

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 out of work. For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit).

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.

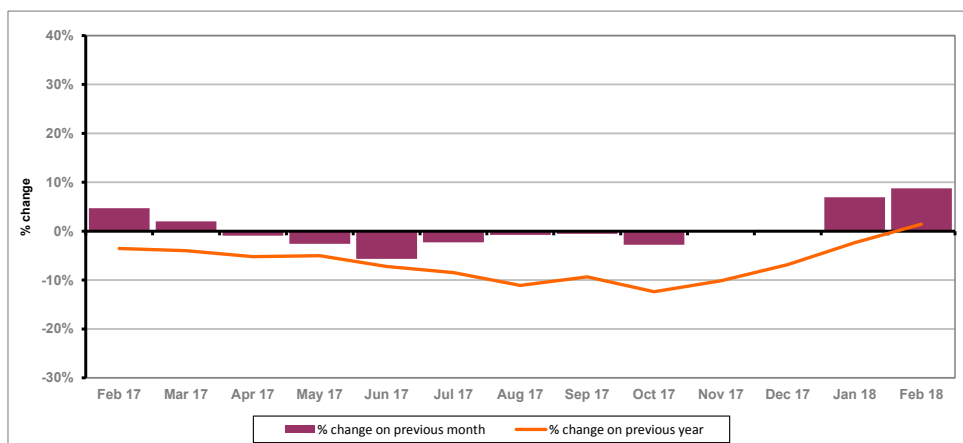
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.1% in February 2018. This was a 0.1% increase on the January 2018 figure. The South West rate increased to 1.5% and the UK rate increased to 2.1%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.4% lower than the South West average of 1.5%, and 1.0% lower than the UK average of 2.1%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in February 2018 increased by 345 people. The amount of people claiming in February 2018 was 8.8% higher than the number in January 2018. This compares to a 5.9% increase in the South West and a 5.0% increase for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has increased since last month. The count was 1.4% higher in February 2018 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 2017 to February 2018



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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 February 2018

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

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

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	765
Compared to last month:	8.5%
Claimant rate:	1.0%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (2.1%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,320
Compared to last month:	6.9%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming wards	Westgate (3.5%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	350
Compared to last month:	4.5%
Claimant rate:	0.7%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (2.4%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	675
Compared to last month:	13.4%
Claimant rate:	1.0%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (3.0%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	705
Compared to last month:	11.9%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (2.8%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	460
Compared to last month:	5.7%
Claimant rate:	0.9%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (2.6%)

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

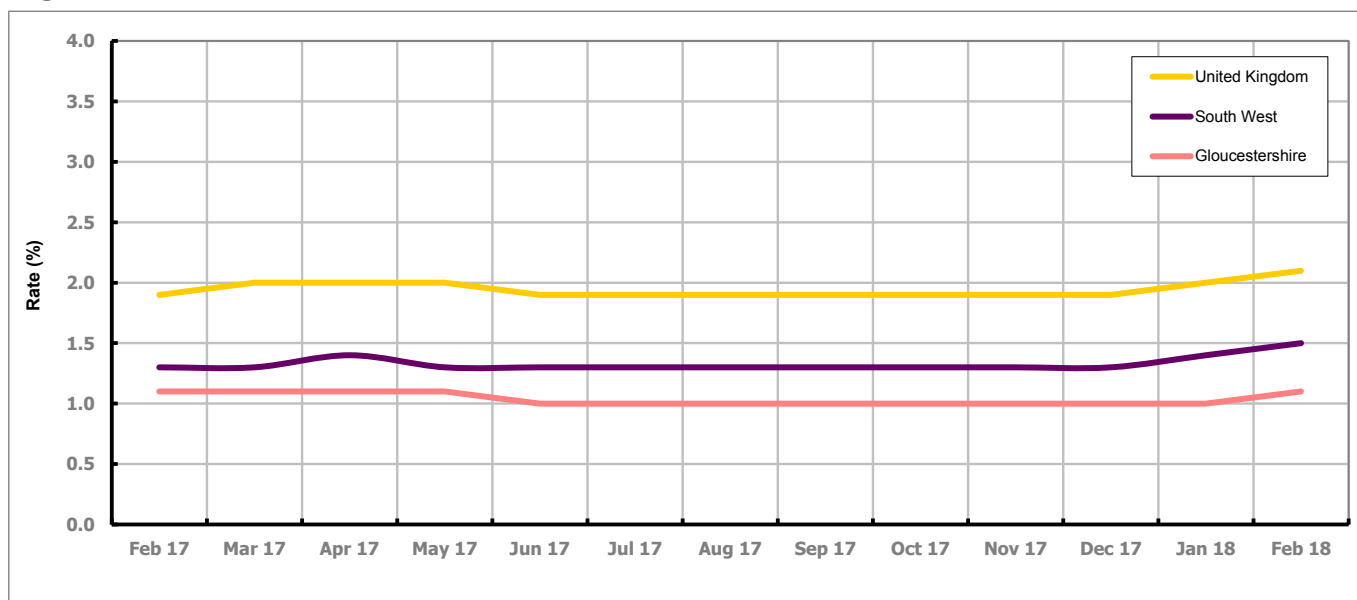


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.1% in February 2018. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in February 2018	% change on January 2018	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months increasing
UK	870,765	5.0%	1.5%	2
South West	50,025	5.9%	2.5%	6
Gloucestershire	4,280	8.8%	2.1%	2

Table 1 shows that in February 2018, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 8.8% higher than the number in January 2018.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to February 2018 was 2.1%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

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

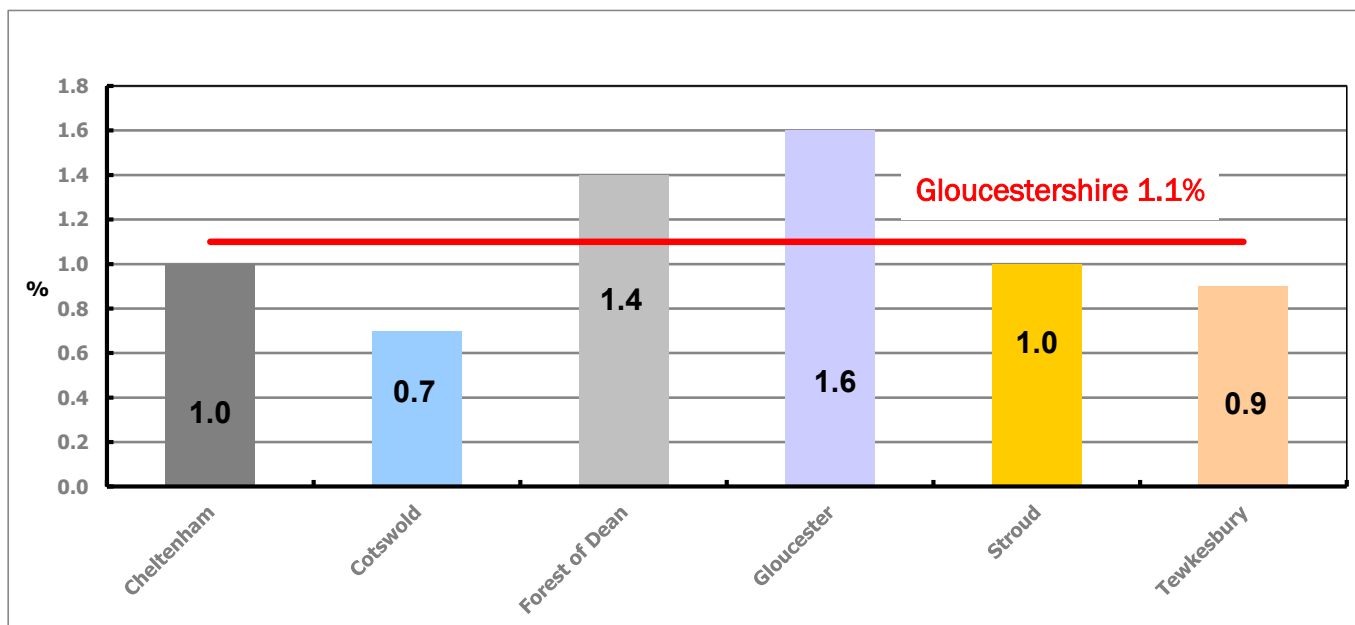


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for February 2018 in Gloucestershire. Between January 2018 and February 2018, the rate increased in all districts except Cotswold which stayed the same.

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

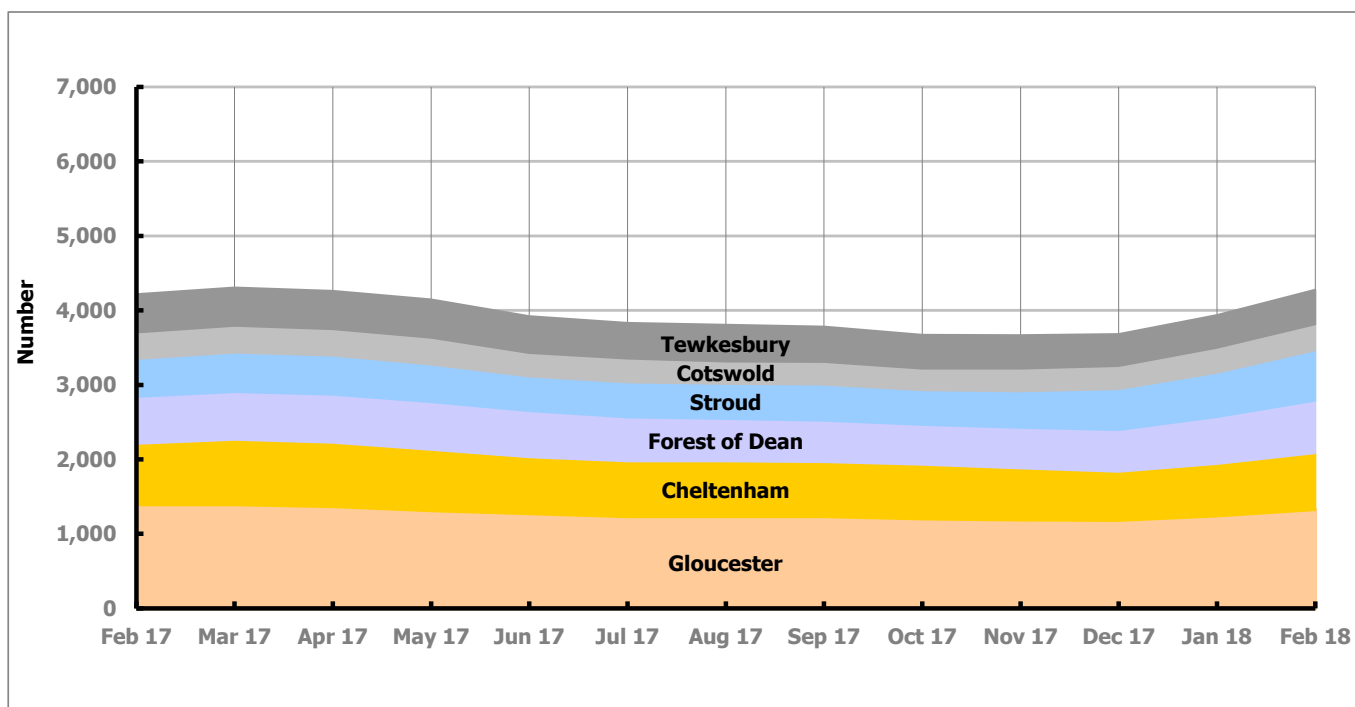


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants has shown a decrease between March 2017 and November 2017. However numbers have been increasing since December 2017.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Feb 18 Number	Feb 18 Rate	Jan 18 Number	Jan 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,280	1.1	3,935	1.0	345	8.8%	0.1
Cheltenham	765	1.0	705	0.9	60	8.5%	0.1
Cotswold	350	0.7	335	0.7	15	4.5%	0.0
Forest of Dean	705	1.4	630	1.2	75	11.9%	0.2
Gloucester	1,320	1.6	1,235	1.5	85	6.9%	0.1
Stroud	675	1.0	595	0.8	80	13.4%	0.2
Tewkesbury	460	0.9	435	0.8	25	5.7%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in February 2018 compared to January 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Feb 18 Number	Feb 18 Rate	Jan 18 Number	Jan 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,645	1.4	2,480	1.3	165	6.7%	0.1
Cheltenham	490	1.3	460	1.2	30	6.5%	0.1
Cotswold	210	0.9	200	0.8	10	5.0%	0.1
Forest of Dean	410	1.6	385	1.5	25	6.5%	0.1
Gloucester	860	2.1	800	2.0	60	7.5%	0.1
Stroud	395	1.1	365	1.0	30	8.2%	0.1
Tewkesbury	280	1.1	265	1.0	15	5.7%	0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in February 2018 compared to January 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Feb 18 Number	Feb 18 Rate	Jan 18 Number	Jan 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	1,635	0.8	1,455	0.8	180	12.4%	0.0
Cheltenham	275	0.7	240	0.6	35	14.6%	0.1
Cotswold	140	0.5	135	0.5	5	3.7%	0.0
Forest of Dean	295	1.1	245	1.0	50	20.4%	0.1
Gloucester	460	1.1	435	1.1	25	5.7%	0.0
Stroud	280	0.8	225	0.6	55	24.4%	0.2
Tewkesbury	185	0.7	170	0.6	15	8.8%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in February 2018 compared to January 2018. All districts saw an increase in the number of female claimants.

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

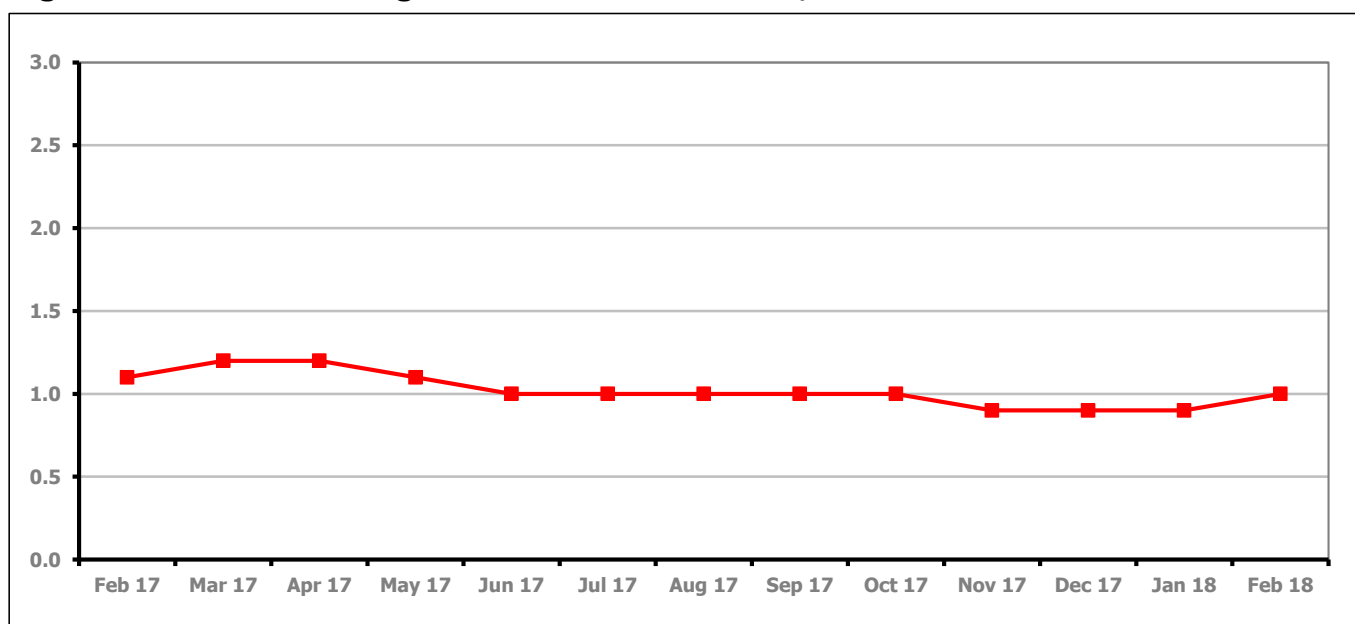


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham has increased in February 2018 to 1.0%.

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

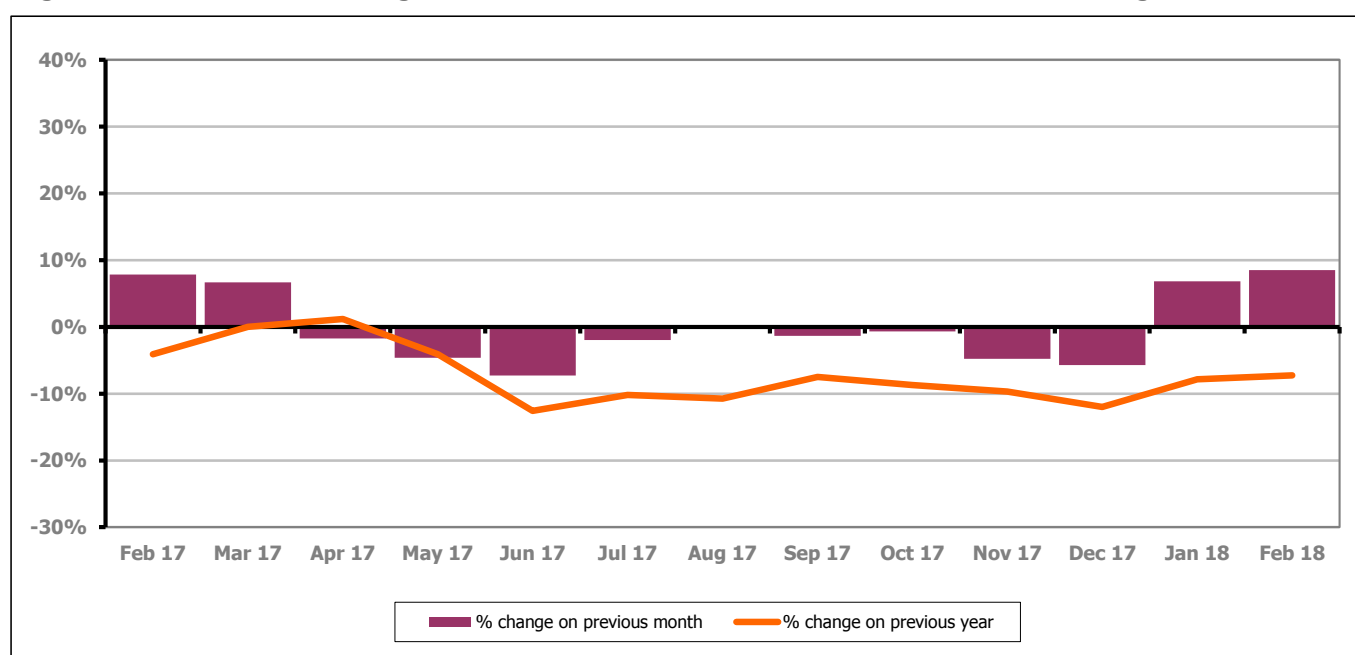


Figure 5 shows the claimant count increased by 8.5% since January 2018. The change on the previous year has increased between January 2018 and February 2018 to -7.3%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - February 2018

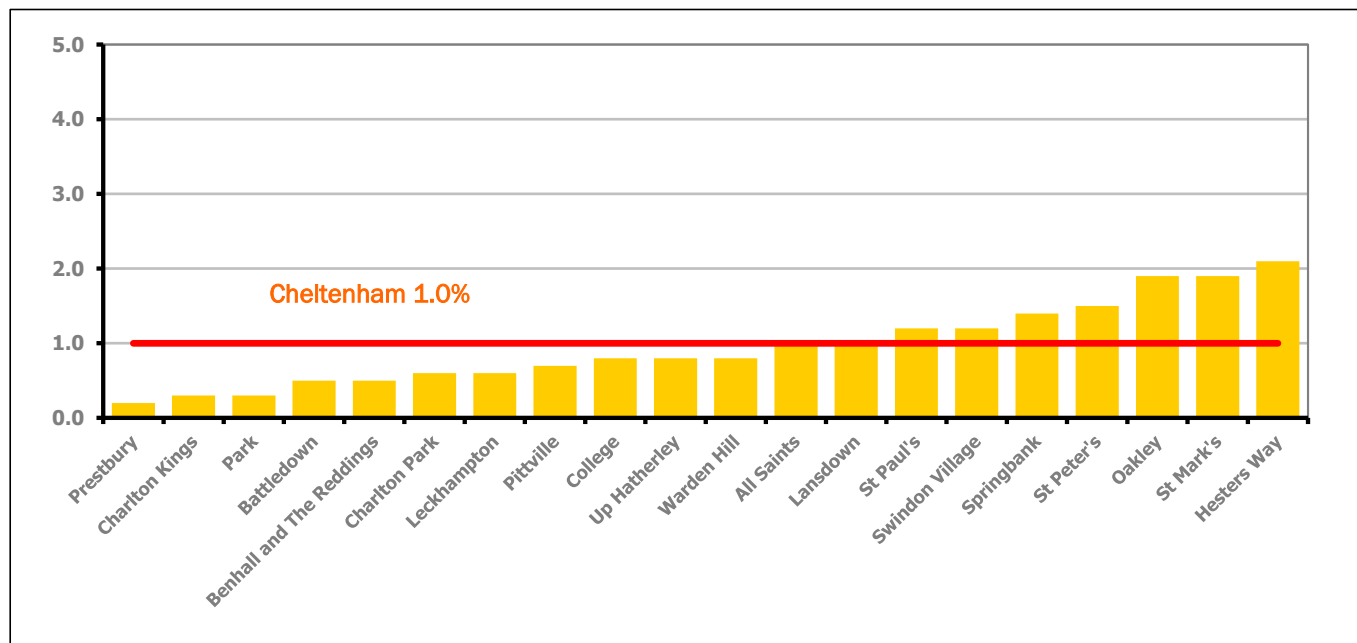


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.0%. Seven wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.2	4
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.3	6
Cheltenham	Park	0.3	6
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.5	25
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.5	25
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.6	44
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.6	44
Cheltenham	Pittville	0.7	60
Cheltenham	College	0.8	68
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.8	68
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	0.8	68
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.0	92
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.0	92
Cheltenham	St Paul's	1.2	103
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.2	103
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.4	120
Cheltenham	St Peter's	1.5	123
Cheltenham	Oakley	1.9	126
Cheltenham	St Mark's	1.9	126
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	2.1	130

lowest 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.

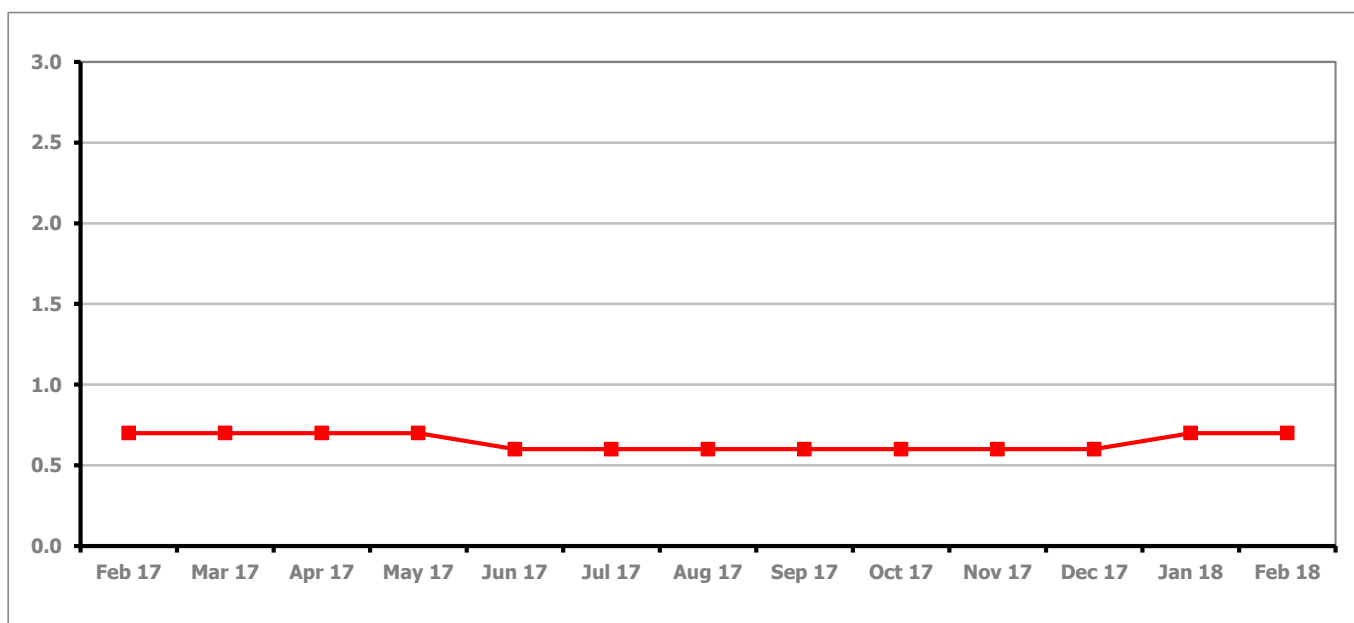
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District stayed the same as last month at 0.7%.

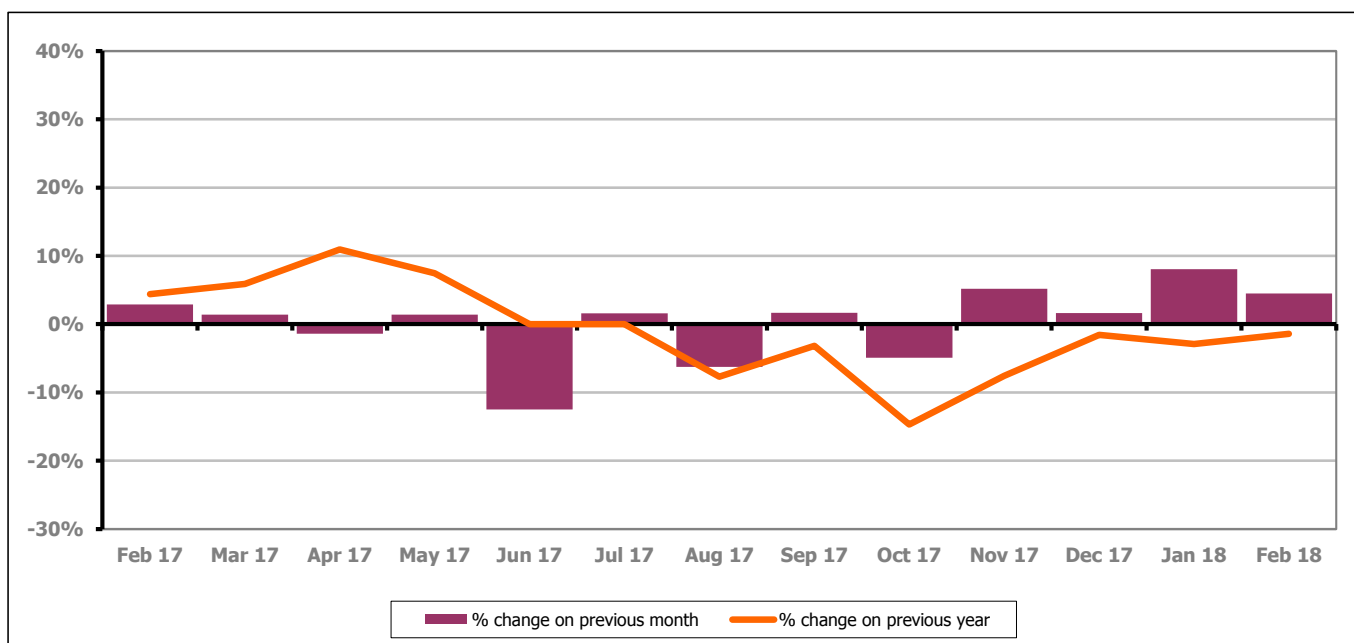
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count increased by 4.5% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between January 2018 and February 2018 to -1.4%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - February 2018

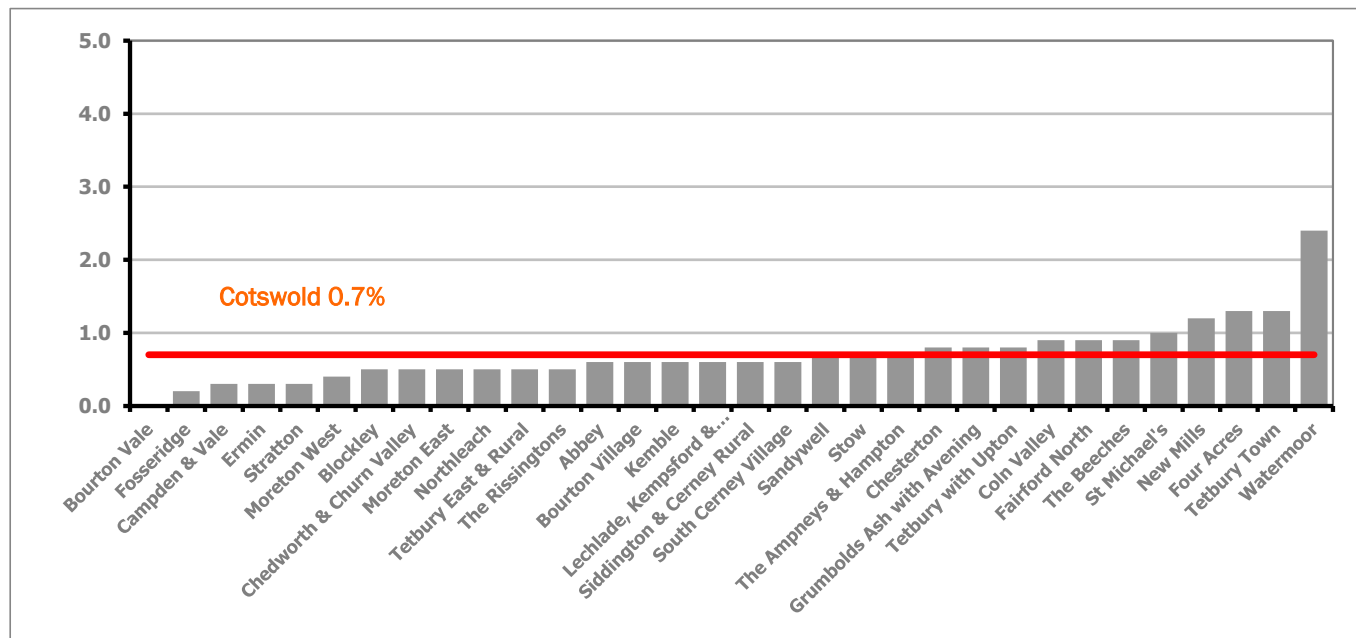
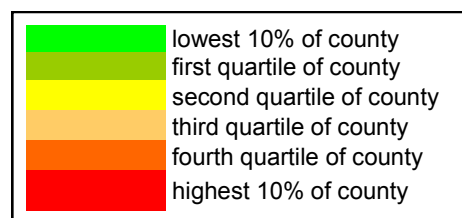


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.7%. Eleven wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Fossebridge	0.2	4
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Moreton West	0.4	16
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.5	25
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	0.5	25
Cotswolds	Moreton East	0.5	25
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.5	25
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	0.5	25
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	0.5	25
Cotswolds	Abbey	0.6	44
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	0.6	44
Cotswolds	Kemble	0.6	44
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempford & Fairford South	0.6	44
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	0.6	44
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	0.6	44
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.7	60
Cotswolds	Stow	0.7	60
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	0.7	60
Cotswolds	Chesterton	0.8	68
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.8	68
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	0.8	68
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.9	84
Cotswolds	Fairford North	0.9	84
Cotswolds	The Beeches	0.9	84
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.0	92
Cotswolds	New Mills	1.2	103
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.3	109
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.3	109
Cotswolds	Watermoor	2.4	135



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

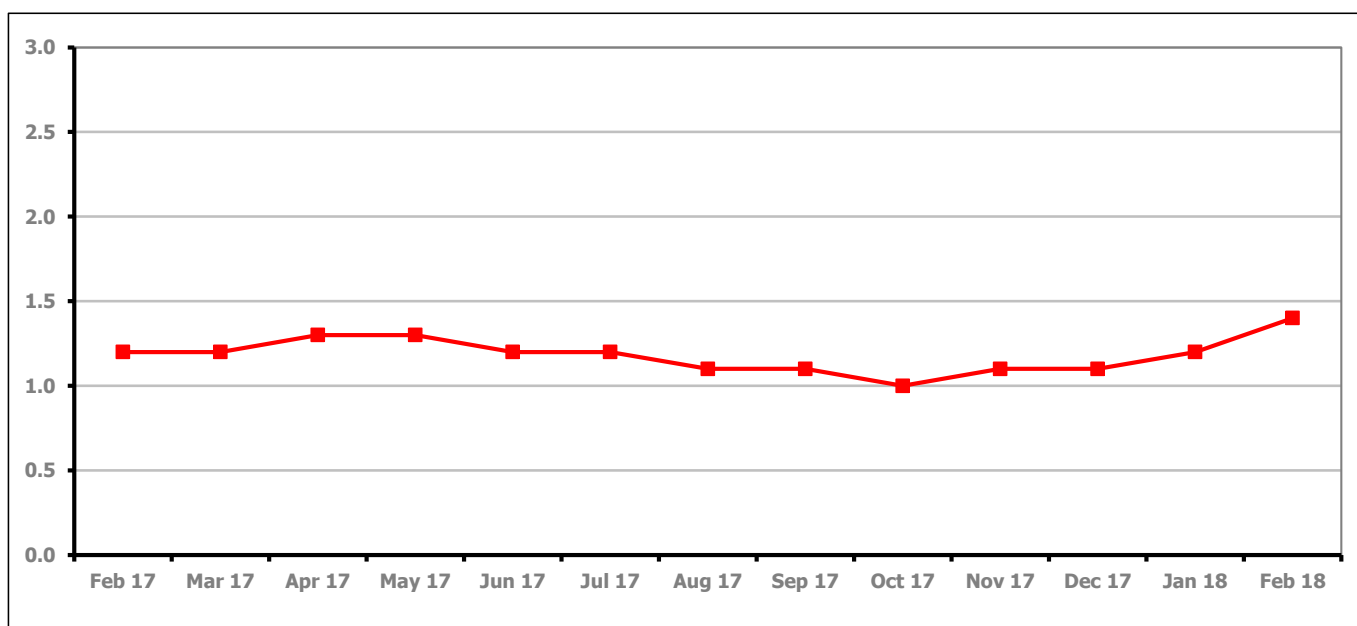
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean has increased in February 2018 to 1.4%.

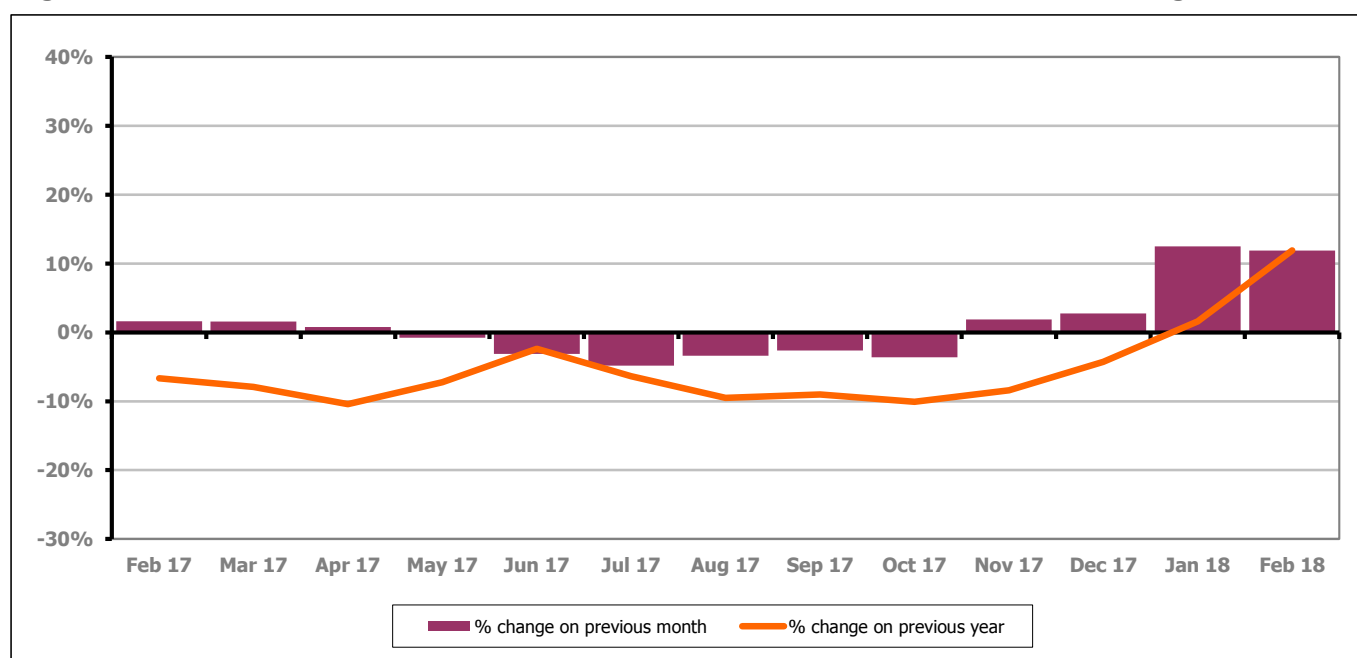
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count increased by 11.9% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between January 2018 and February 2018 to 11.9%.

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 2018

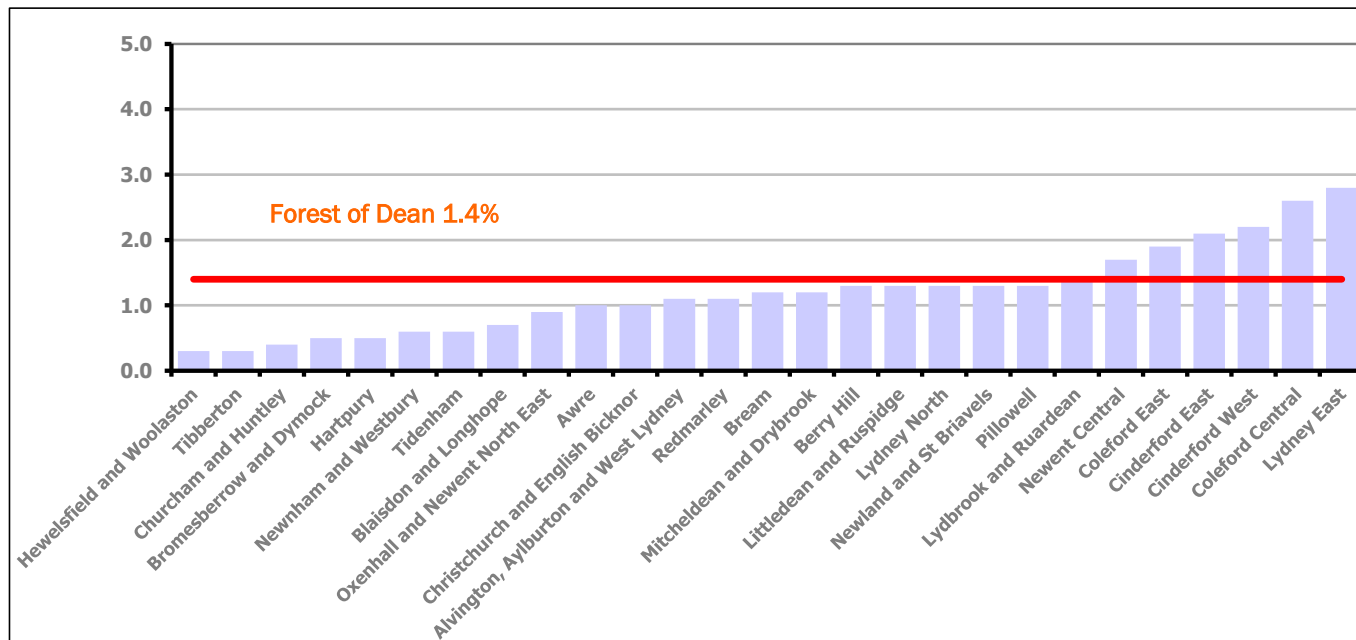
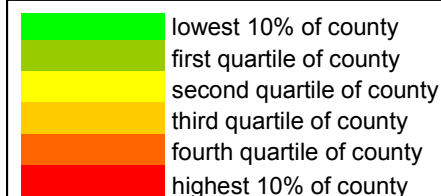


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.4%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - February 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.3	6
Forest	Tibberton	0.3	6
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.4	16
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.5	25
Forest	Hartpur	0.5	25
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.6	44
Forest	Tidenham	0.6	44
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.7	60
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	0.9	84
Forest	Awre	1.0	92
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.0	92
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.1	100
Forest	Redmarley	1.1	100
Forest	Bream	1.2	103
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.2	103
Forest	Berry Hill	1.3	109
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.3	109
Forest	Lydney North	1.3	109
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.3	109
Forest	Pillowell	1.3	109
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.4	120
Forest	Newent Central	1.7	125
Forest	Coleford East	1.9	126
Forest	Cinderford East	2.1	130
Forest	Cinderford West	2.2	134
Forest	Coleford Central	2.6	139
Forest	Lydney East	2.8	141



* 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.

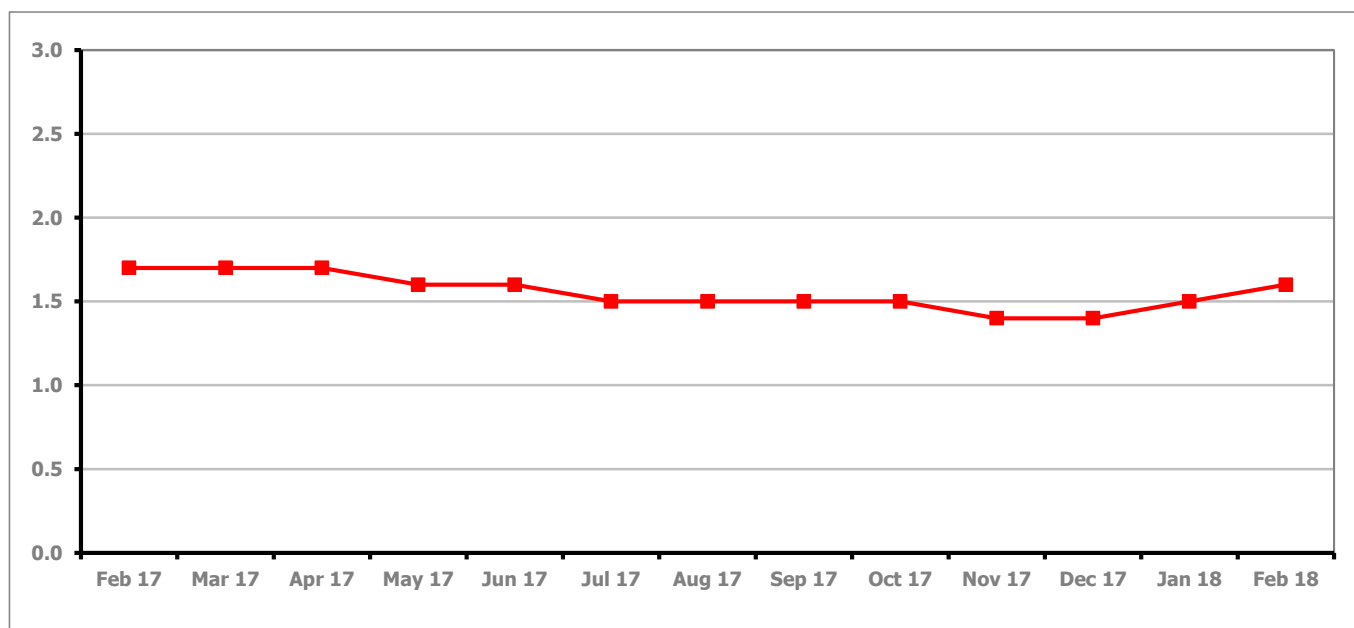
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City has increased in February 2018 to 1.6%.

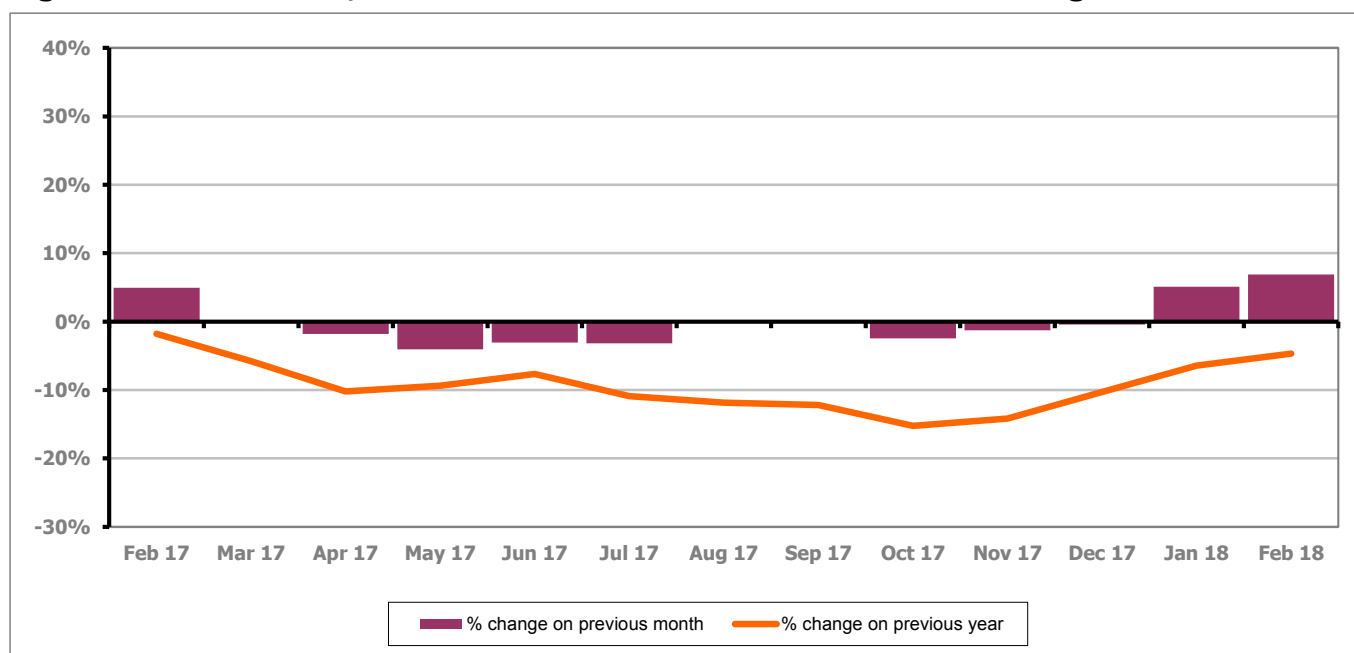
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count increased by 6.9% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between January 2018 and February 2018 to -4.7%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - February 2018

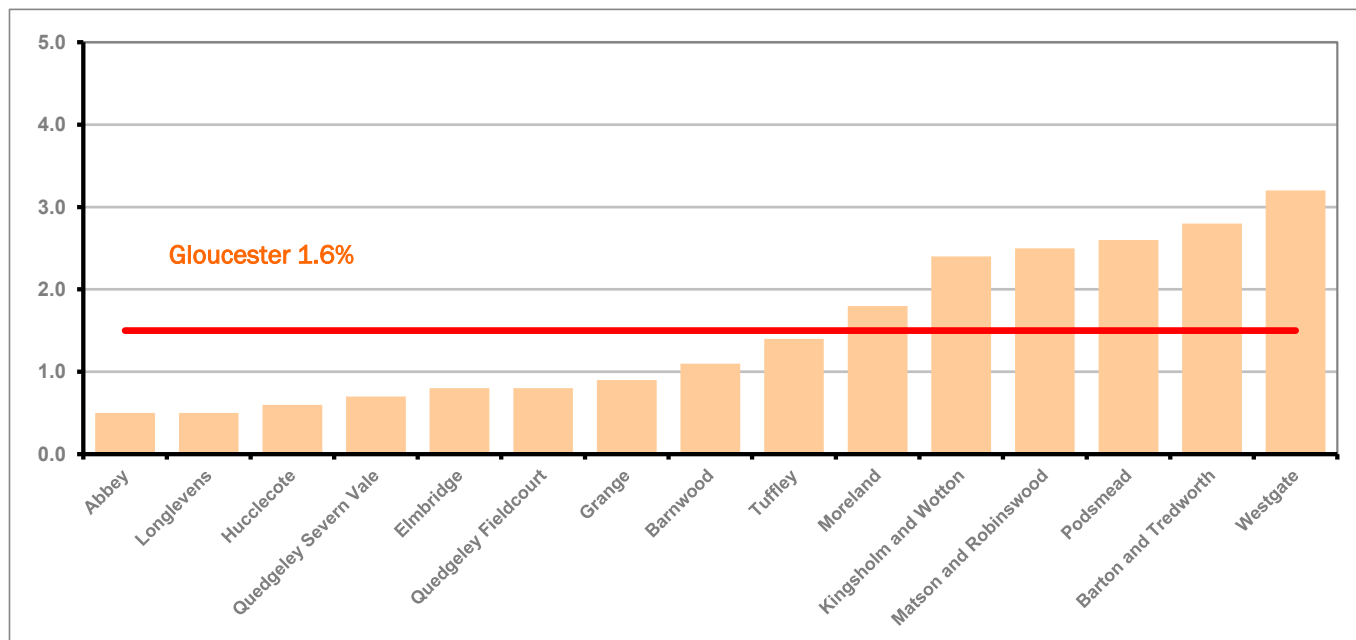


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 1.6%. Six wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*	
Gloucester	Abbey	0.4	16	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #00FF00; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>lowest 10% of county</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #90EE90; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>first quartile of county</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #FFFF00; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>second quartile of county</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #FFD700; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>third quartile of county</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #FFA500; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>fourth quartile of county</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="width: 20px; height: 20px; background-color: #FF0000; margin-right: 5px;"></div> <div>highest 10% of county</div> </div>
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.5	25	
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.6	44	
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	0.8	68	
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	0.8	68	
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.9	84	
Gloucester	Grange	0.9	84	<div>* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"</div>
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.1	100	
Gloucester	Tuffley	1.4	120	
Gloucester	Moreland	2.1	130	
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	2.4	135	
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	2.8	141	
Gloucester	Podsmead	2.8	141	
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	3.0	144	
Gloucester	Westgate	3.5	146	

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

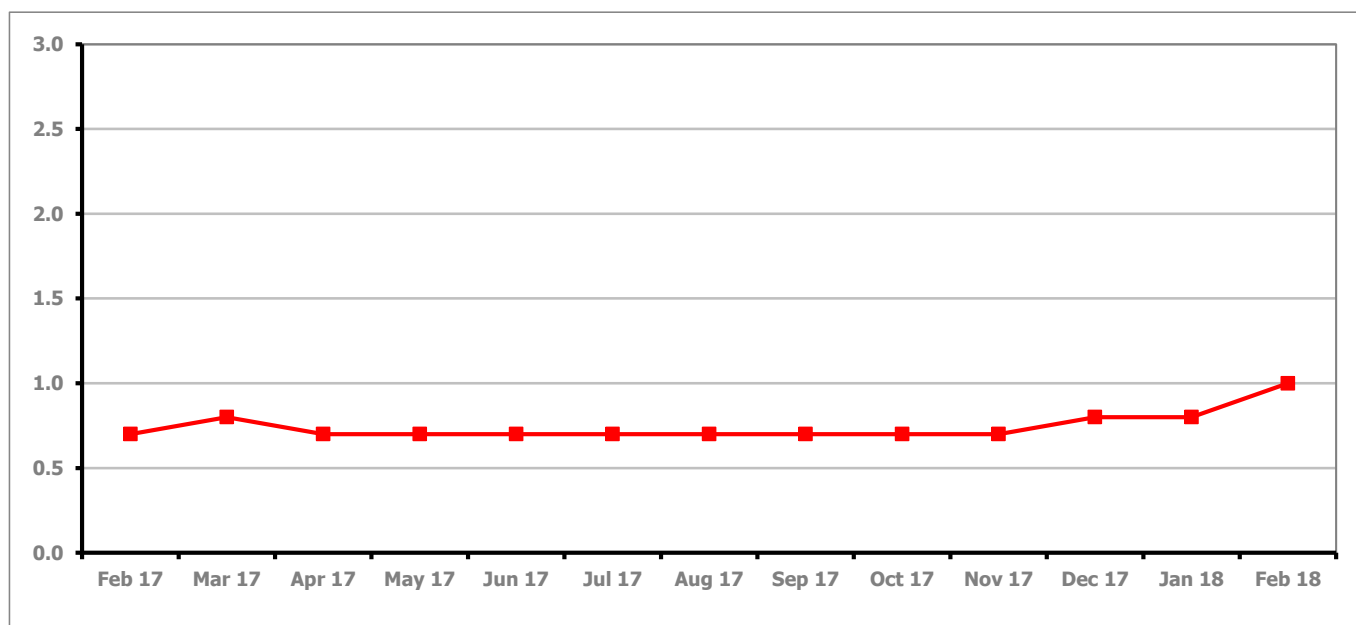
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud has increased in February 2018 to 1.0%.

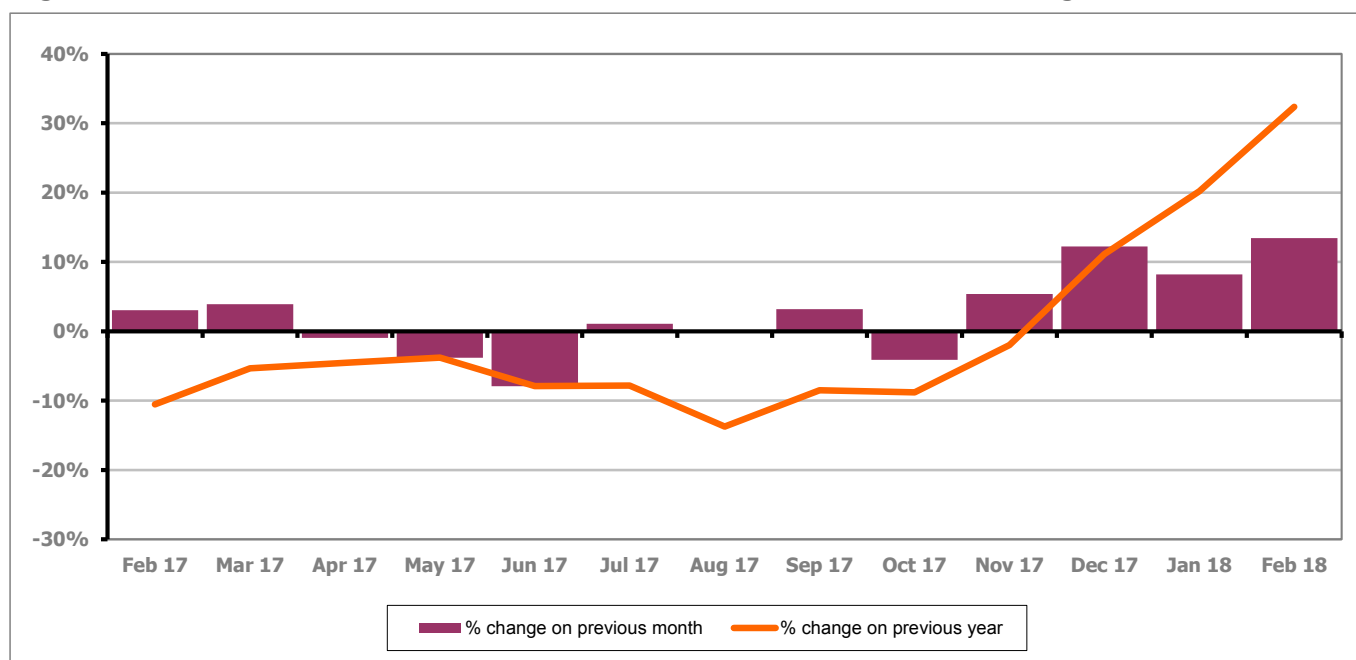
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count has increased by 13.4% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between January 2018 and February 2018 to 32.4%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - February 2018

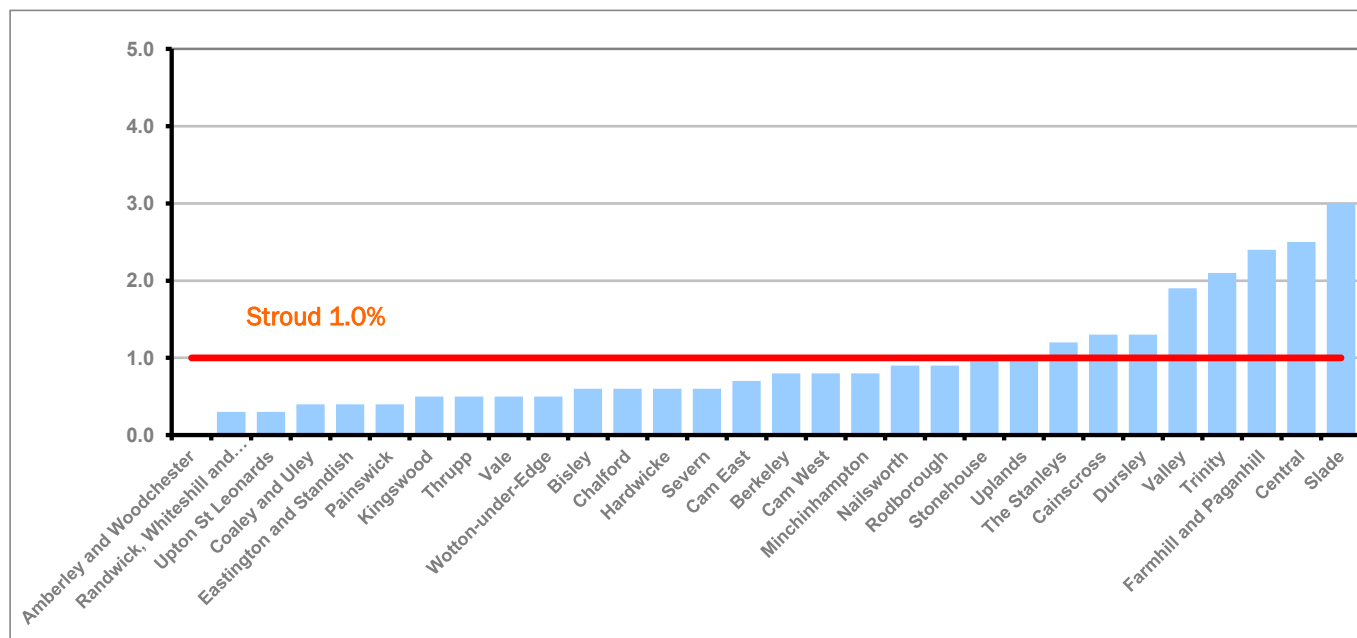
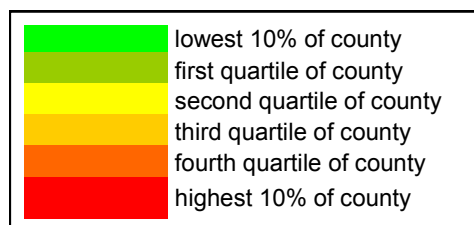


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.0%. Eight wards are above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	<0.3	1
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.3	6
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.3	6
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.4	16
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.4	16
Stroud	Painswick	0.4	16
Stroud	Kingswood	0.5	25
Stroud	Thrupp	0.5	25
Stroud	Vale	0.5	25
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.5	25
Stroud	Bisley	0.6	44
Stroud	Chalford	0.6	44
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.6	44
Stroud	Severn	0.6	44
Stroud	Cam East	0.7	60
Stroud	Berkeley	0.8	68
Stroud	Cam West	0.8	68
Stroud	Minchinhampton	0.8	68
Stroud	Nailsworth	0.9	84
Stroud	Rodborough	0.9	84
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.0	92
Stroud	Uplands	1.0	92
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.2	103
Stroud	Cainscross	1.3	109
Stroud	Dursley	1.3	109
Stroud	Valley	1.9	126
Stroud	Trinity	2.1	130
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	2.4	135
Stroud	Central	2.5	138
Stroud	Slade	3.0	144



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Table 9 shows overall claimant rates for Stroud District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

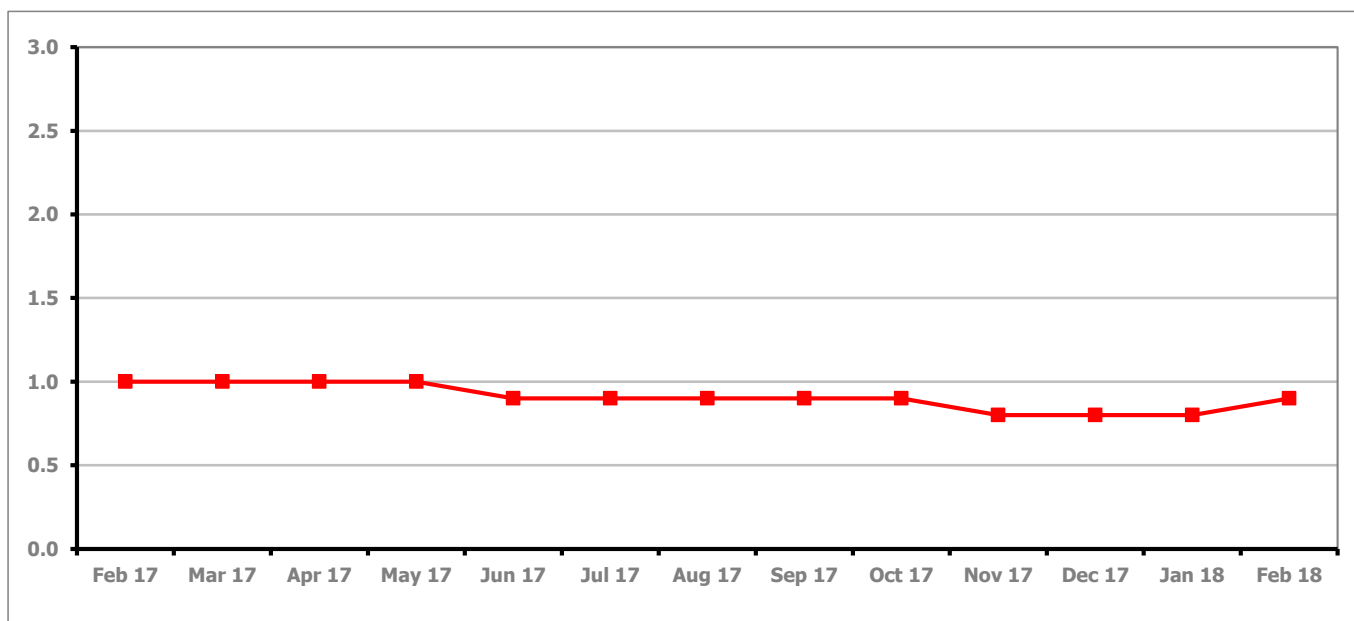
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.6 Tewkesbury District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District has increased in February 2018 to 0.9%.

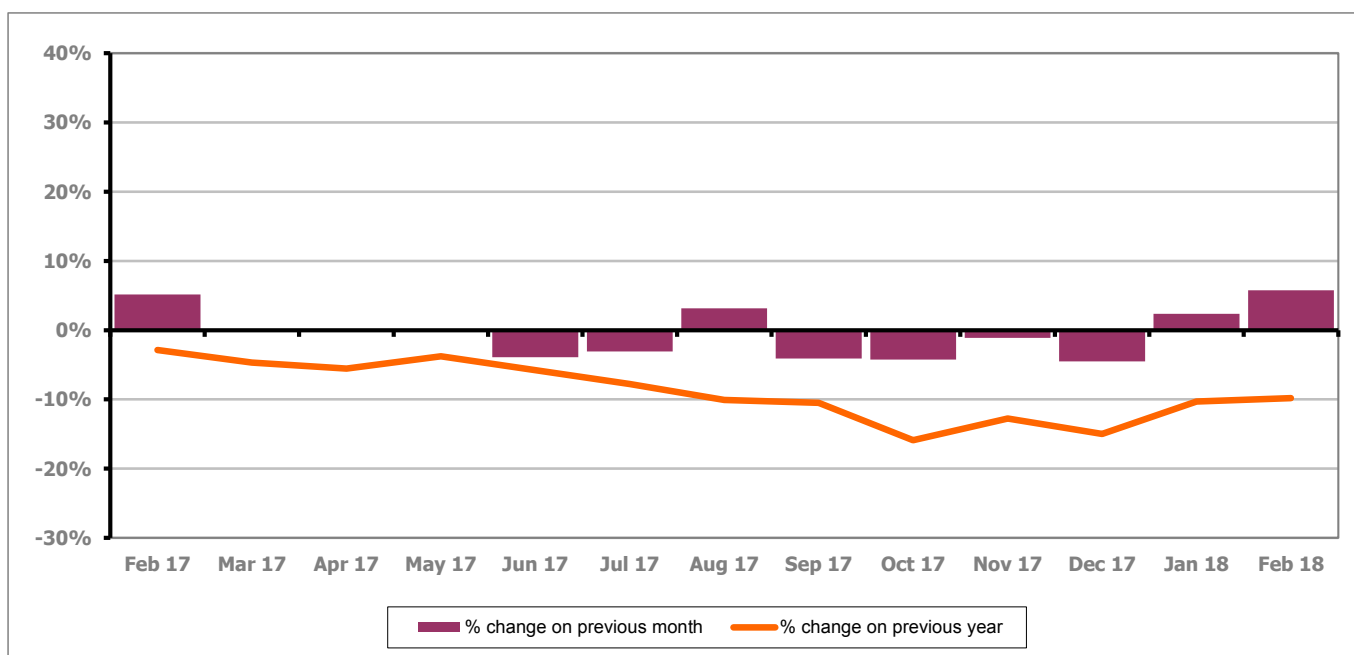
Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count has increased by 5.7% since last month. The change on the previous year has increased between January 2018 and February 2018 to -9.8%.

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4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - February 2018

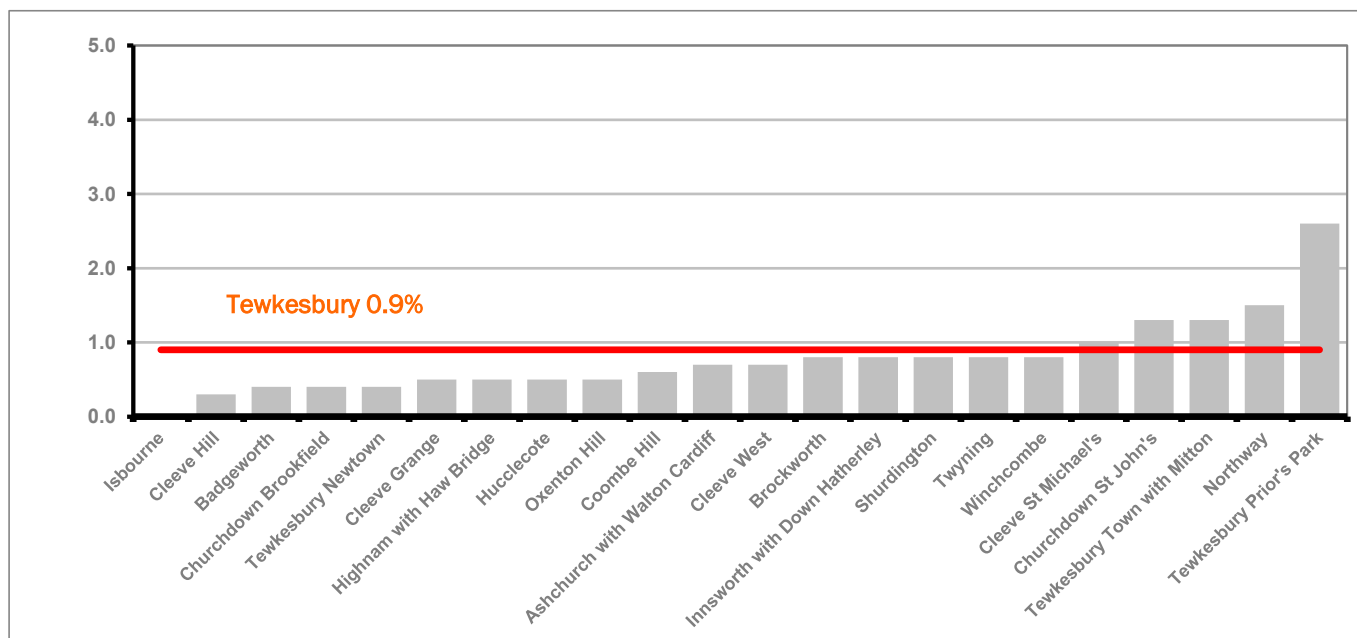


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.9%. Five wards are above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.0	1
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.3	6
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.4	16
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.4	16
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	0.4	16
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	0.5	25
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.5	25
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	0.5	25
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.5	25
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	0.6	44
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	0.7	60
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.7	60
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	0.8	68
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	0.8	68
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	0.8	68
Tewkesbury	Twynning	0.8	68
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	0.8	68
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.0	92
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.3	109
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.3	109
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.5	123
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	2.6	139

lowest 10% of county

first quartile of county

second quartile of county

third quartile of county

fourth quartile of county

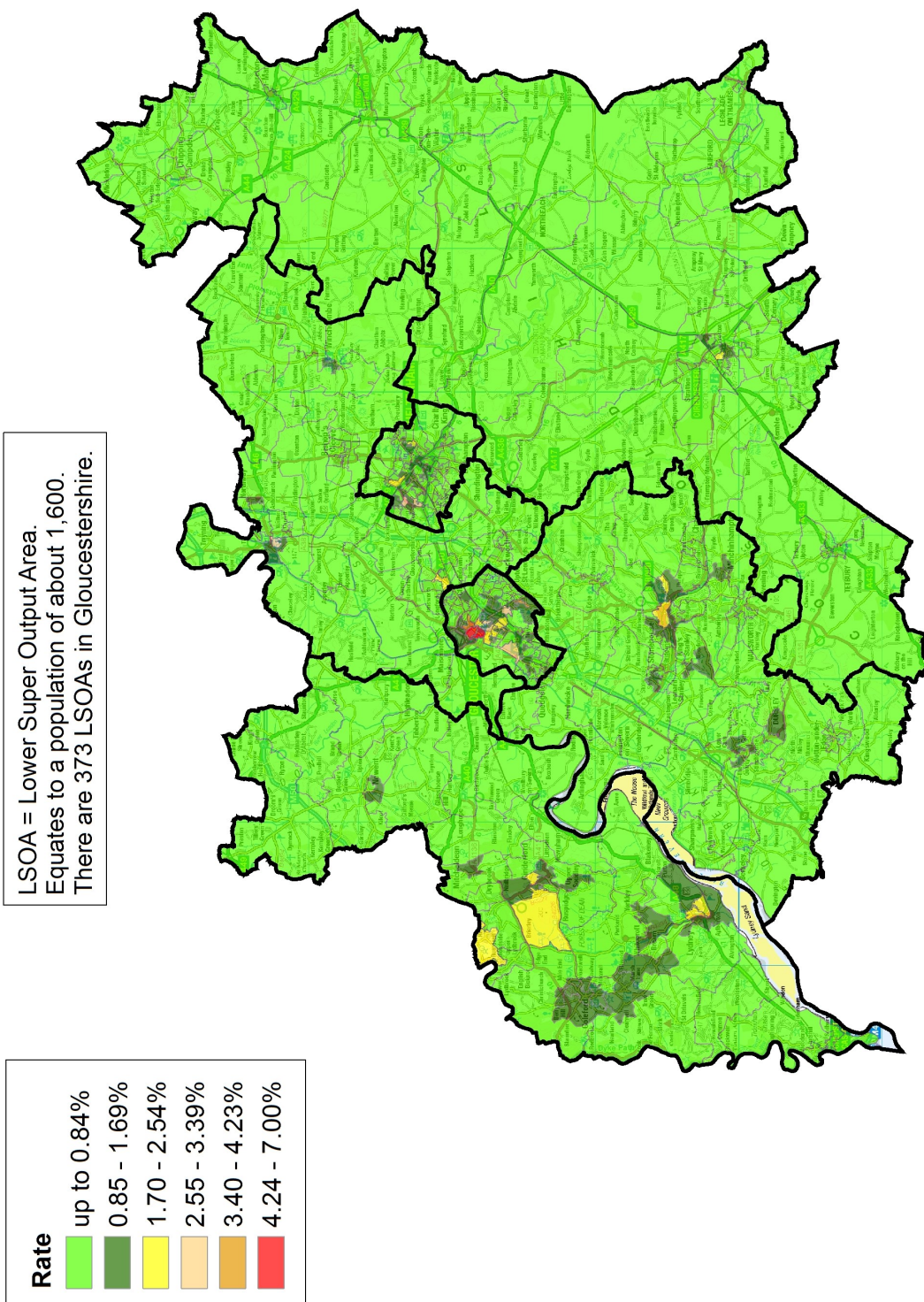
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* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

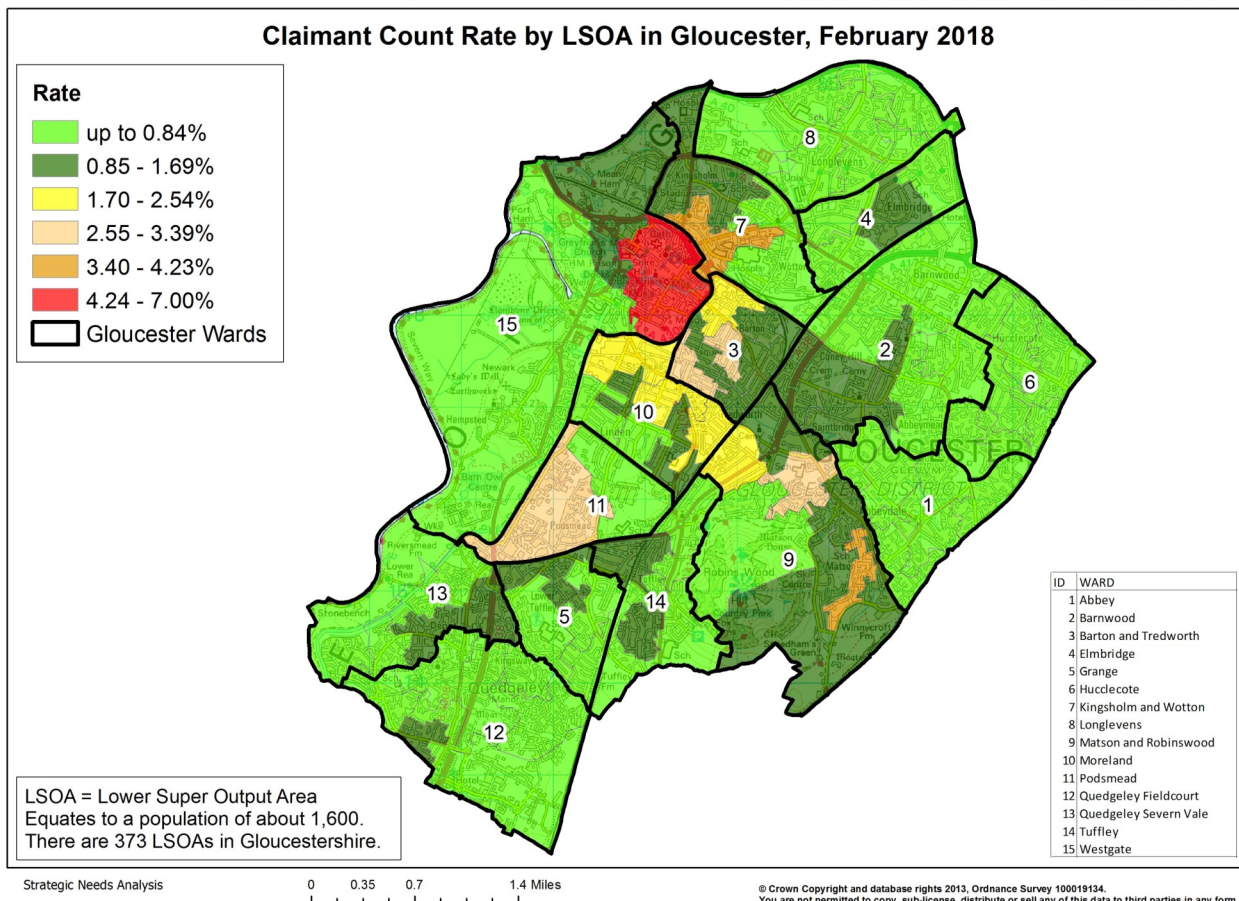
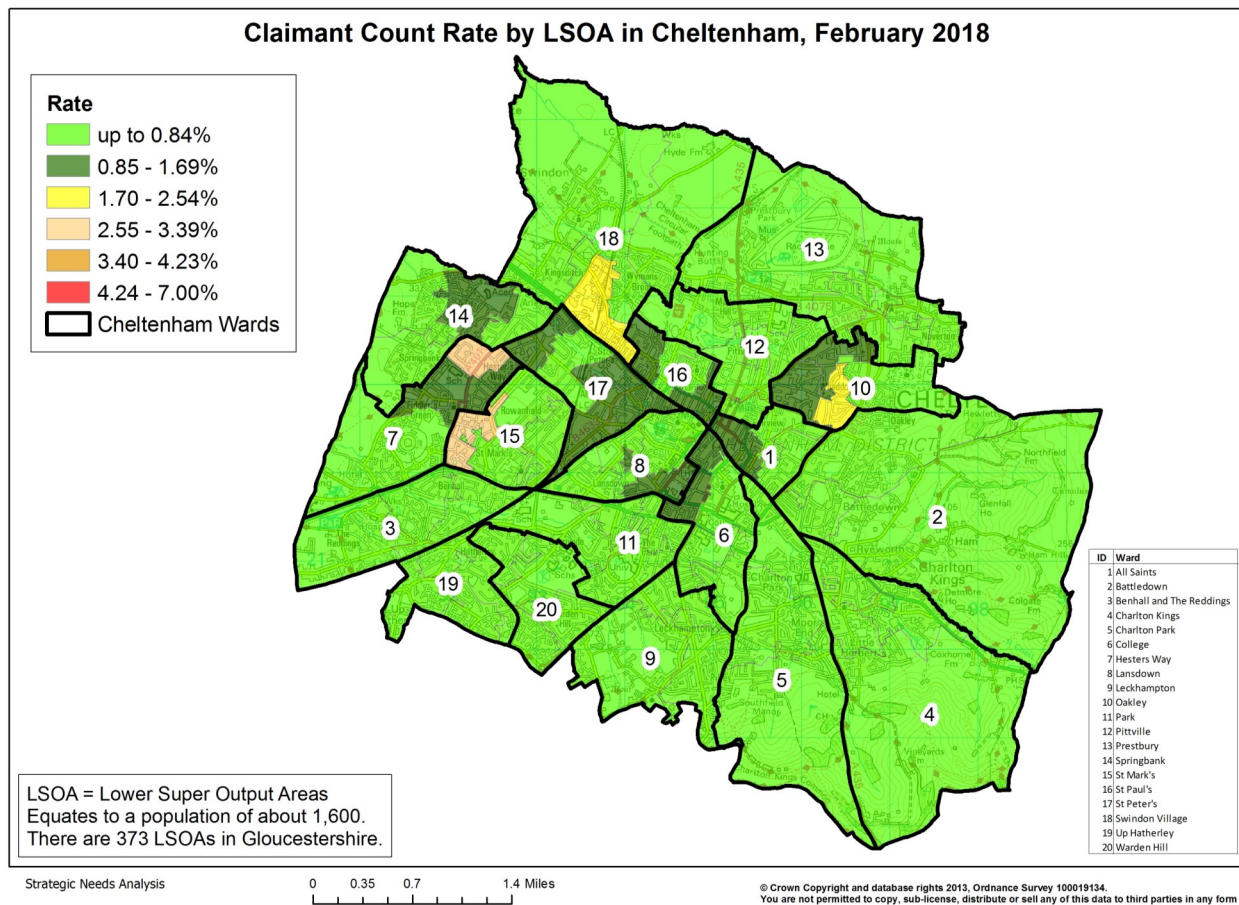
Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, February 2018



PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 22: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

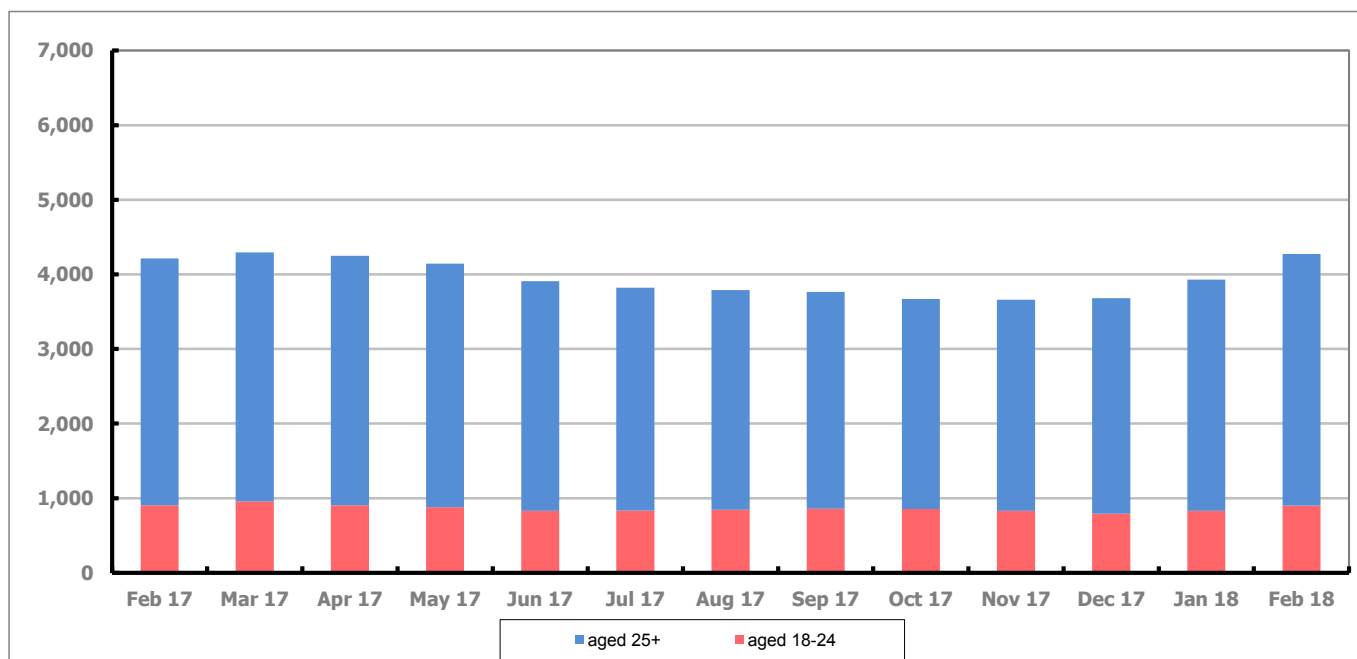


Figure 22 shows that in February 2018, 900 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 21.0% of total working age claimants.

Figure 23: Youth Claimants in Gloucestershire - Month on Month and Year on Year change

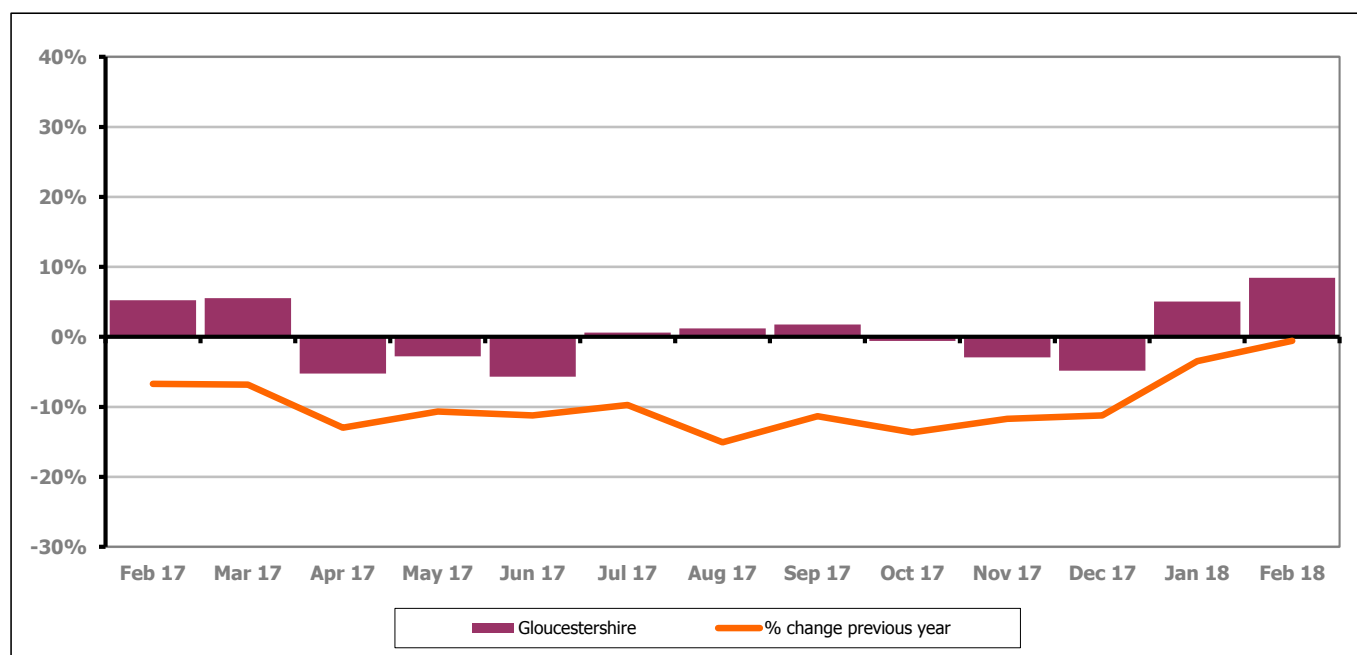


Figure 23 shows the number of young claimants increased in February 2018 by 8.4%. Over the last year the number of young claimants decreased by 0.6% or 5 people.

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 2018 there were 461 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 2.97%. The total number of NEET young people increased by 6 in February 2018 compared to January 2018, three districts saw an increase in their figure and three districts saw a decrease.

Total NEET Group by District Area

February 2018 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	81	39	69	142	77	53	461
Cohort	2662	2169	2187	3701	3331	2258	16308
% NEET	3.04	1.80	3.16	3.84	2.31	2.35	2.97*

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.