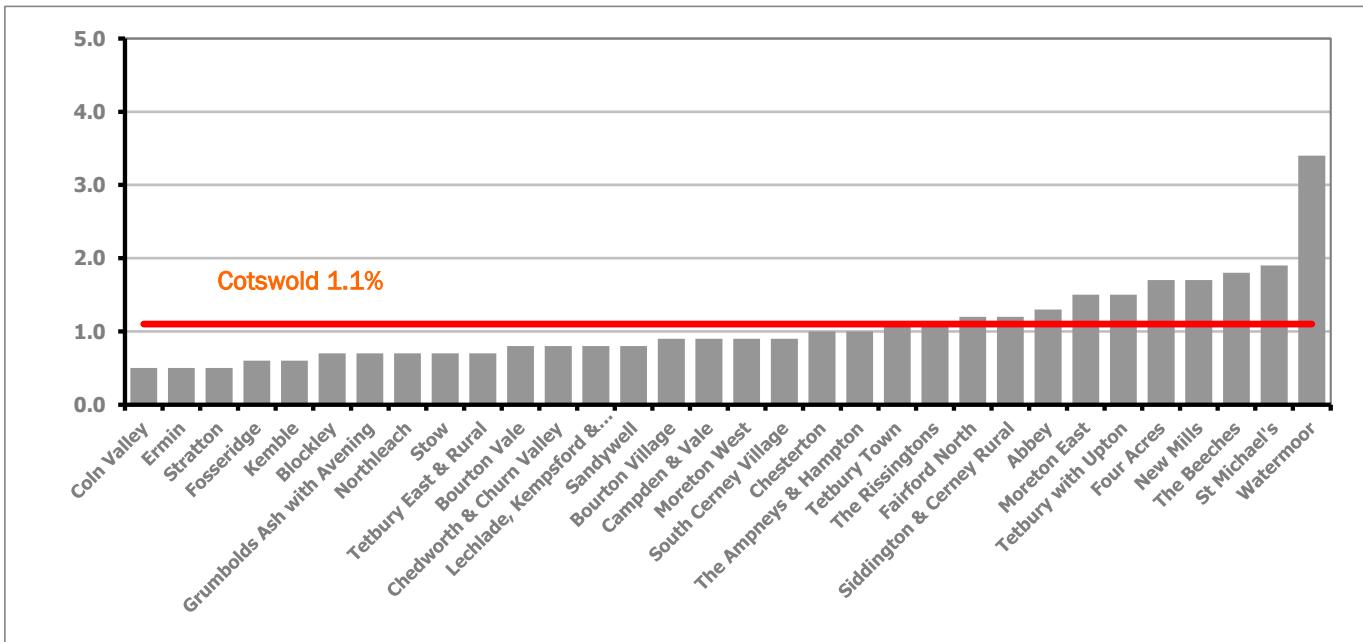


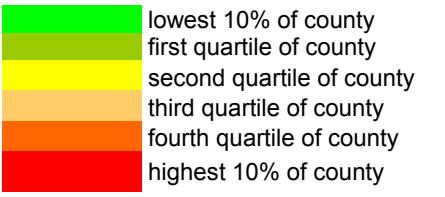
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Ten wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - September 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.5	7
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.5	7
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.5	7
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.6	18
Cotswolds	Kemble	0.6	18
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Stow	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	0.7	30
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	0.8	40
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	0.8	40
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	0.8	40
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.8	40
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	0.9	50
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	0.9	50
Cotswolds	Moreton West	0.9	50
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	0.9	50
Cotswolds	Chesterton	1.0	62
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.0	62
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.1	69
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.1	69
Cotswolds	Fairford North	1.2	75
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.2	75
Cotswolds	Abbey	1.3	88
Cotswolds	Moreton East	1.5	99
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	1.5	99
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.7	106
Cotswolds	New Mills	1.7	106
Cotswolds	The Beeches	1.8	114
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.9	119
Cotswolds	Watermoor	3.4	138


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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

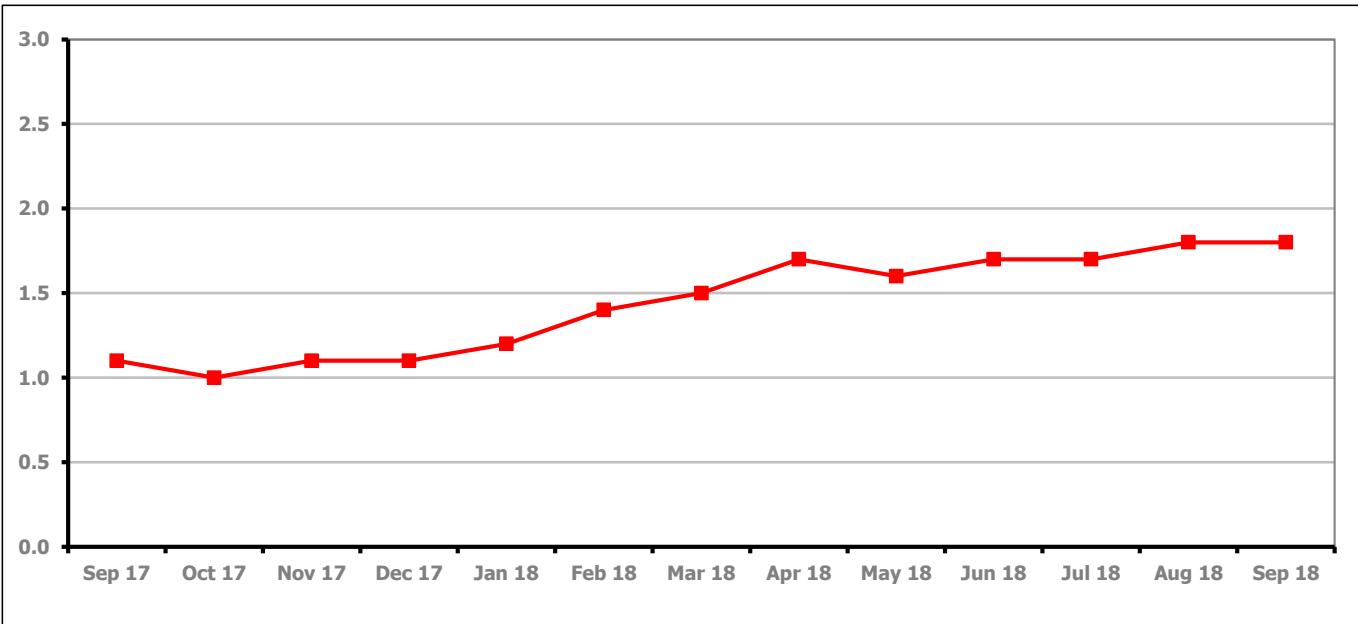


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean stayed the same as last month at 1.8%.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - September 2018

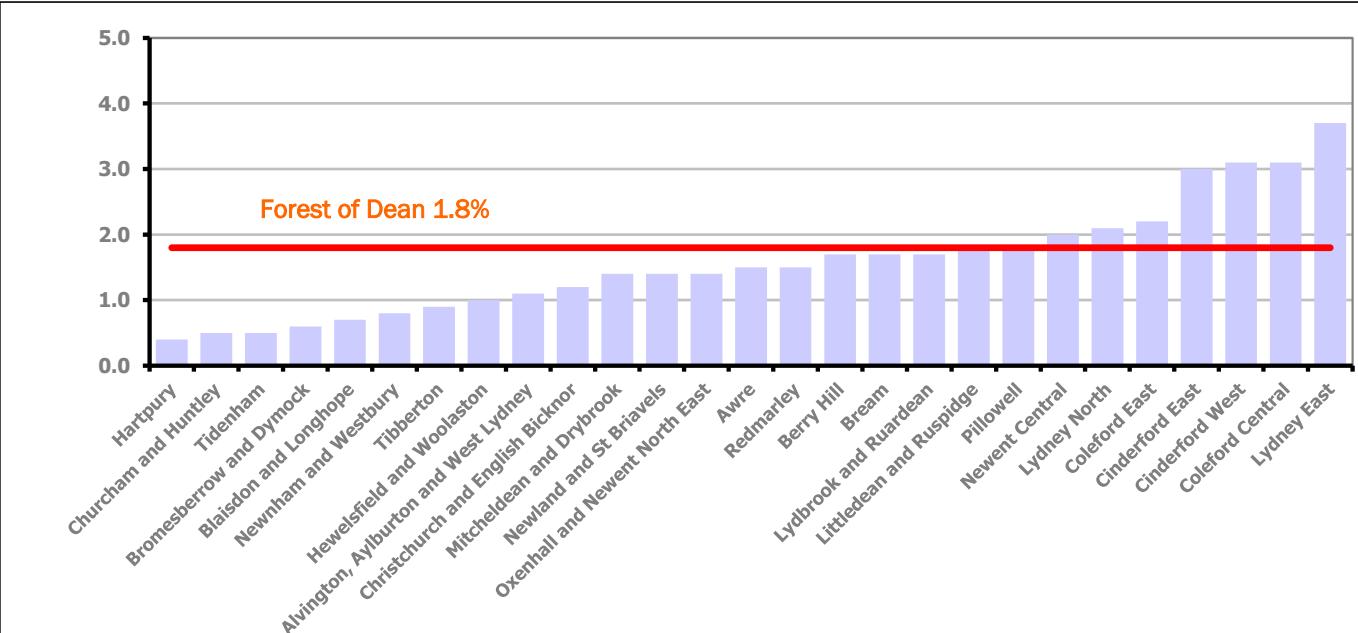


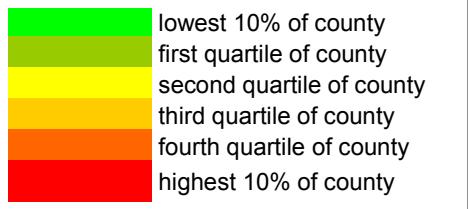
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.8%. Seven wards lie above the average.

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 - September 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.4	2
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.5	7
Forest	Tidenham	0.5	7
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.6	18
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.7	30
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.8	40
Forest	Tibberton	0.9	50
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.0	62
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.1	69
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.2	75
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.4	92
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.4	92
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.4	92
Forest	Awre	1.5	99
Forest	Redmarley	1.5	99
Forest	Berry Hill	1.7	106
Forest	Bream	1.7	106
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.7	106
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.8	114
Forest	Pillowell	1.8	114
Forest	Newent Central	2.0	120
Forest	Lydney North	2.1	123
Forest	Coleford East	2.2	124
Forest	Cinderford East	3.0	132
Forest	Cinderford West	3.1	133
Forest	Coleford Central	3.1	133
Forest	Lydney East	3.7	143


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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.

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4.4 Gloucester City

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

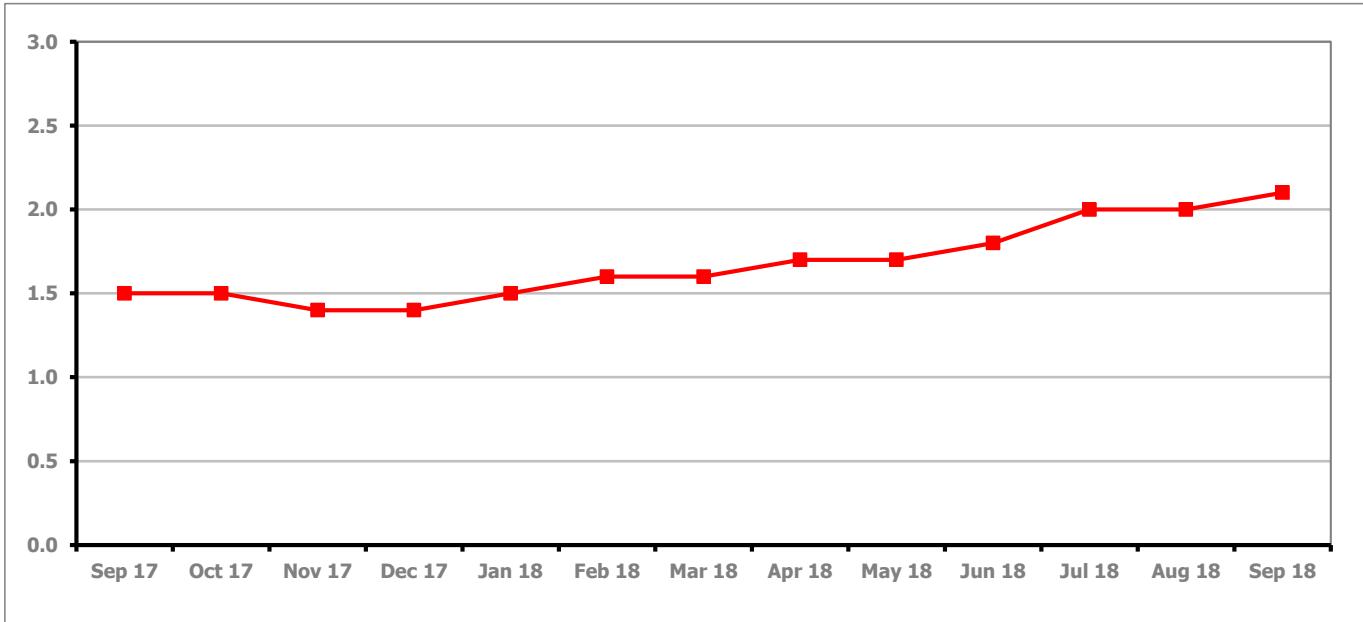


Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City has increased in September 2018 to 2.1%.

Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - September 2018

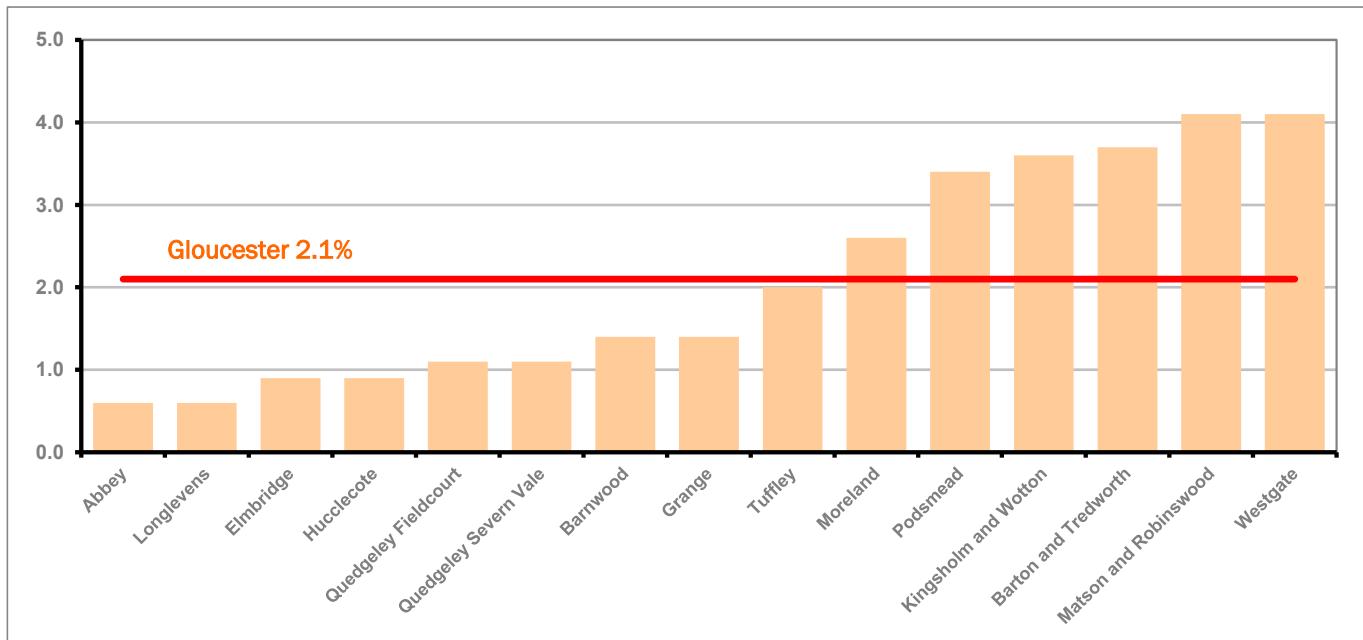


Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.1%. Six wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - September 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	0.6	18
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.6	18
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.9	50
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.9	50
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.1	69
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.1	69
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.4	92
Gloucester	Grange	1.4	92
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.0	120
Gloucester	Moreland	2.6	130
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.4	138
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	3.6	142
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	3.7	143
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	4.1	145
Gloucester	Westgate	4.1	145

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

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4.5 Stroud District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year

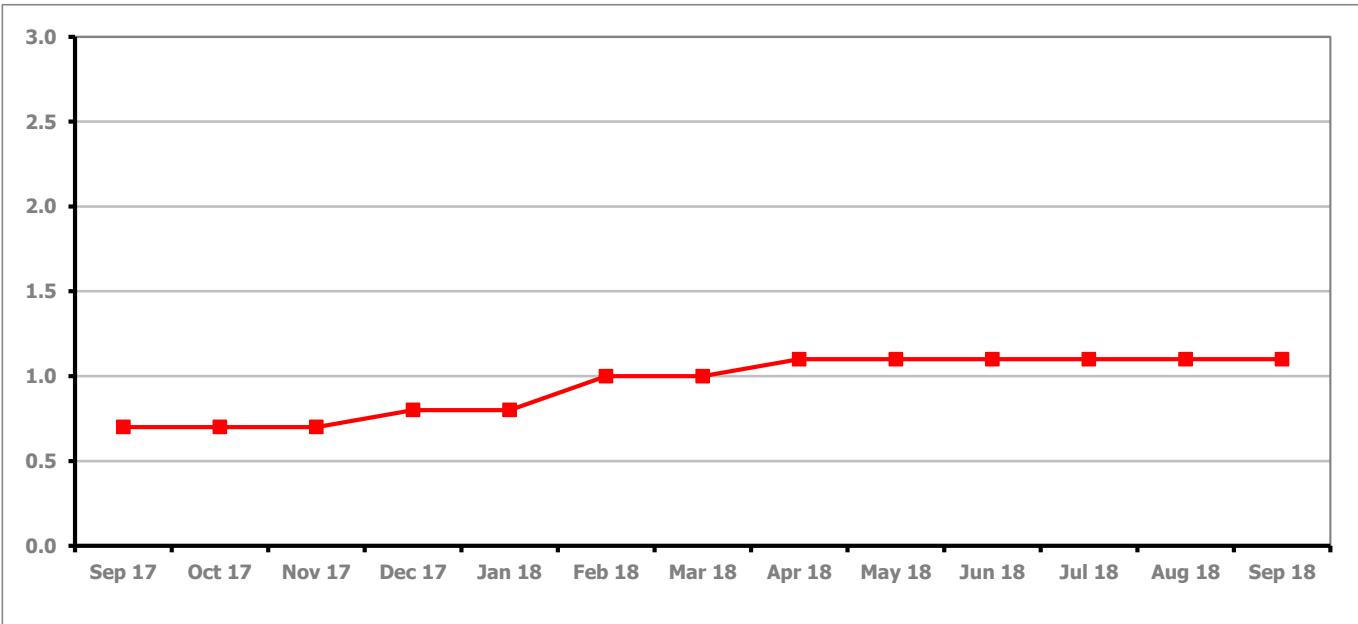


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud stayed the same as last month at 1.1%.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - September 2018

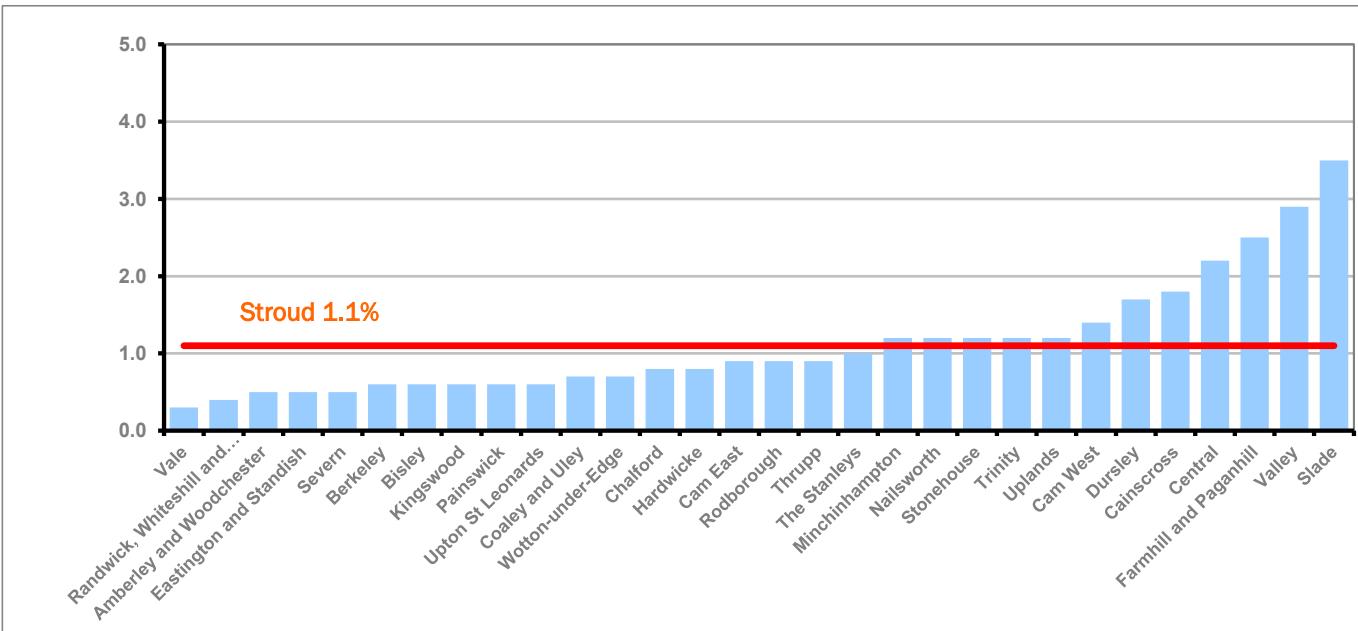


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Twelve wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - September 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Vale	0.3	1
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.4	2
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.5	7
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.5	7
Stroud	Severn	0.5	7
Stroud	Berkeley	0.6	18
Stroud	Bisley	0.6	18
Stroud	Kingswood	0.6	18
Stroud	Painswick	0.6	18
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.6	18
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.7	30
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.7	30
Stroud	Chalford	0.8	40
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.8	40
Stroud	Cam East	0.9	50
Stroud	Rodborough	0.9	50
Stroud	Thrupp	0.9	50
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.0	62
Stroud	Minchinton	1.2	75
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.2	75
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.2	75
Stroud	Trinity	1.2	75
Stroud	Uplands	1.2	75
Stroud	Cam West	1.4	92
Stroud	Dursley	1.7	106
Stroud	Cainscross	1.8	114
Stroud	Central	2.2	124
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	2.5	129
Stroud	Valley	2.9	131
Stroud	Slade	3.5	141

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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 13: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

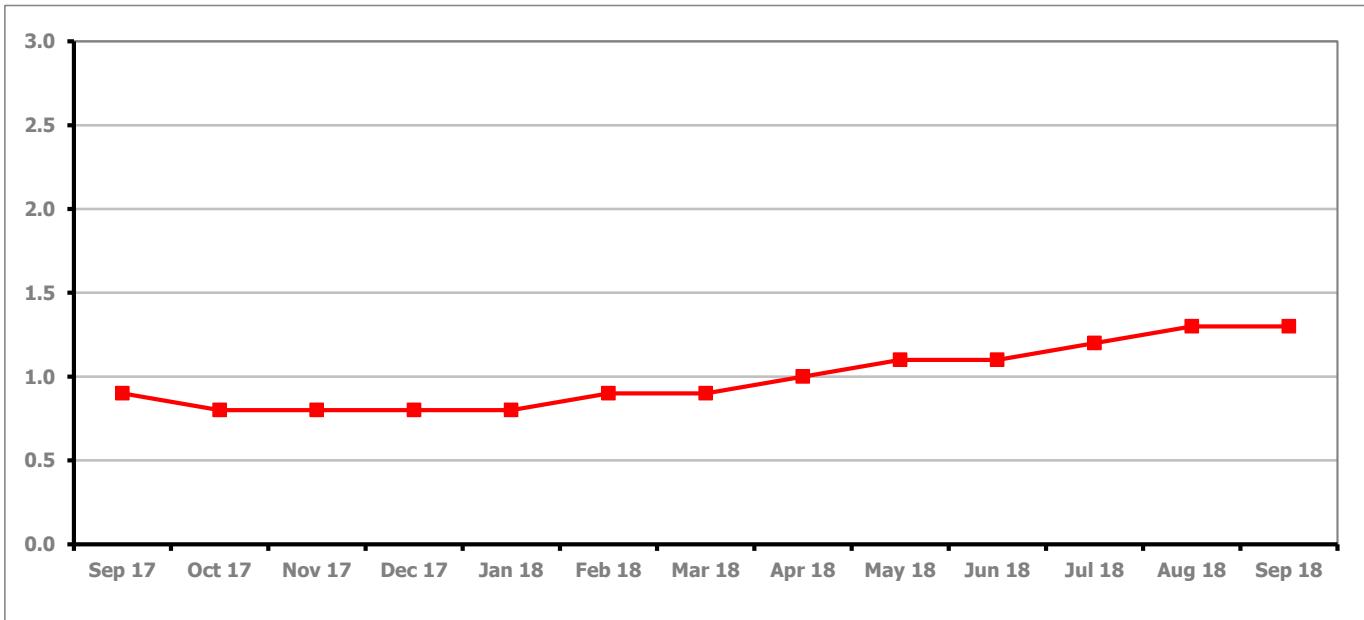


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District stayed the same as last month at 1.3%.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - September 2018

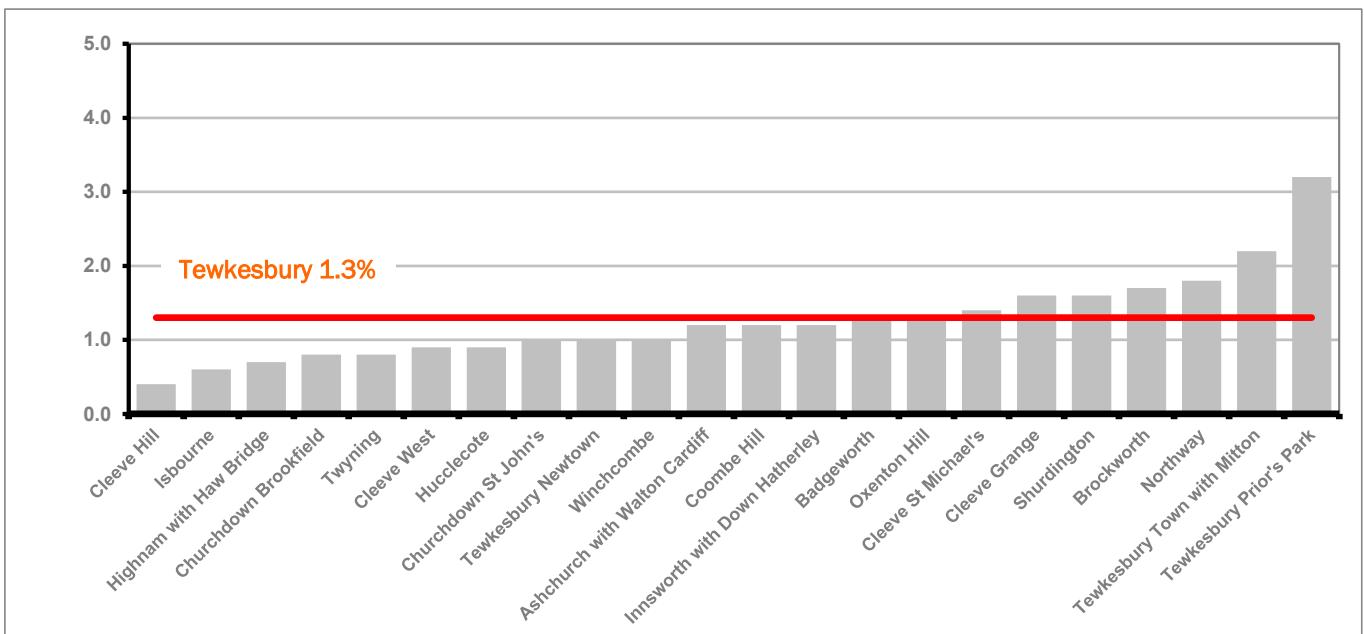


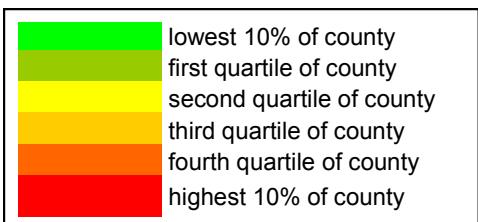
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.3%. Seven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - September 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.4	2
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.6	18
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.7	30
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.8	40
Tewkesbury	Twyning	0.8	40
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.9	50
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	0.9	50
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.0	62
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.0	62
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.0	62
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.2	75
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.2	75
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.2	75
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.3	88
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	1.3	88
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.4	92
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.6	103
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.6	103
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.7	106
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.8	114
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	2.2	124
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	3.2	136

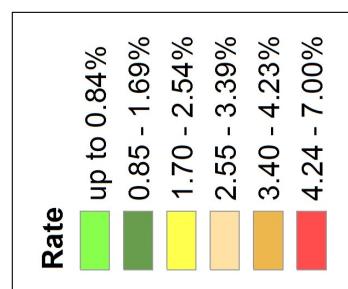


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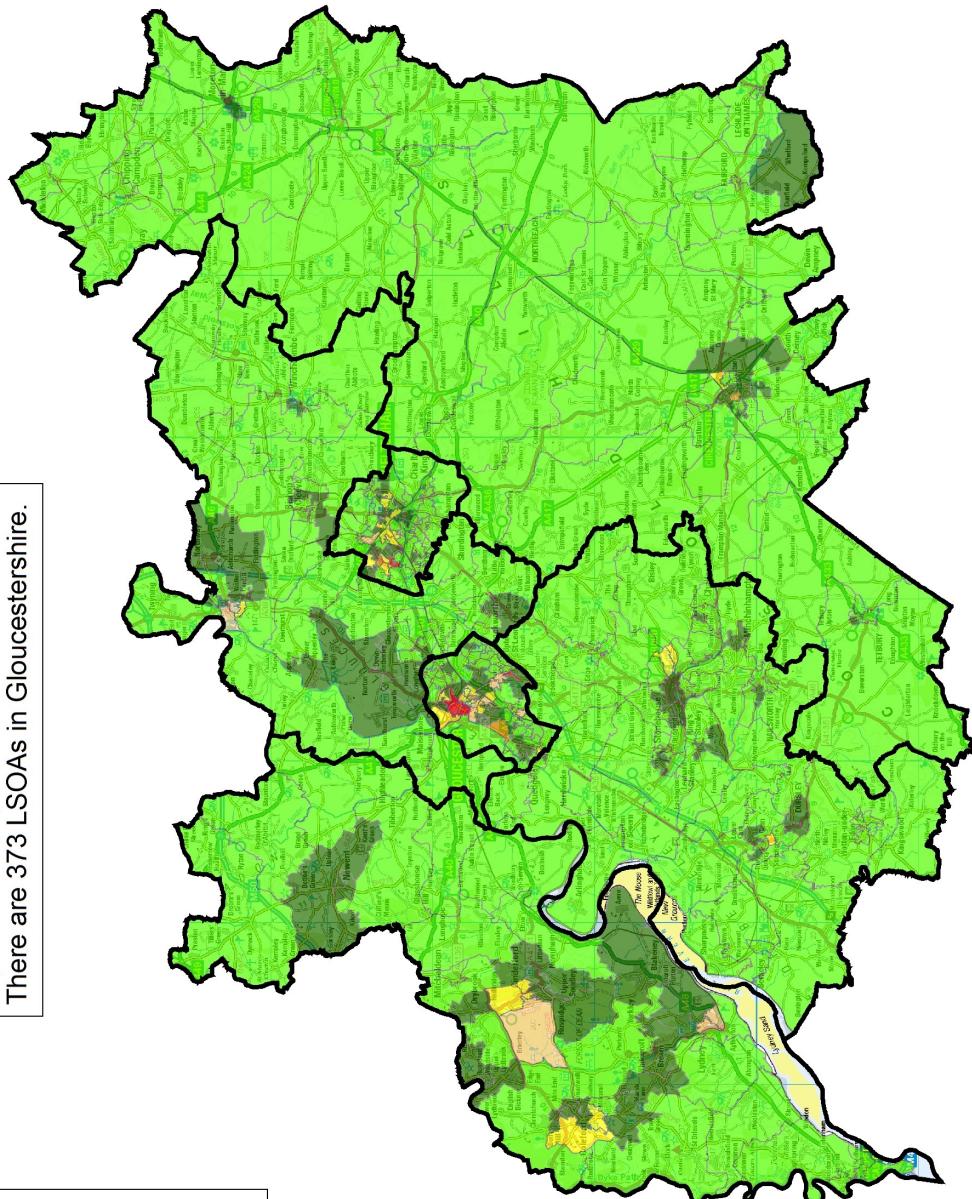
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PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

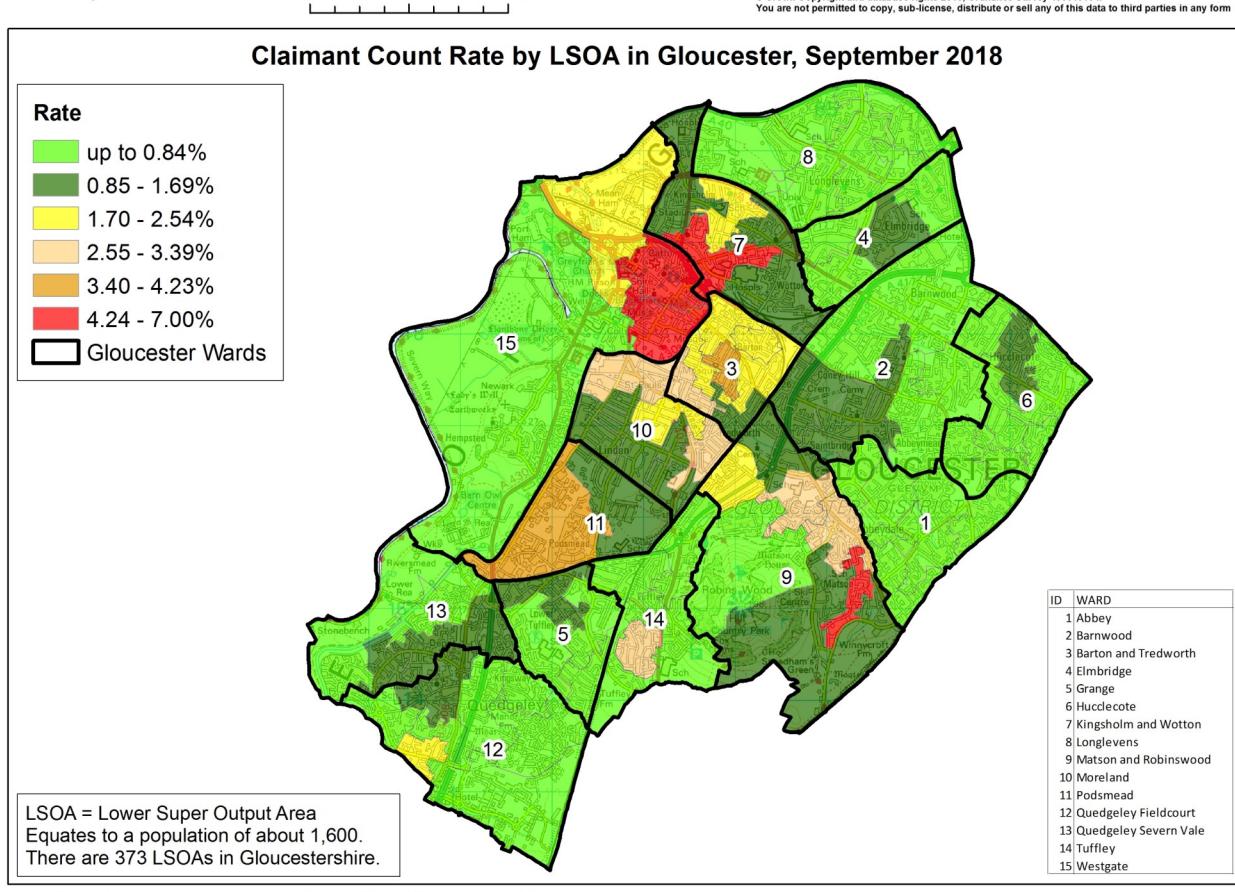
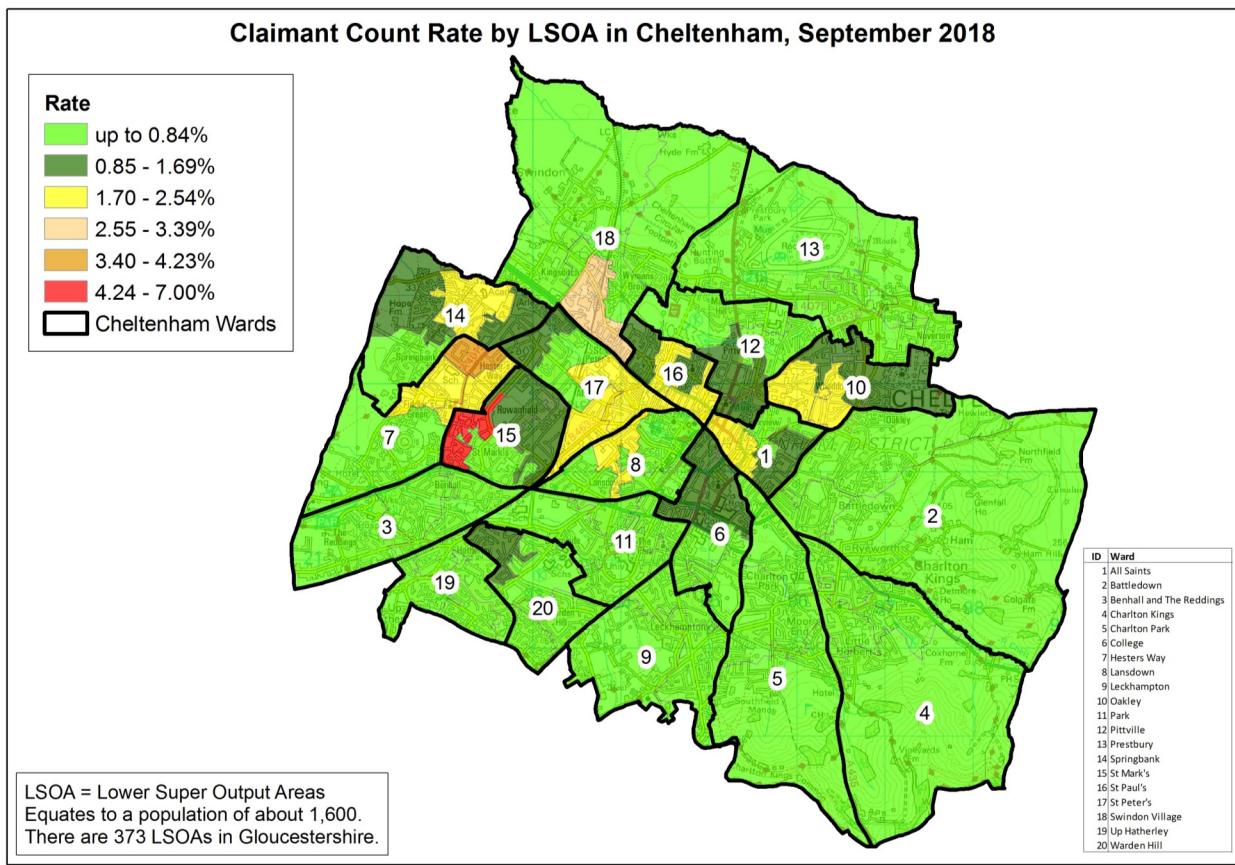
Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, September 2018



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

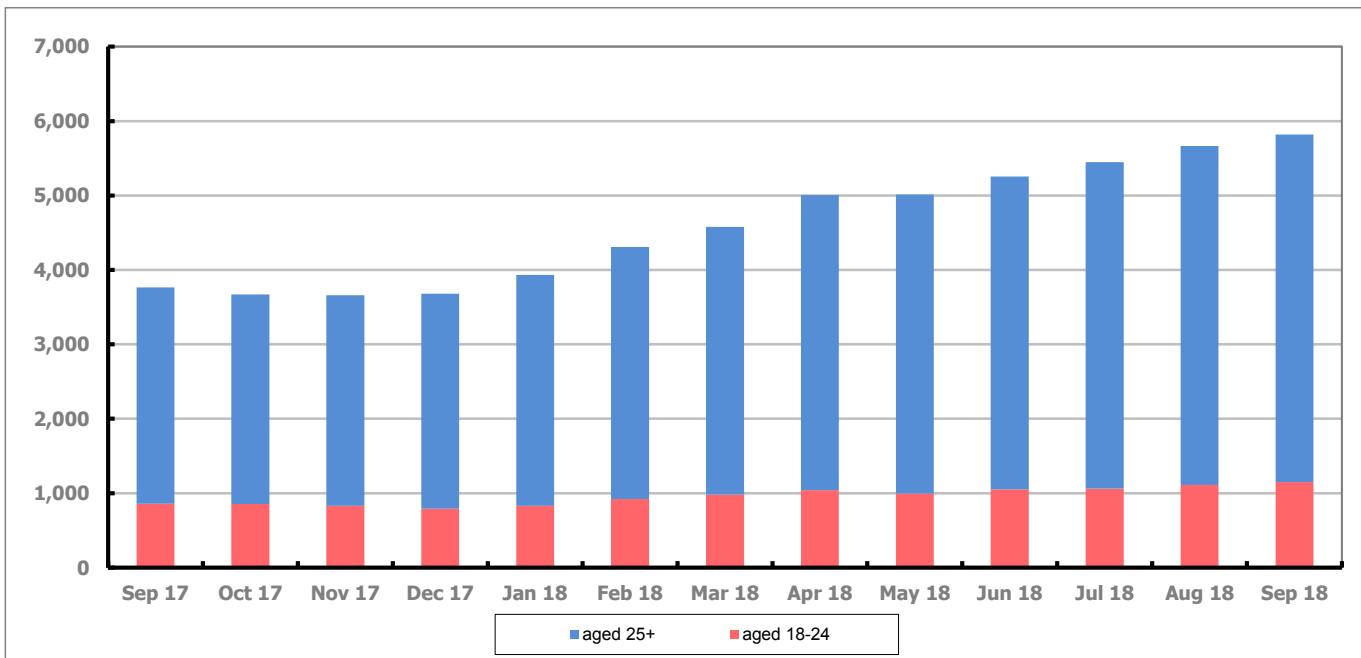


Figure 15 shows that in September 2018, 1,150 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.7% of total working age claimants.

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 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 September 2018 there were 313 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 1.88%. The total number of NEET young people increased by 10 in September 2018 compared to August 2018, four districts saw an increase in their figures and two districts saw a decrease.

Total NEET Group by District Area

September 2018 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	54	24	57	107	43	28	313
Cohort	3070	2461	2426	4286	3677	2583	18503
% NEET	1.76	0.98	2.35	2.50	1.17	1.08	1.69*

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact Ruth.Critchlow@Prospects.co.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.