

Unemployment Bulletin

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Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 14 October 2021. Enhancements to Universal Credit as part of the UK government's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) mean that an increasing number of people became eligible for unemployment-related benefit support, although still employed. Consequently changes in the Claimant Count will not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who are unemployed. We are not able to identify to what extent people who are employed or unemployed have affected the numbers.

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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](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 3.2% in October 2021. The South West rate remained at 3.5% and the UK rate decreased to 4.8%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 3.5%, and 1.6% lower than the UK average of 4.8%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in October 2021 decreased by 190 people. The amount of people claiming in October 2021 was 1.5% lower than the number in September 2021. This compares to a 1.4% decrease in the South West and a 1.8% decrease 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 October 2021

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in October 2021

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	2,600
Claimant count change on previous month:	-0.2%
Claimant rate:	3.6%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Hesters Way (6.4%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	3,545
Claimant count change on previous month:	-2.6%
Claimant rate:	4.3%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Barton and Tredworth (9.8%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,290
Claimant count change on previous month:	0.4%
Claimant rate:	2.5%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watemoor (5.1%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,715
Claimant count change on previous month:	-4.2%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Slade (5.6%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,610
Claimant count change on previous month:	1.9%
Claimant rate:	3.1%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Lydney East (6.0%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,510
Claimant count change on previous month:	-2.9%
Claimant rate:	2.6%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (4.5%)

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

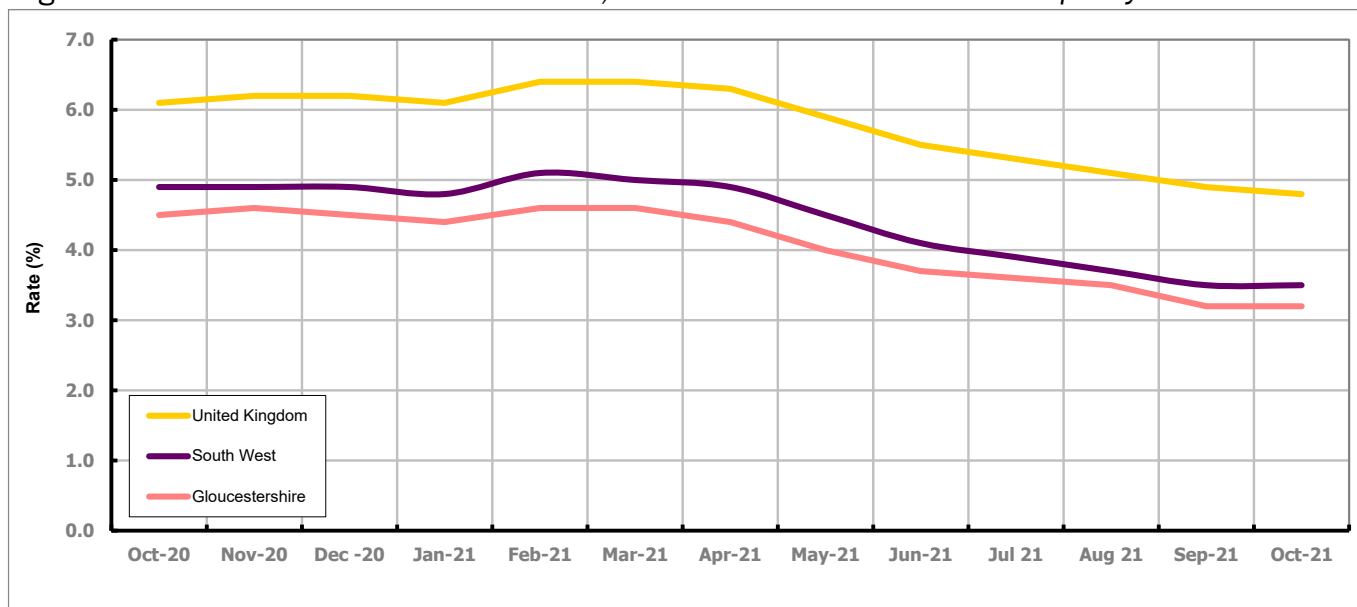


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 3.2% in October 2021. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.7% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in October 2021	% change on September 2021	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,996,830	-1.8%	0
South West	117,955	-1.4%	0
Gloucestershire	12,265	-1.5%	0

Table 1 shows that in October 2021, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.5% lower than the number in September 2021.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - October 2021

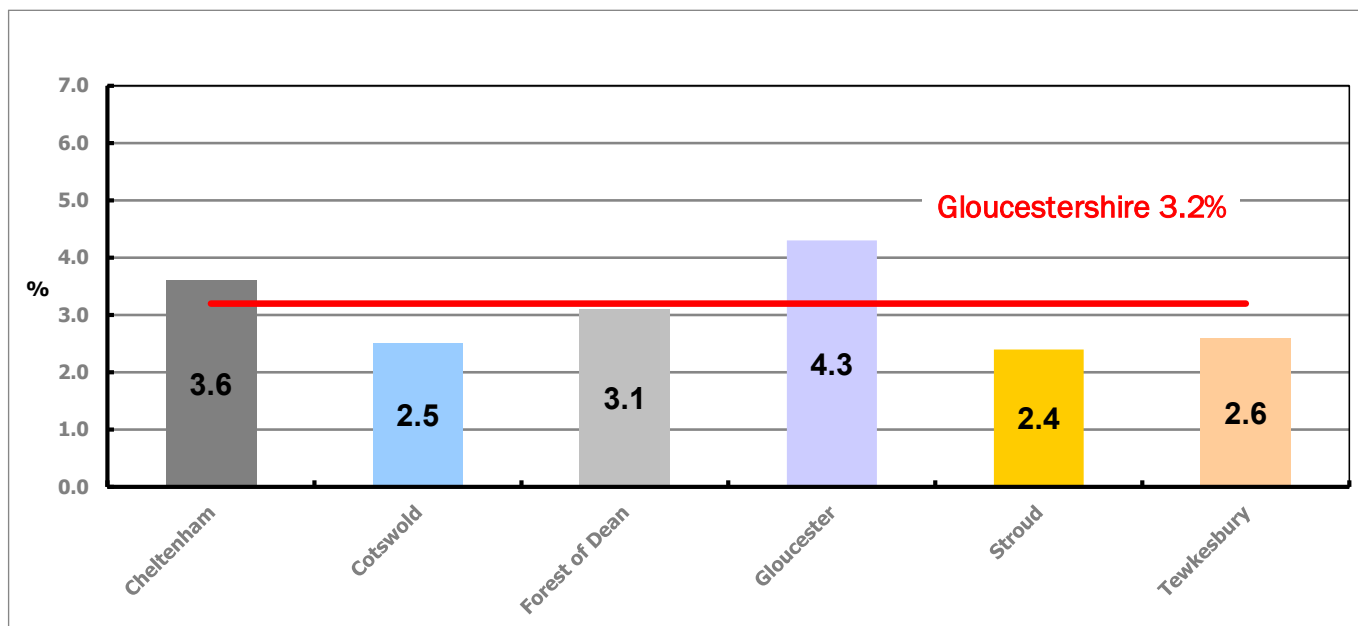


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for October 2021 in Gloucestershire. Between September 2021 and October 2021 the rate decreased in all districts except Cheltenham, Cotswold and the Forest of Dean which remained the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Oct 21 Number	Oct 21 Rate	Sep 21 Number	Sep 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	12,265	3.2	12,455	3.2	-190	-1.5%	0.0
Cheltenham	2,600	3.6	2,605	3.6	-5	-0.2%	0.0
Cotswold	1,290	2.5	1,285	2.5	5	0.4%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,610	3.1	1,580	3.1	30	1.9%	0.0
Gloucester	3,545	4.3	3,640	4.5	-95	-2.6%	-0.2
Stroud	1,715	2.4	1,790	2.5	-75	-4.2%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,510	2.6	1,555	2.7	-45	-2.9%	-0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in October 2021 compared to September 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants, except Cotswold and the Forest of Dean which saw an increase.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Oct 21 Number	Oct 21 Rate	Sep 21 Number	Sep 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,940	3.6	7,125	3.7	-185	-2.6%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,540	4.2	1,555	4.3	-15	-1.0%	-0.1
Cotswold	690	2.7	700	2.8	-10	-1.4%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	865	3.4	870	3.4	-5	-0.6%	0.0
Gloucester	2,115	5.2	2,175	5.3	-60	-2.8%	-0.1
Stroud	920	2.6	960	2.7	-40	-4.2%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	815	2.9	860	3.1	-45	-5.2%	-0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in October 2021 compared to September 2021. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Oct 21 Number	Oct 21 Rate	Sep 21 Number	Sep 21 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,325	2.7	5,330	2.7	-5	-0.1%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,060	3.0	1,045	2.9	15	1.4%	0.1
Cotswold	600	2.3	585	2.2	15	2.6%	0.1
Forest of Dean	745	2.9	710	2.7	35	4.9%	0.2
Gloucester	1,430	3.5	1,465	3.6	-35	-2.4%	-0.1
Stroud	795	2.2	830	2.3	-35	-4.2%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	695	2.4	695	2.4	0	0.0%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in October 2021 compared to September 2021. All districts saw an increase in the number of female claimants, except Gloucester and Stroud which saw a decrease, and Tewkesbury which remained 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

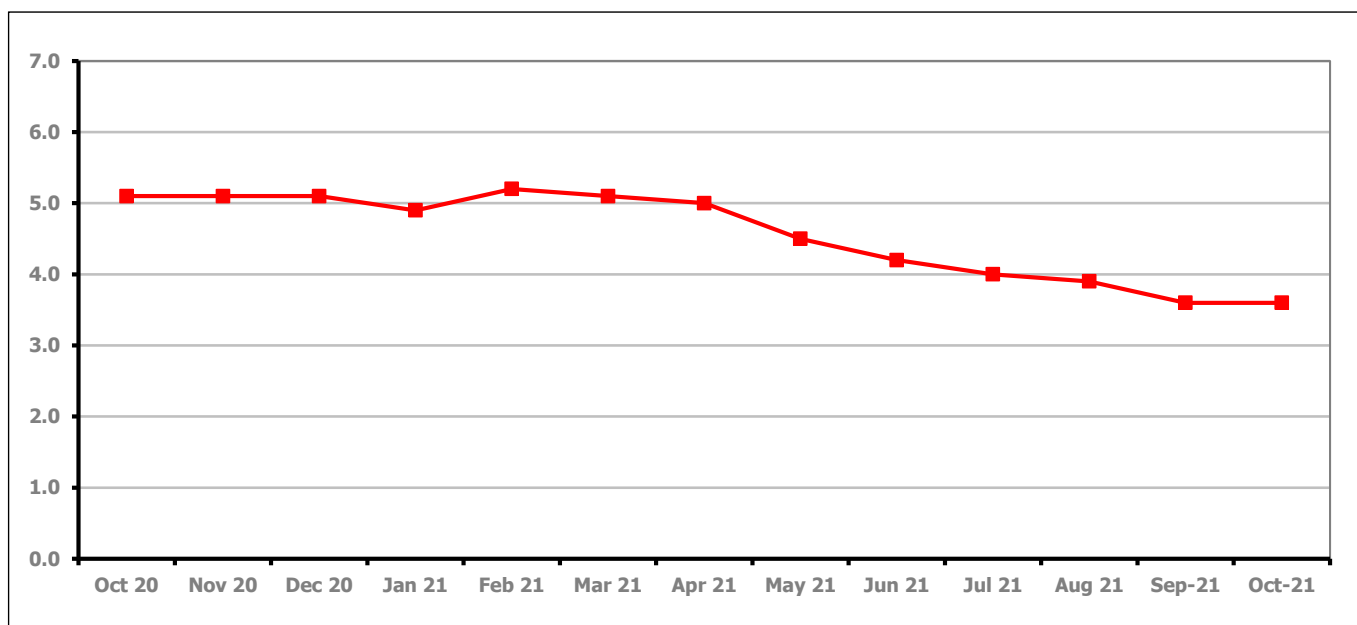


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained at 3.6% in October 2021.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - October 2021

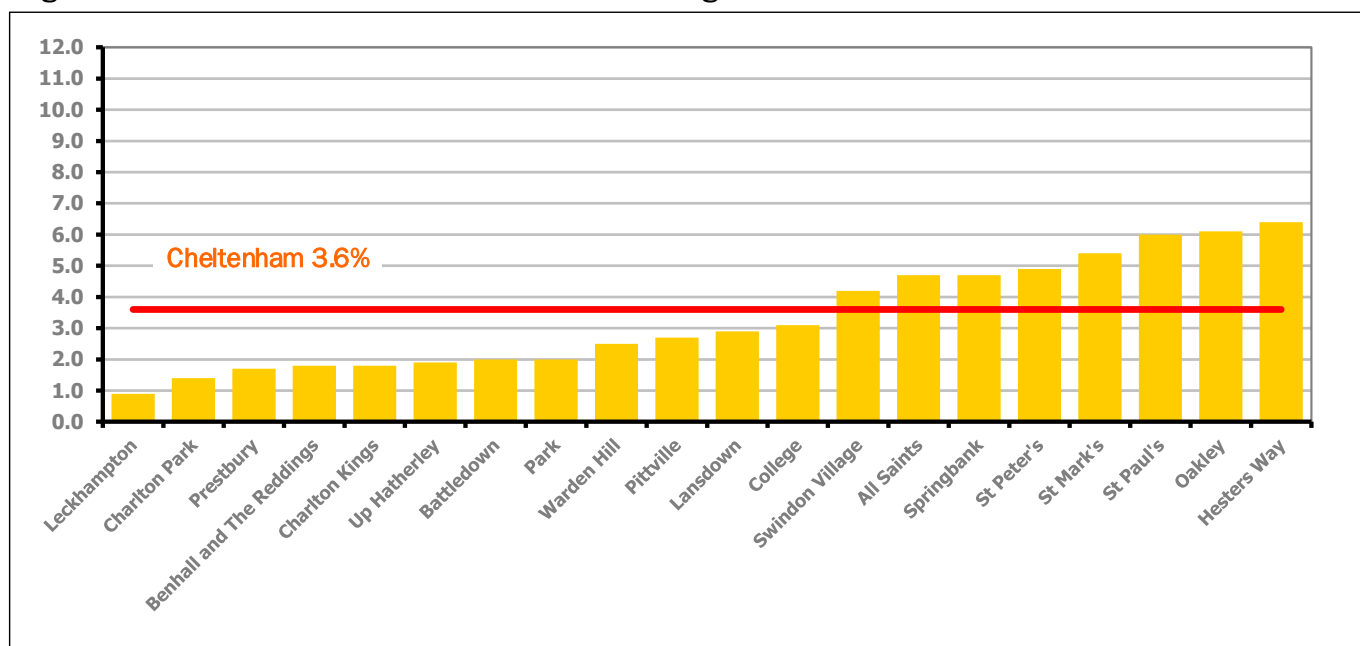


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 3.6%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - October 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.9	1
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.4	5
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.7	17
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.8	21
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.8	21
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.9	26
Cheltenham	Battledown	2.0	33
Cheltenham	Park	2.0	33
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.5	67
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.7	79
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.9	88
Cheltenham	College	3.1	94
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	4.2	115
Cheltenham	All Saints	4.7	120
Cheltenham	Springbank	4.7	120
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.9	122
Cheltenham	St Mark's	5.4	126
Cheltenham	St Paul's	6.0	132
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.1	134
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	6.4	136

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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

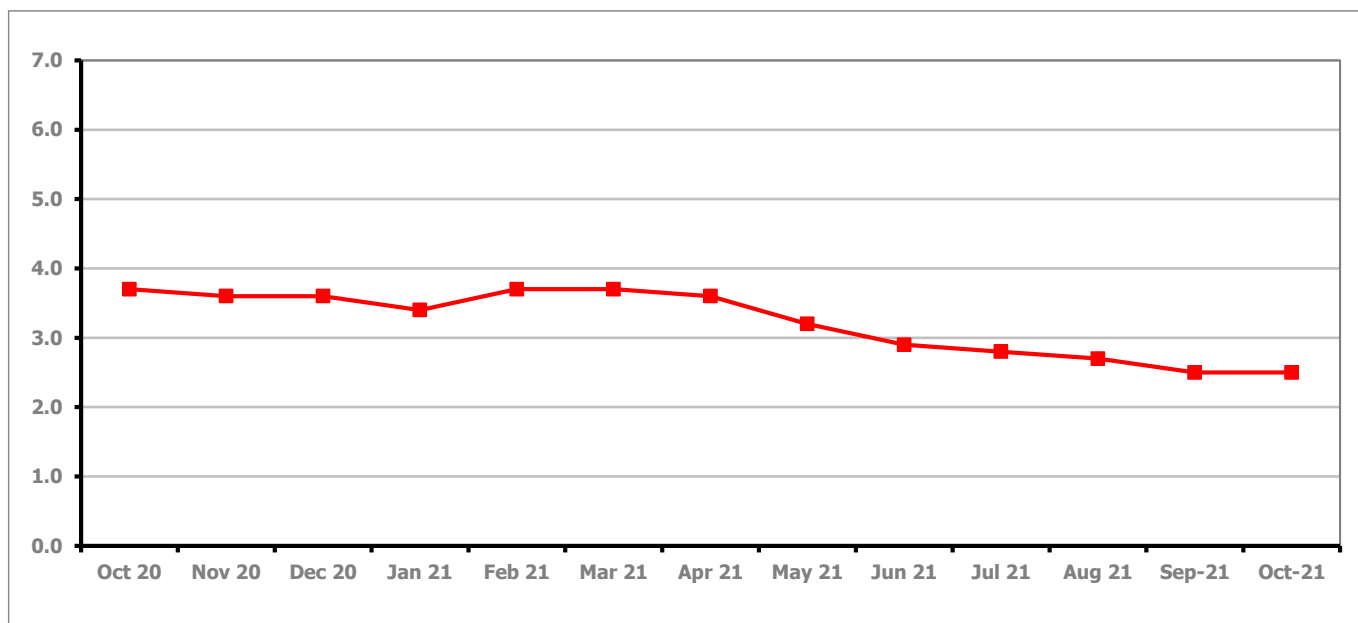


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained at 2.5% in October 2021.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - October 2021

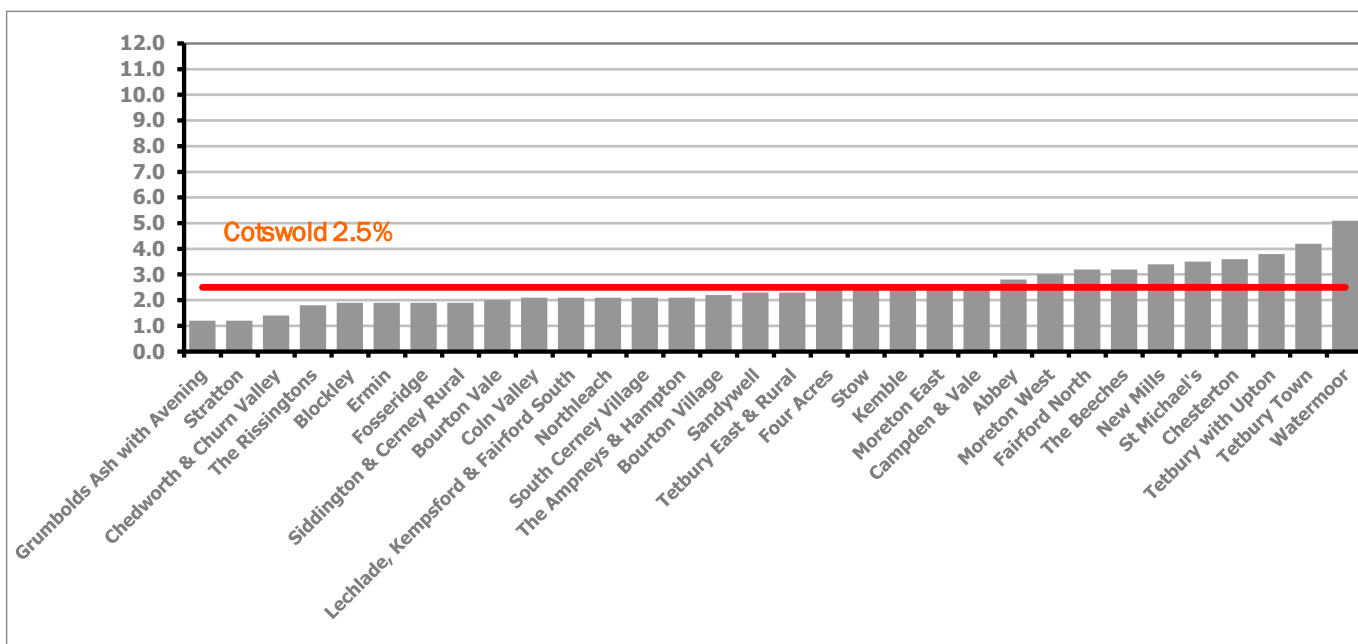


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.5%. Eleven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - October 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.2	2
Cotswolds	Stratton	1.2	2
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.4	5
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.8	21
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.9	26
Cotswolds	Ermin	1.9	26
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.9	26
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.9	26
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	2.0	33
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	2.1	41
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	2.1	41
Cotswolds	Northleach	2.1	41
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	2.1	41
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	2.1	41
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	2.2	49
Cotswolds	Sandywell	2.3	53
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	2.3	53
Cotswolds	Four Acres	2.4	60
Cotswolds	Stow	2.4	60
Cotswolds	Kemble	2.5	67
Cotswolds	Moreton East	2.5	67
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	2.6	73
Cotswolds	Abbey	2.8	82
Cotswolds	Moreton West	3.0	92
Cotswolds	Fairford North	3.2	98
Cotswolds	The Beeches	3.2	98
Cotswolds	New Mills	3.4	103
Cotswolds	St Michael's	3.5	105
Cotswolds	Chesterton	3.6	107
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	3.8	109
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	4.2	115
Cotswolds	Watermoor	5.1	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

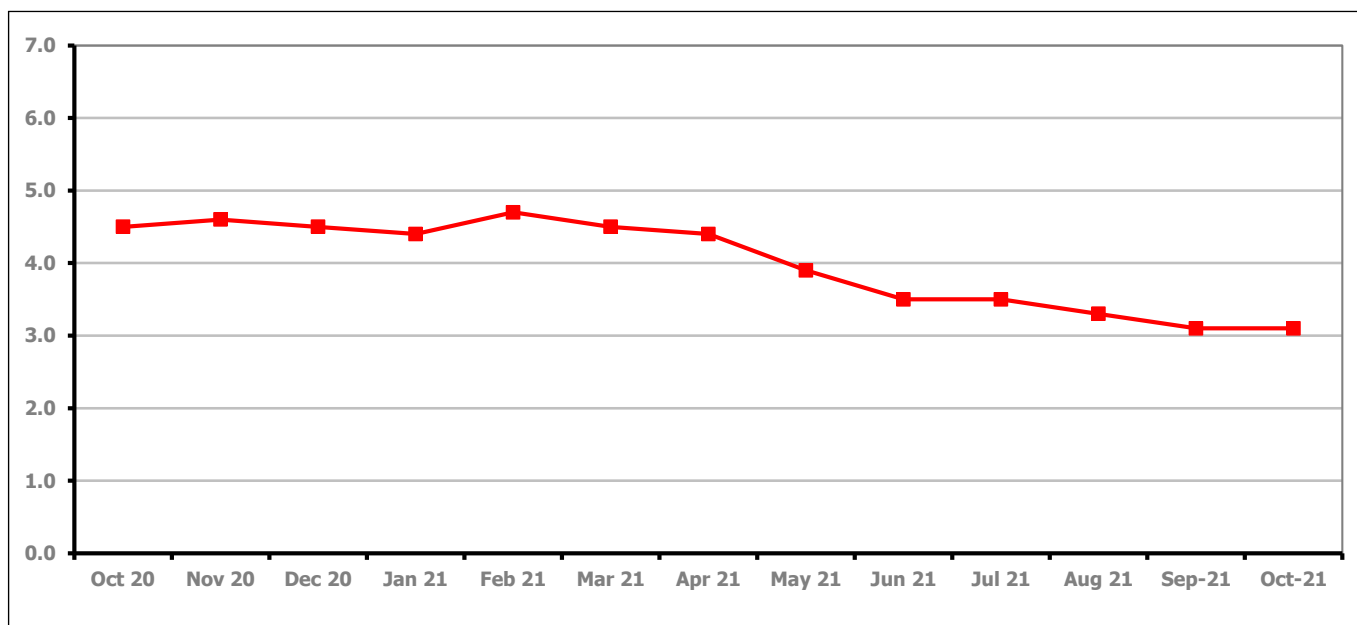


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained at 3.1% in October 2021.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - October 2021

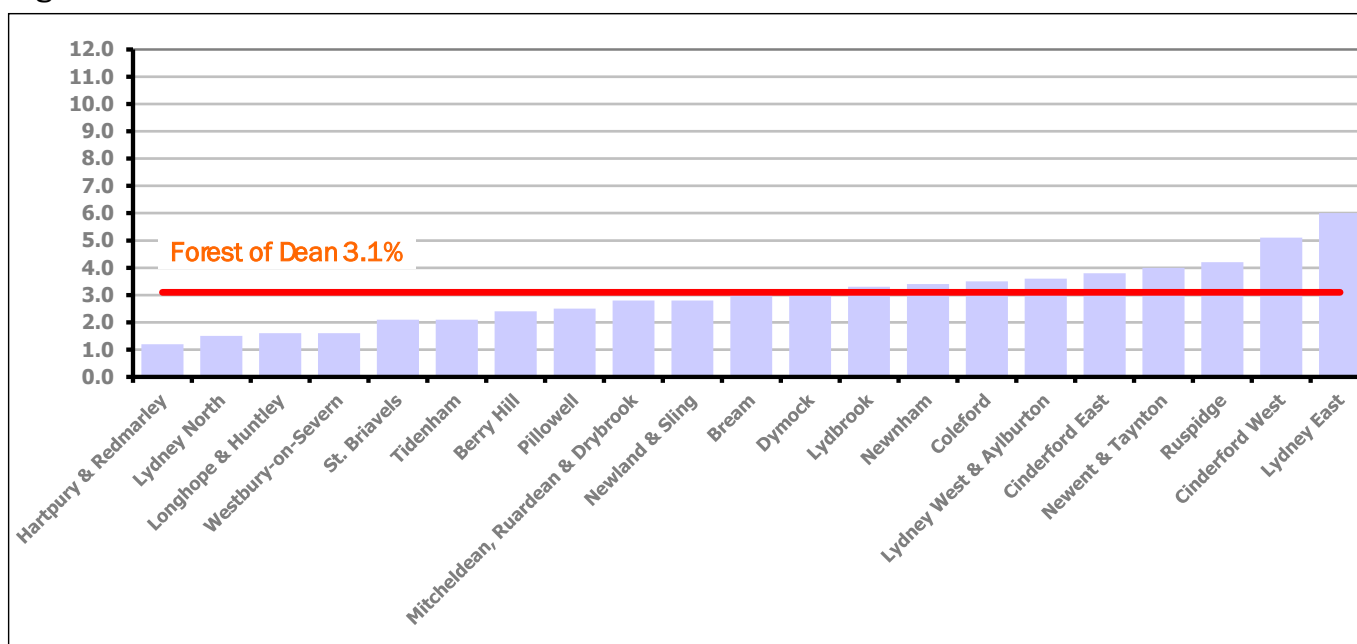


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 3.1%. Nine wards lie above the average.

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 - October 2021*

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury & Redmarley	1.2	2
Forest	Lydney North	1.5	9
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	1.6	14
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	1.6	14
Forest	St. Briavels	2.1	41
Forest	Tidenham	2.1	41
Forest	Berry Hill	2.4	60
Forest	Pillowell	2.5	67
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.8	82
Forest	Newland & Sling	2.8	82
Forest	Bream	3.1	94
Forest	Dymock	3.1	94
Forest	Lydbrook	3.3	101
Forest	Newnham	3.4	103
Forest	Coleford	3.5	105
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	3.6	107
Forest	Cinderford East	3.8	109
Forest	Newent & Taynton	4.0	114
Forest	Ruspidge	4.2	115
Forest	Cinderford West	5.1	123
Forest	Lydney East	6.0	132

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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.

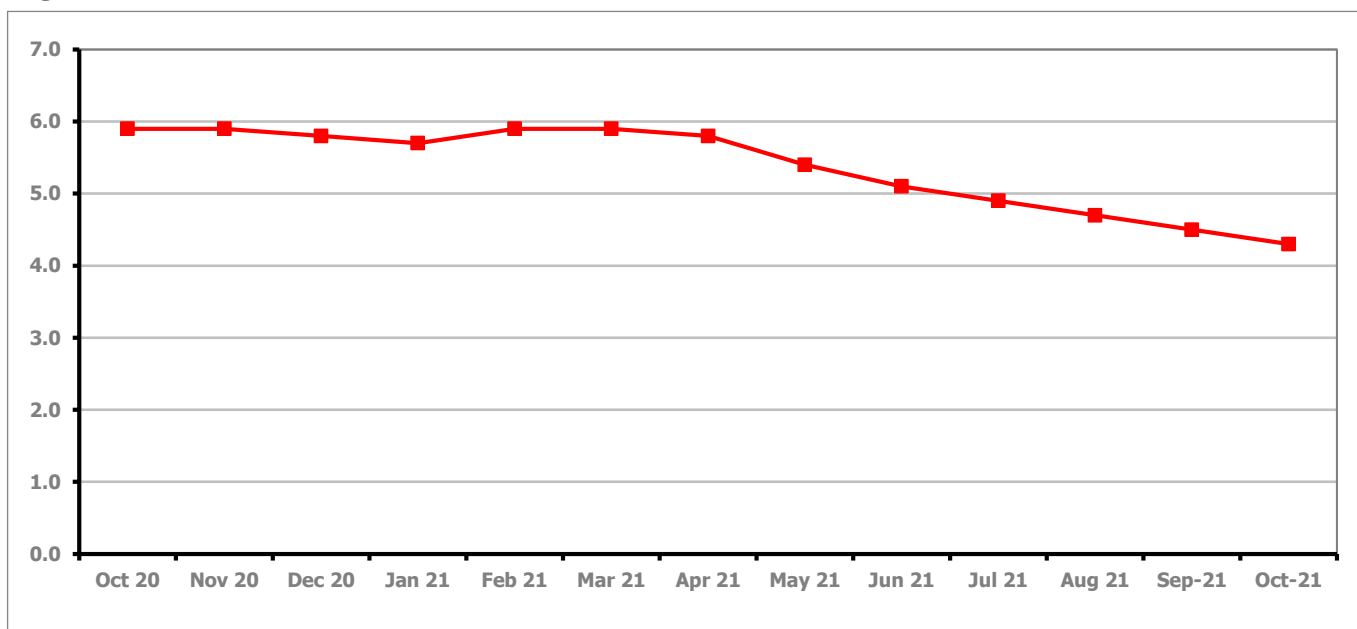
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased to 4.3% in October 2021.

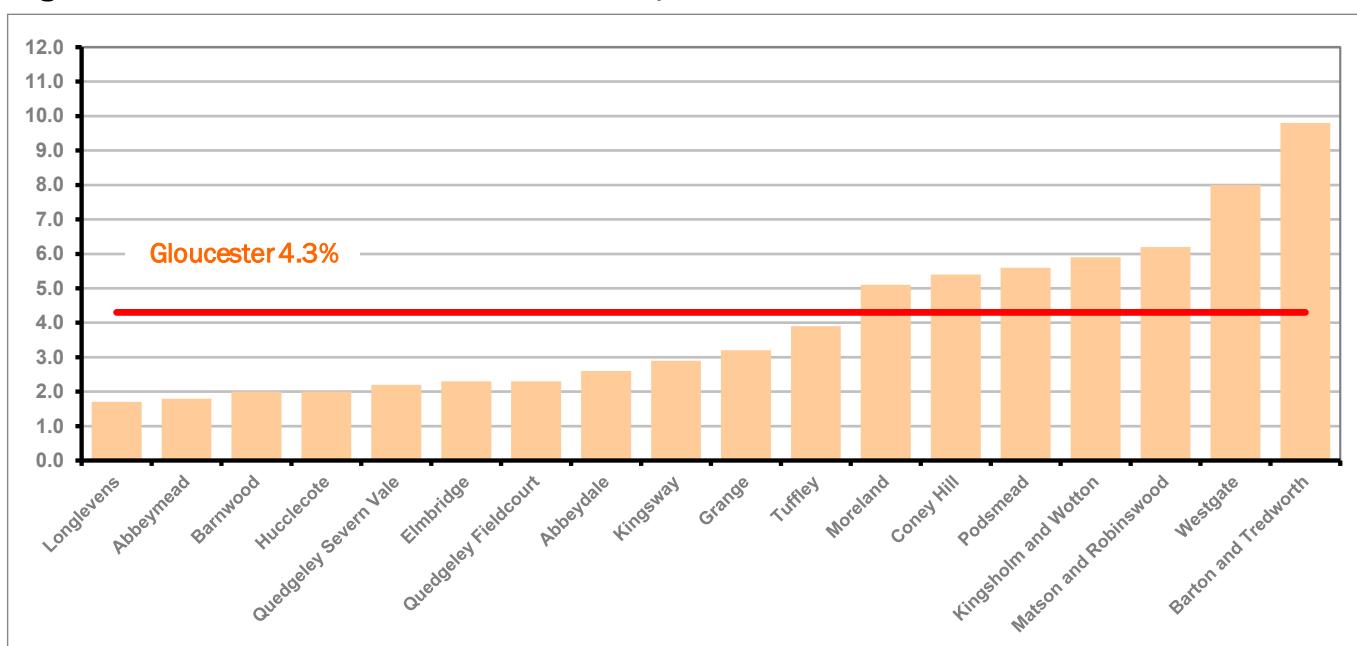
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - October 2021

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 4.3%. 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 - October 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.7	17
Gloucester	Abbeymead	1.8	21
Gloucester	Barnwood	2.0	33
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.0	33
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	2.2	49
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.3	53
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.3	53
Gloucester	Abbeydale	2.6	73
Gloucester	Kingsway	2.9	88
Gloucester	Grange	3.2	98
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.9	113
Gloucester	Moreland	5.1	123
Gloucester	Coney Hill	5.4	126
Gloucester	Podsmead	5.6	129
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.9	131
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.2	135
Gloucester	Westgate	8.0	137
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	9.8	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

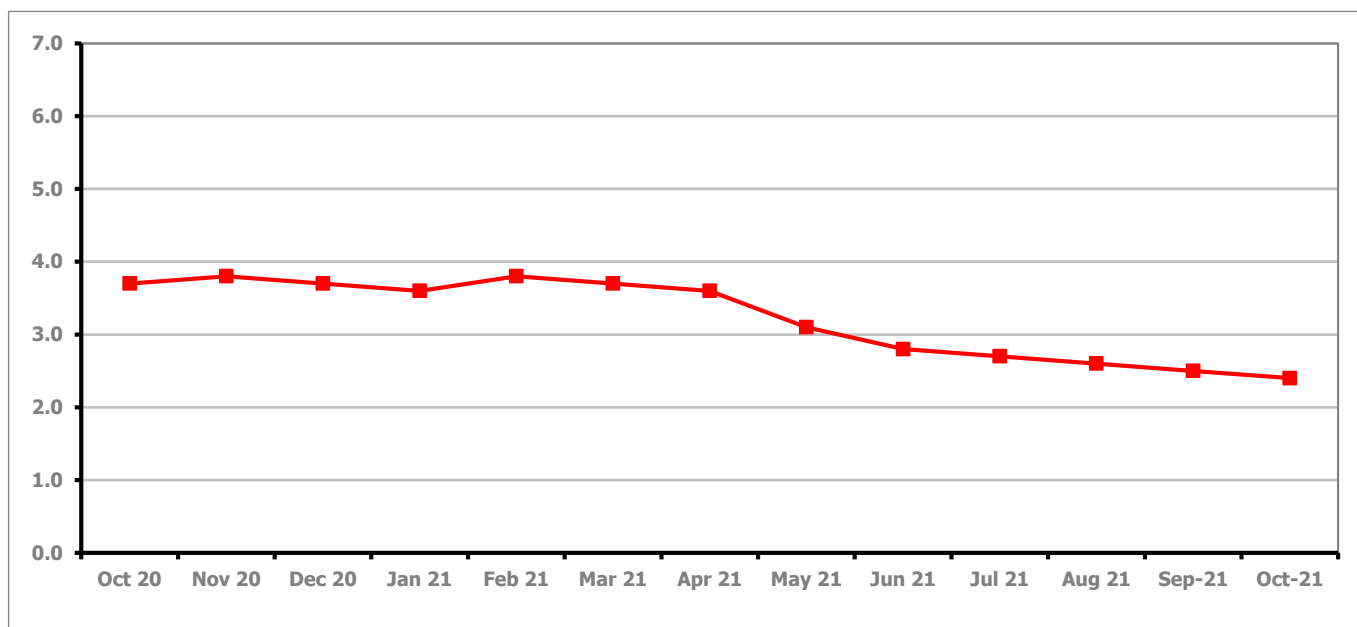


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud decreased to 2.4% in October 2021.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - October 2021

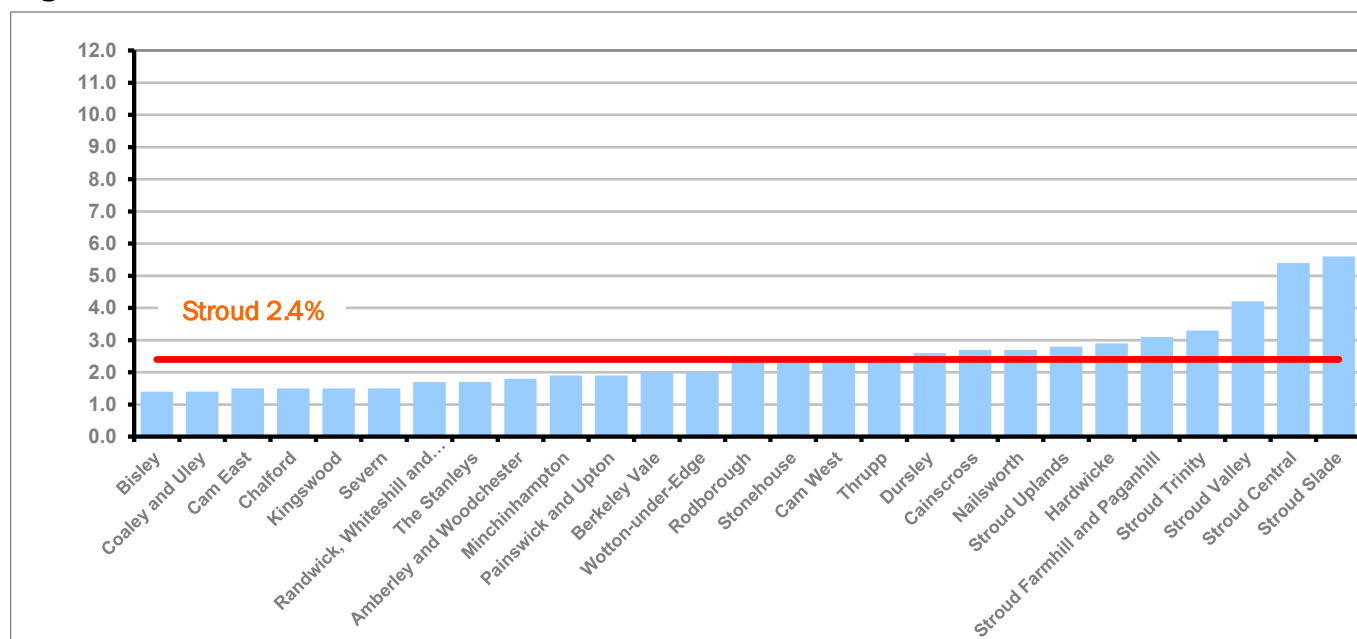


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.4%. Twelve wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - October 2021

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	1.4	5
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.4	5
Stroud	Cam East	1.5	9
Stroud	Chalford	1.5	9
Stroud	Kingswood	1.5	9
Stroud	Severn	1.5	9
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.7	17
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.7	17
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.8	21
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.9	26
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	1.9	26
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	2.0	33
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	2.0	33
Stroud	Rodborough	2.4	60
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.4	60
Stroud	Cam West	2.5	67
Stroud	Thrupp	2.5	67
Stroud	Dursley	2.6	73
Stroud	Cainscross	2.7	79
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.7	79
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	2.8	82
Stroud	Hardwicke	2.9	88
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	3.1	94
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	3.3	101
Stroud	Stroud Valley	4.2	115
Stroud	Stroud Central	5.4	126
Stroud	Stroud Slade	5.6	129

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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 Borough

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year

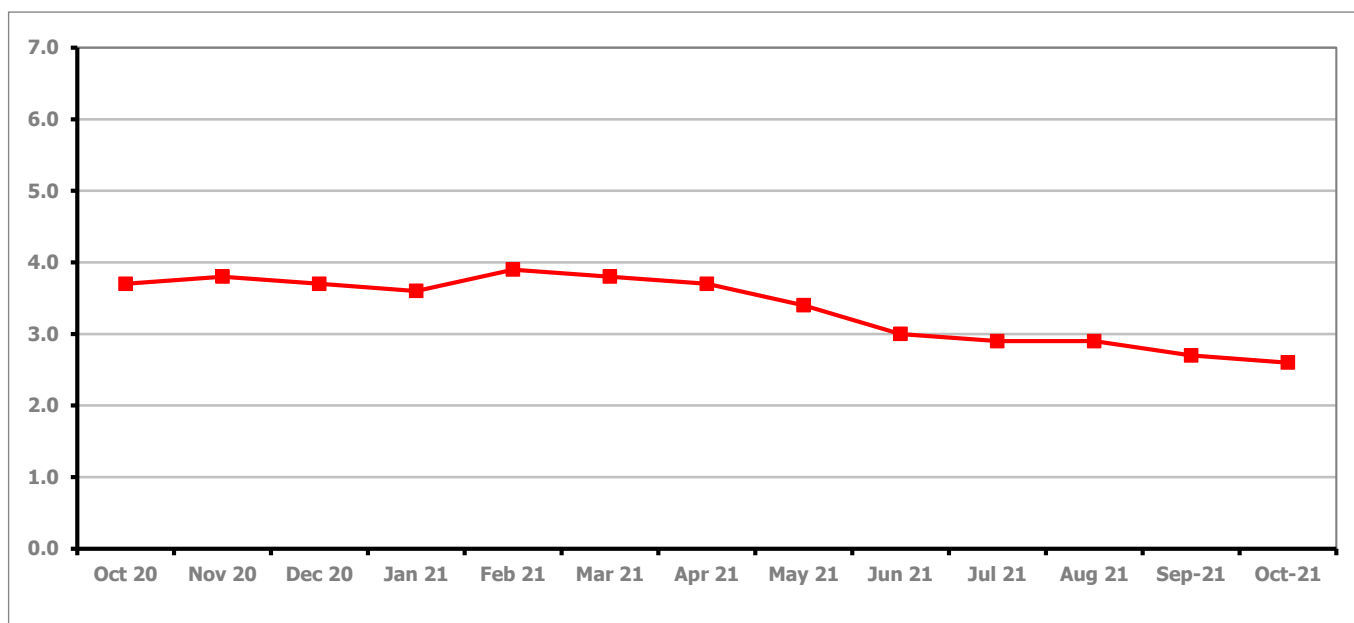


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough decreased to 2.6% in October 2021.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - October 2021

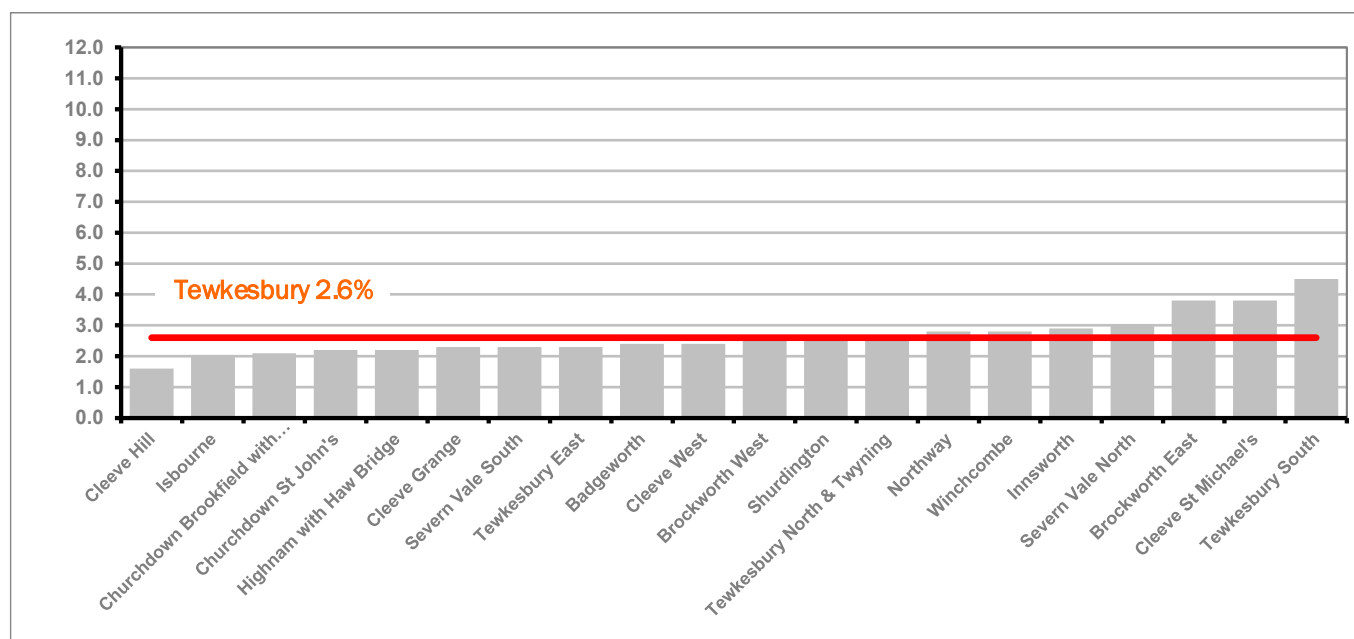


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.6%. Seven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - October 2021

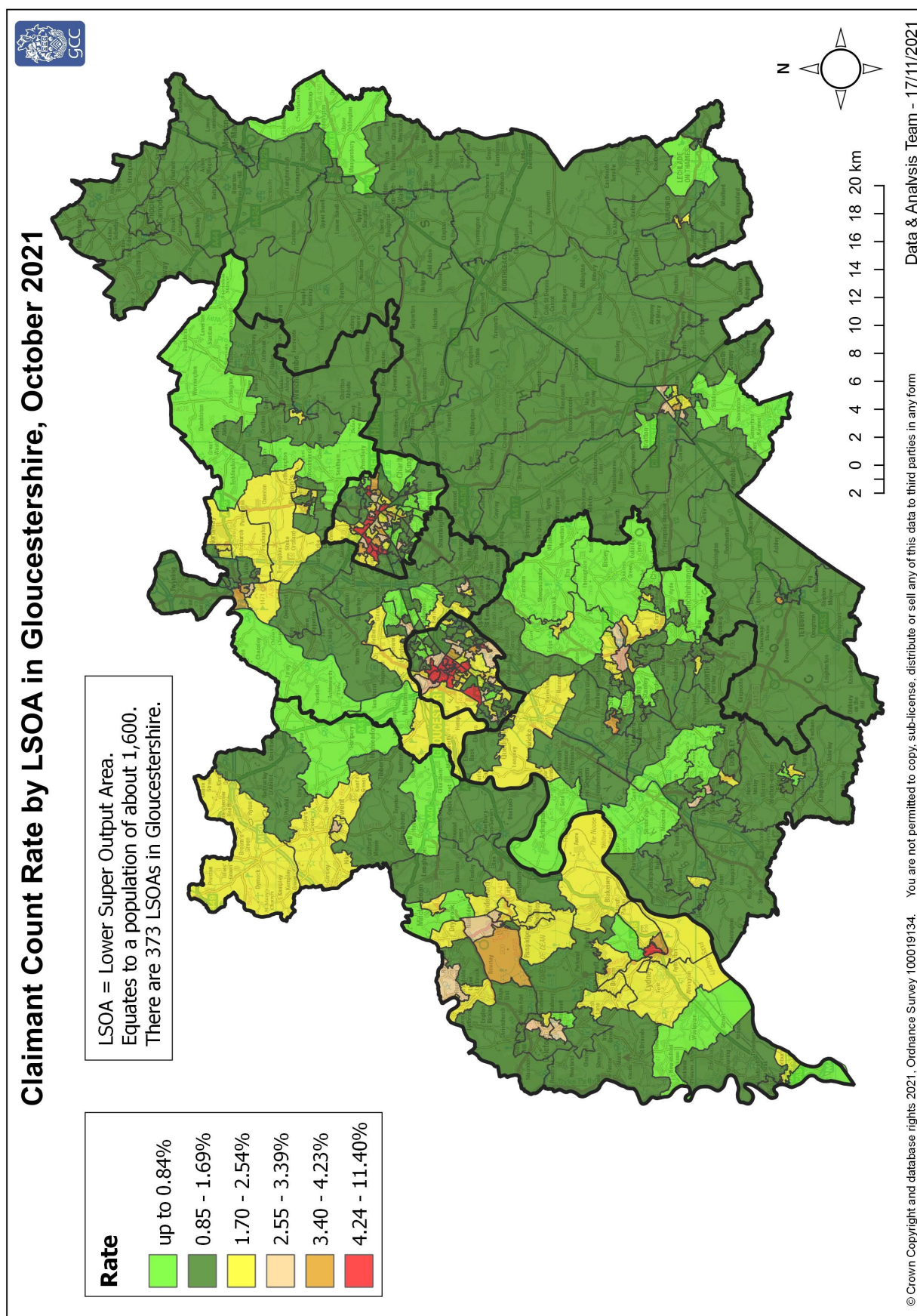
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	1.6	14
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.0	33
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	2.1	41
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	2.2	49
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	2.2	49
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.3	53
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	2.3	53
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	2.3	53
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	2.4	60
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	2.4	60
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	2.6	73
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.6	73
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twynning	2.6	73
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.8	82
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.8	82
Tewkesbury	Innsworth	2.9	88
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	3.0	92
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	3.8	109
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	3.8	109
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	4.5	119

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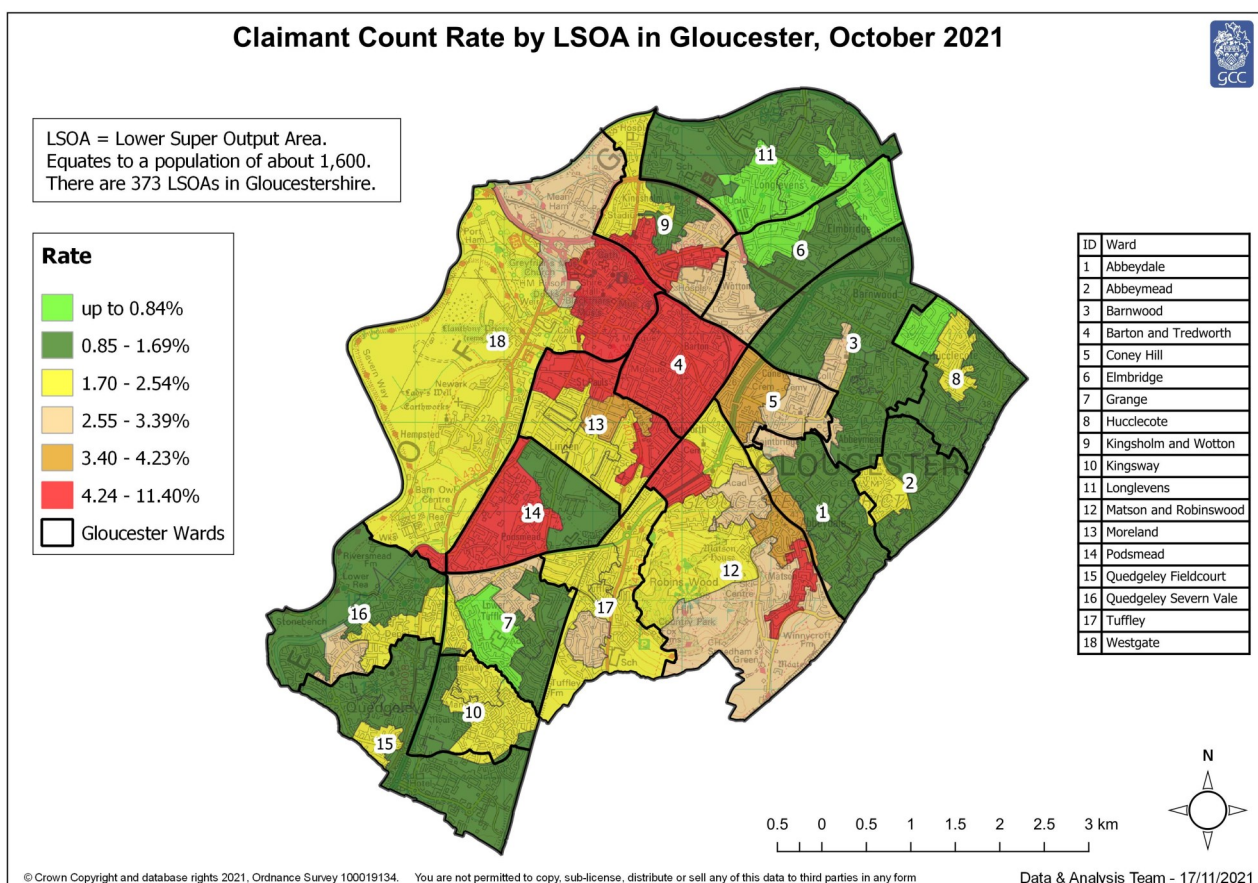
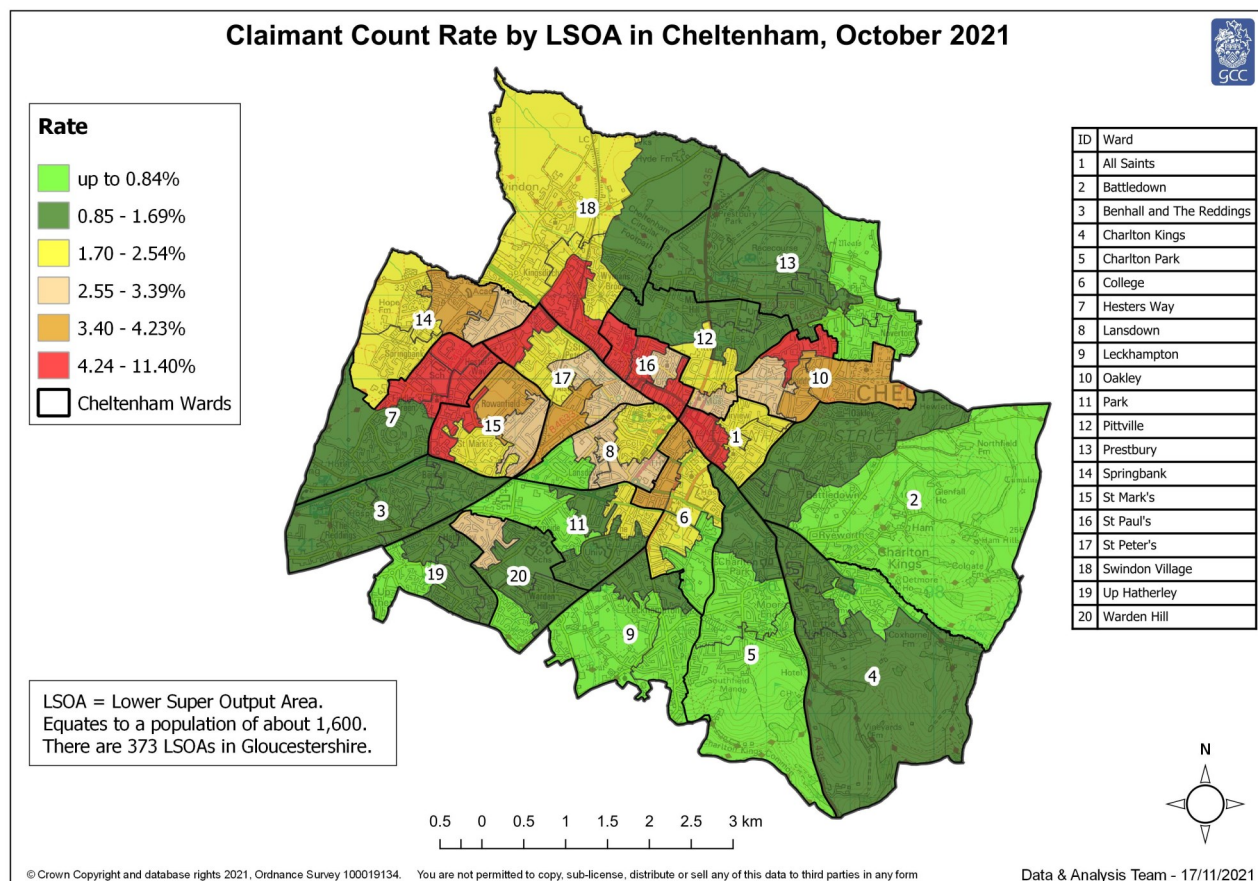
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Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury Borough wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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Rates calculated using Lower Layer Super Output Area Population Estimates Mid-2019, Office for National Statistics

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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

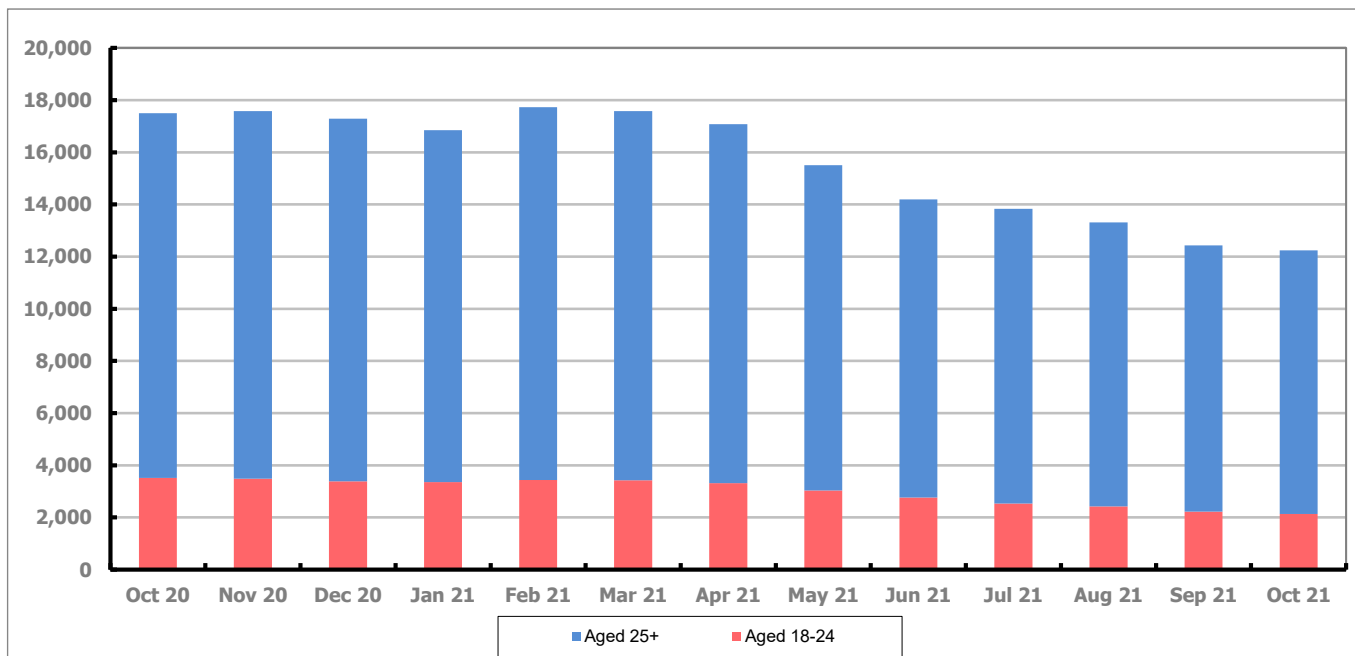


Figure 15 shows that in October 2021, 2,135 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 17.4% of total working age claimants.

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.

October 2021

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	45	2081	2.16%
Cotswold	21	1688	1.24%
Forest	41	1735	2.36%
Gloucester	87	2990	2.91%
Stroud	42	2586	1.62%
Tewkesbury	37	1965	1.88%
Total	273	13045	2.09%

16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	67	3030	2.21%
Cotswold	35	2435	1.44%
Forest	55	2434	2.26%
Gloucester	142	4187	3.39%
Stroud	59	3691	1.60%
Tewkesbury	50	2776	1.80%
Total	408	18553	2.20%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	2.34%
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Monthly Change	108	38	0.82%
Previous month	165	13007	1.27%

Monthly Change	83	-533	0.50%
Previous month	325	19086	1.70%

The academic year 12-13 group contains a proportion of young people who turn 18 in the academic year but were 17 on the 31st 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 or telephone 07900 391182.

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