

# 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 1.9% in November 2019.** The South West rate remained at 2.1%, while the UK rate increased to 2.9%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.2% lower than the South West average of 2.1%, and 1.0% lower than the UK average of 2.9%.

**The claimant count in Gloucestershire in November 2019 increased by 75 people.** The amount of people claiming in November 2019 was 1.0% higher than the number in October 2019. This compares to a 2.9% increase in the South West and a 2.1% 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 November 2019

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

**Claimant rate:** The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in November 2019

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

### CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,485
Compared to last month:	0.7%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (4.7%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	2,240
Compared to last month:	-0.2%
Claimant rate:	2.7%
Highest claiming wards	Westgate (5.4%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	730
Compared to last month:	4.3%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (4.4%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,030
Compared to last month:	2.0%
Claimant rate:	1.5%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (3.7%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,085
Compared to last month:	1.4%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (4.4%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	890
Compared to last month:	0.6%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (3.8%)

## 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

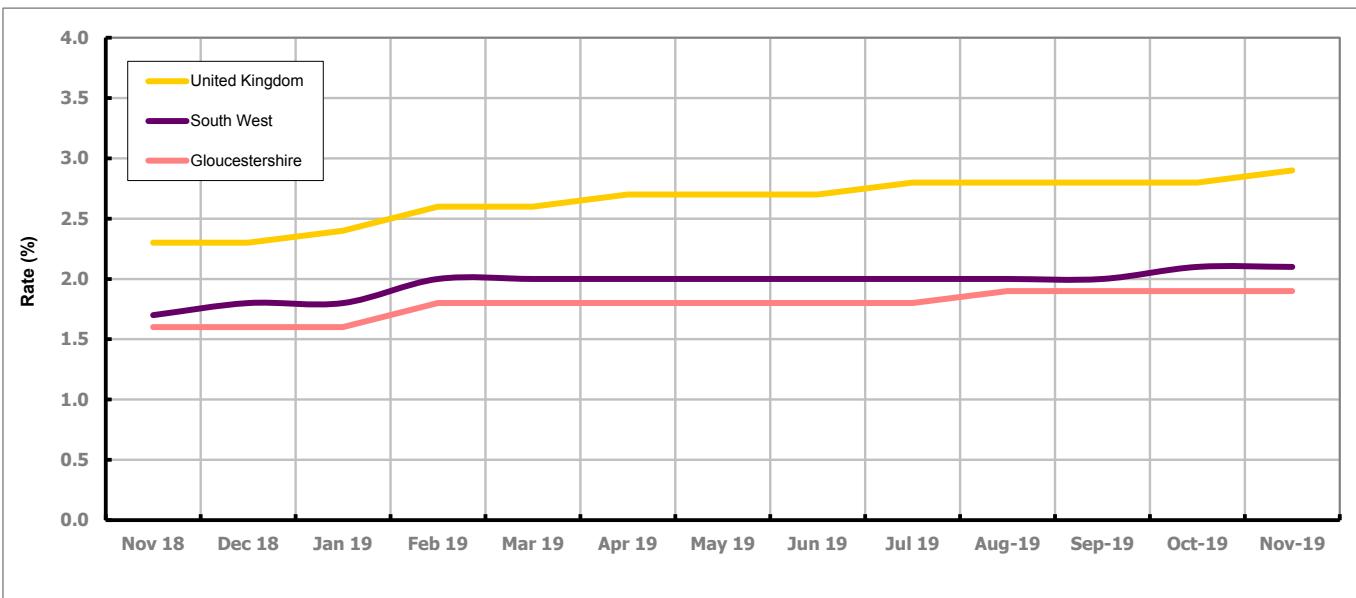


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.9% in November 2019. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in November 2019	% change on October 2019	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,209,260	2.1%	16
South West	71,760	2.9%	1
Gloucestershire	7,460	1.0%	1

Table 1 shows that in November 2019, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.0% higher than the number in October 2019.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - November 2019

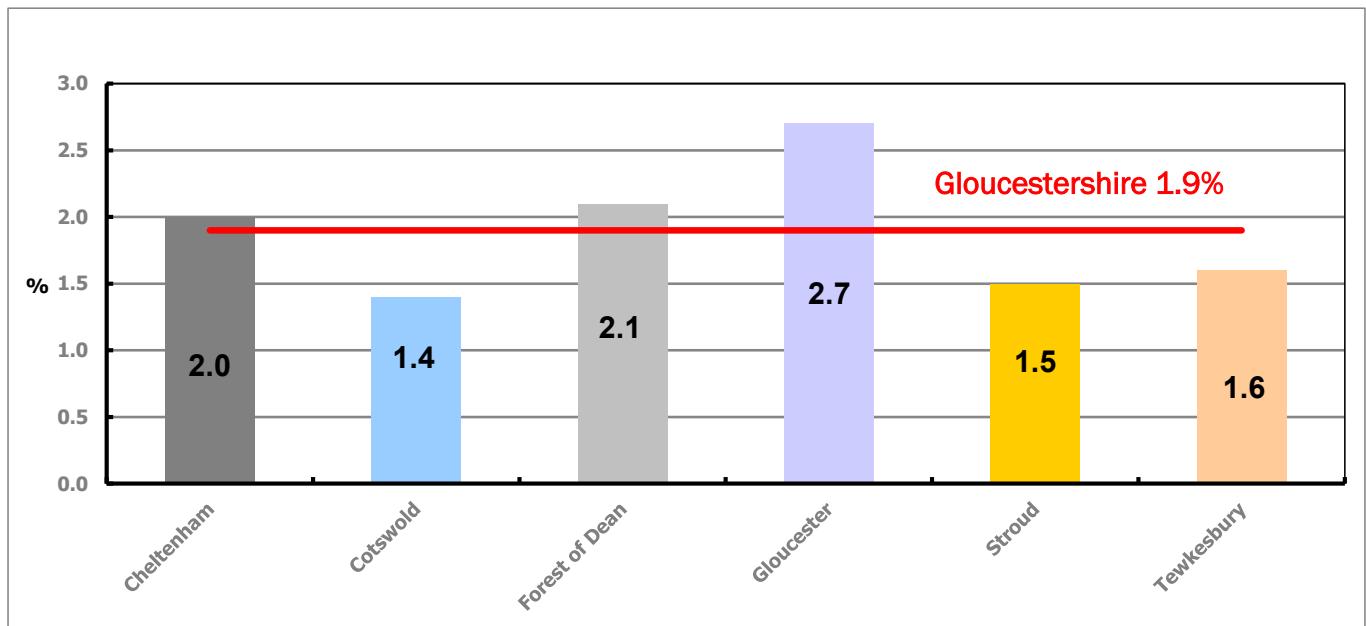


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for November 2019 in Gloucestershire. Between October 2019 and November 2019 the rate increased in Stroud. All other districts stayed the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Nov 19 Number	Nov 19 Rate	Oct 19 Number	Oct 19 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	7,460	1.9	7,385	1.9	75	1.0%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,485	2.0	1,475	2.0	10	0.7%	0.0
Cotswold	730	1.4	700	1.4	30	4.3%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,085	2.1	1,070	2.1	15	1.4%	0.0
Gloucester	2,240	2.7	2,245	2.7	-5	-0.2%	0.0
Stroud	1,030	1.5	1,010	1.4	20	2.0%	0.1
Tewkesbury	890	1.6	885	1.6	5	0.6%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in November 2019 compared to October 2019. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants, except Gloucester which saw a decrease.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Nov 19 Number	Nov 19 Rate	Oct 19 Number	Oct 19 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	4,210	2.2	4,185	2.2	25	0.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	900	2.4	875	2.4	25	2.9%	0.0
Cotswold	380	1.5	370	1.5	10	2.7%	0.0
Forest of Dean	590	2.3	580	2.3	10	1.7%	0.0
Gloucester	1,325	3.2	1,335	3.3	-10	-0.7%	-0.1
Stroud	545	1.5	545	1.5	0	0.0%	0.0
Tewkesbury	470	1.7	475	1.8	-5	-1.1%	-0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in November 2019 compared to October 2019. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants, except Gloucester and Tewkesbury which saw a decrease, and Stroud which remained the same as last month.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Nov 19 Number	Nov 19 Rate	Oct 19 Number	Oct 19 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	3,250	1.7	3,200	1.7	50	1.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	585	1.6	600	1.6	-15	-2.5%	0.0
Cotswold	345	1.3	325	1.2	20	6.2%	0.1
Forest of Dean	495	1.9	490	1.9	5	1.0%	0.0
Gloucester	915	2.2	905	2.2	10	1.1%	0.0
Stroud	490	1.4	465	1.3	25	5.4%	0.1
Tewkesbury	415	1.5	405	1.5	10	2.5%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in November 2019 compared to October 2019. All districts saw an increase in the number of female claimants, except Cheltenham 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

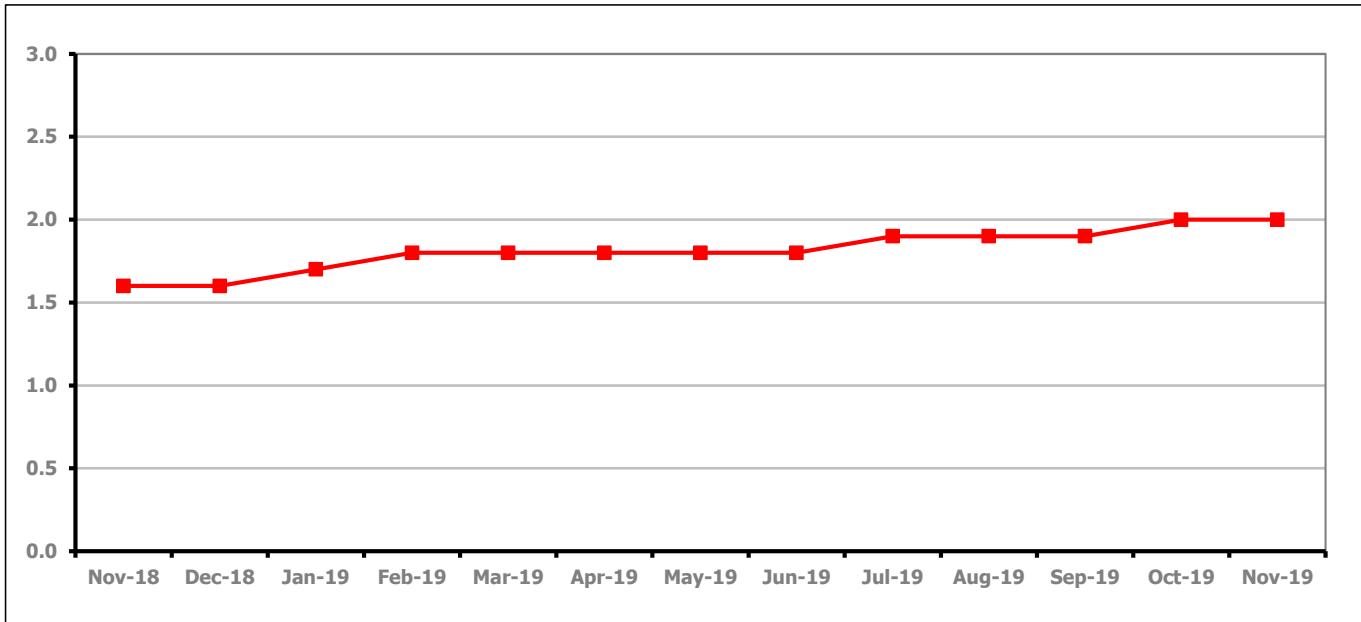


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained at 2.0% in November 2019.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - November 2019

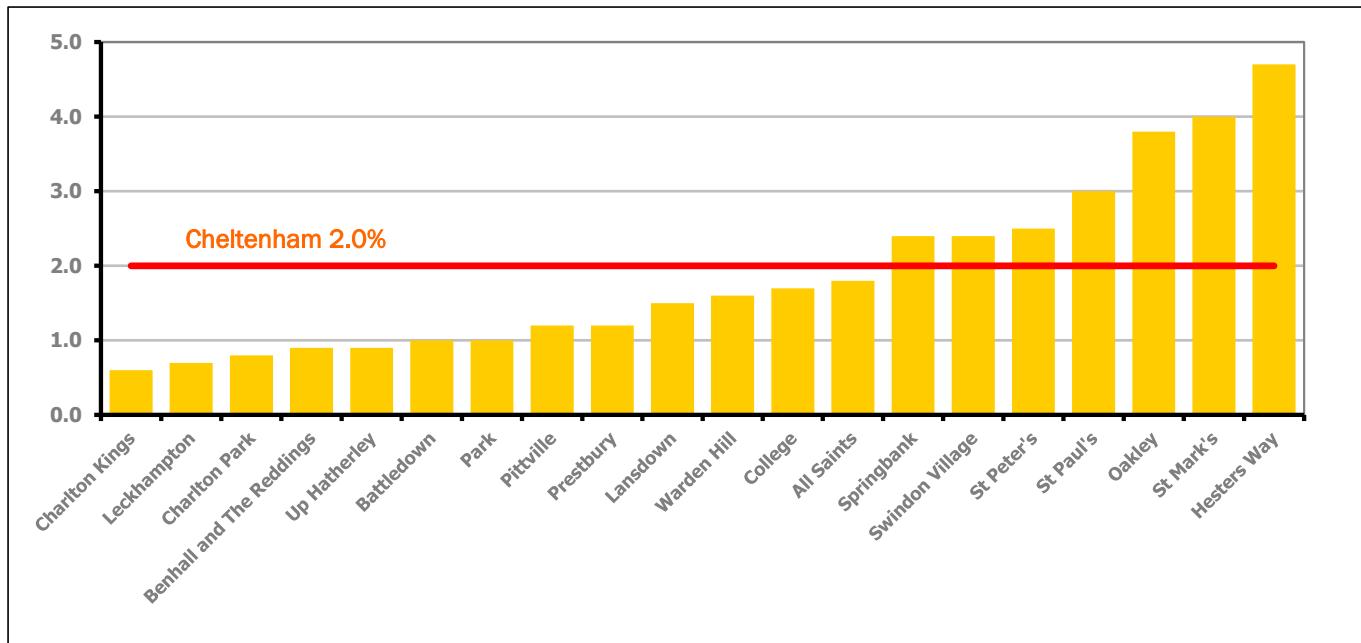


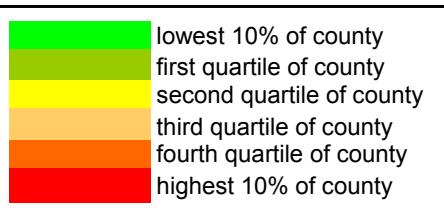
Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.0%. Seven wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - November 2019

Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.6	2
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.7	9
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.8	15
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.9	23
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.9	23
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.0	31
Cheltenham	Park	1.0	31
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.2	51
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.2	51
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.5	74
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.6	85
Cheltenham	College	1.7	94
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.8	98
Cheltenham	Springbank	2.4	117
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.4	117
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.5	120
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.0	128
Cheltenham	Oakley	3.8	136
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.0	138
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	4.7	143



\* 1 = "best" and 146 = "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

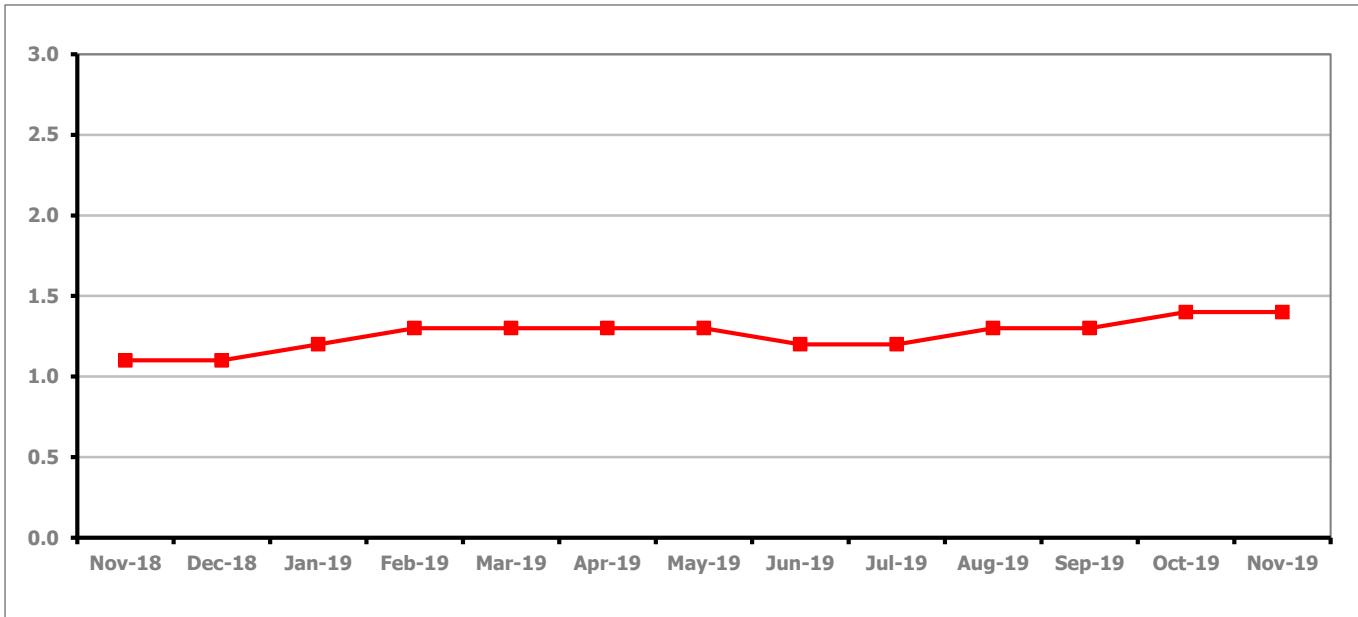


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained at 1.4% in November 2019.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - November 2019

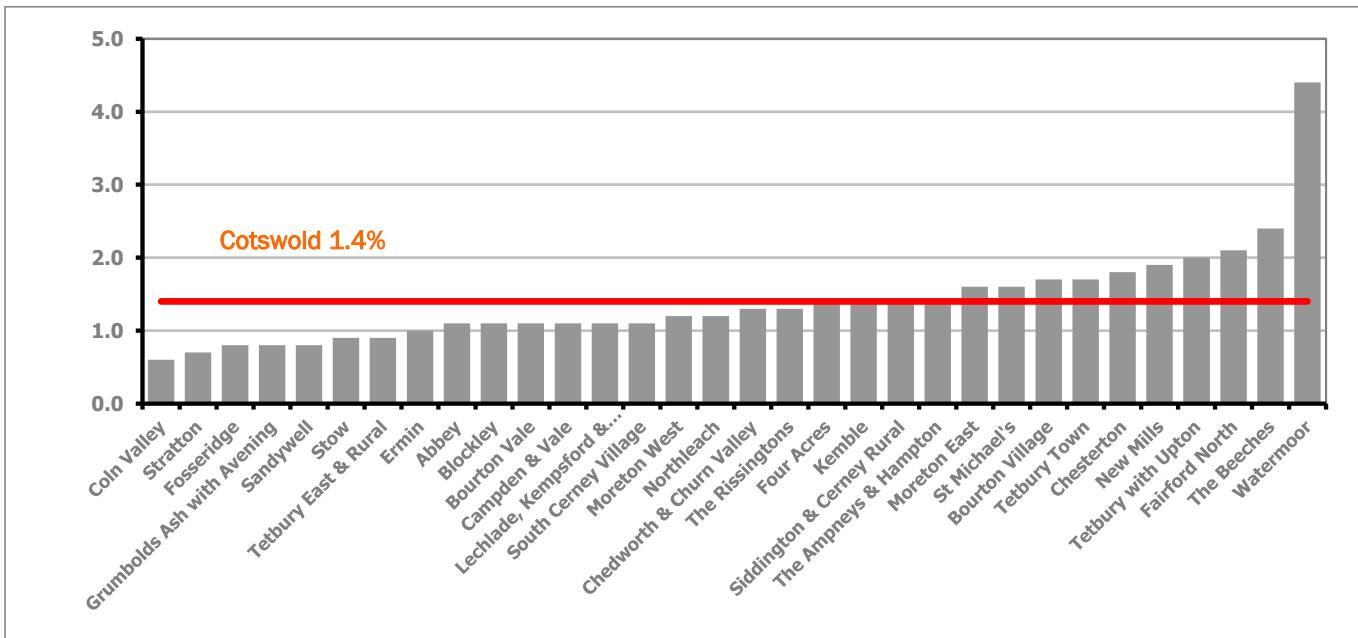


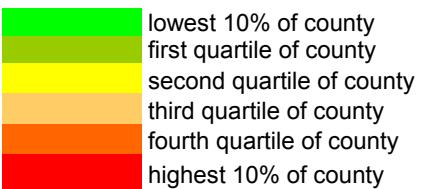
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.4%. Ten wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - November 2019

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.6	2
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.7	9
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.8	15
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.8	15
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.8	15
Cotswolds	Stow	0.9	23
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	0.9	23
Cotswolds	Ermin	1.0	31
Cotswolds	Abbey	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	1.1	38
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	1.1	38
Cotswolds	Moreton West	1.2	51
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.2	51
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	1.3	61
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.3	61
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.4	65
Cotswolds	Kemble	1.4	65
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.4	65
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.4	65
Cotswolds	Moreton East	1.6	85
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.6	85
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	1.7	94
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.7	94
Cotswolds	Chesterton	1.8	98
Cotswolds	New Mills	1.9	103
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	2.0	106
Cotswolds	Fairford North	2.1	110
Cotswolds	The Beeches	2.4	117
Cotswolds	Watermoor	4.4	141


 lowest 10% of county  
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 highest 10% of county

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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

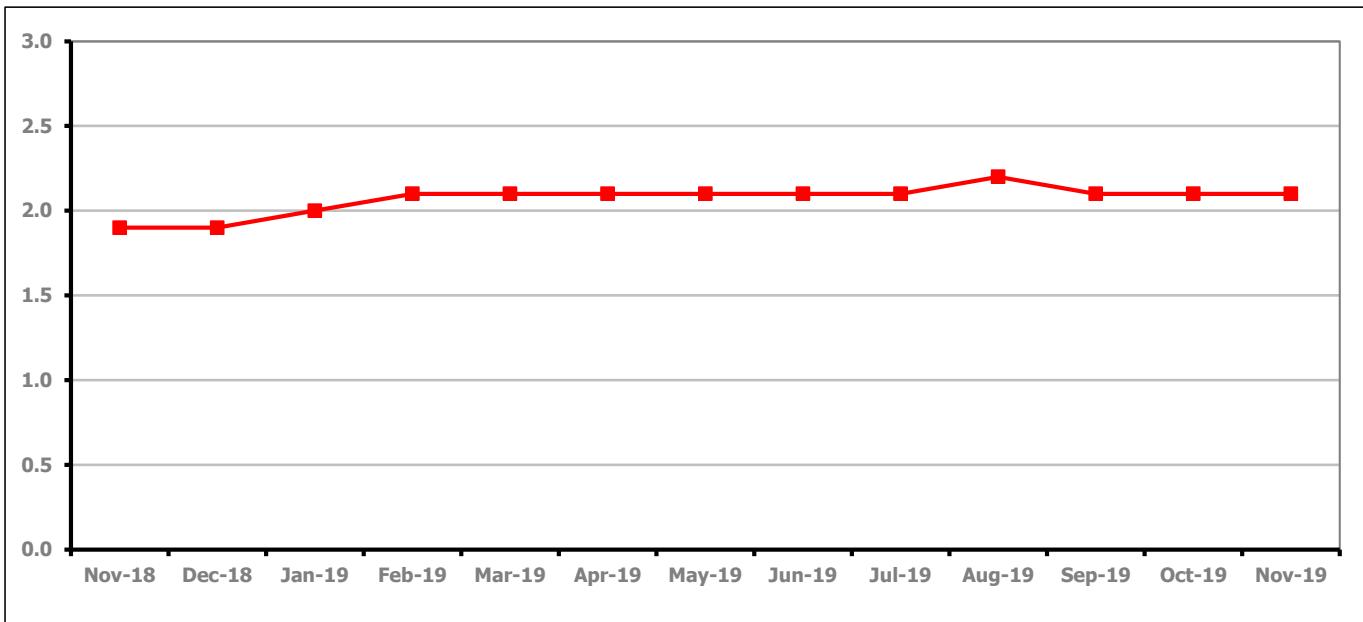


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained at 2.1% in November 2019.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - November 2019

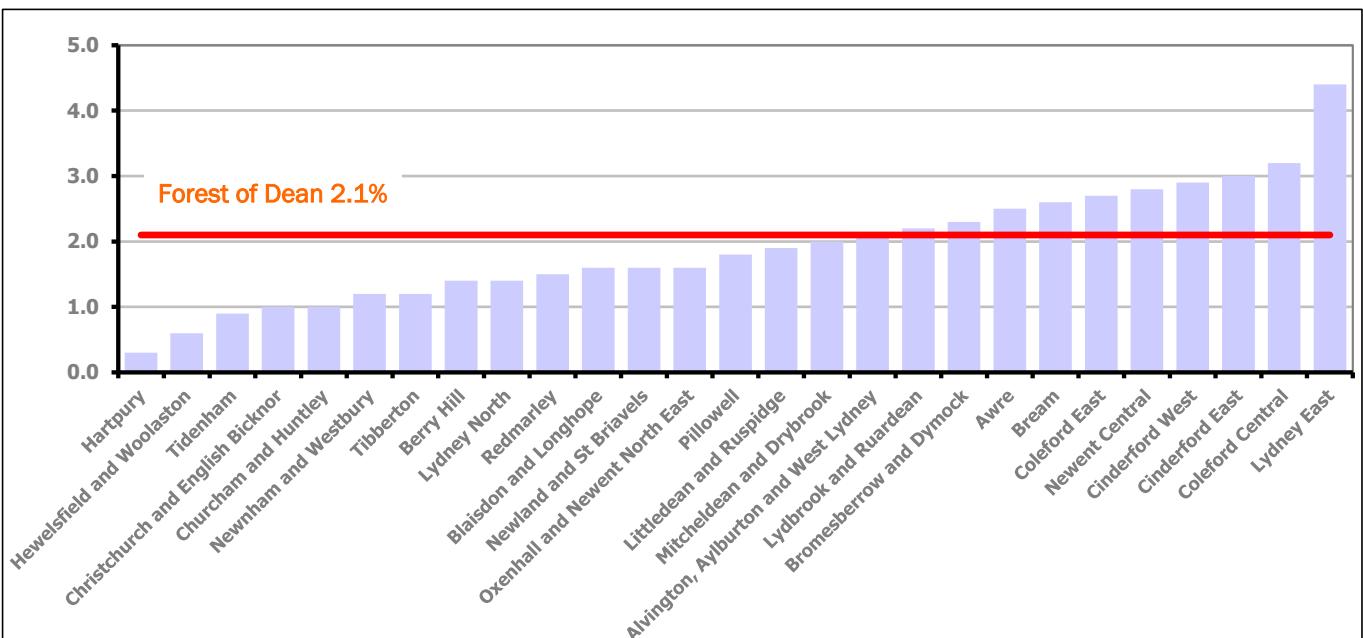


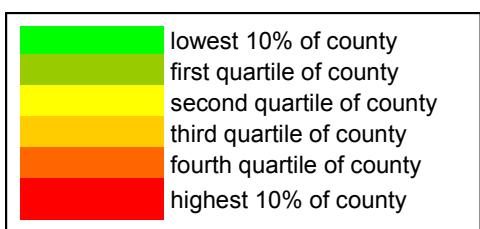
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1%. Ten wards lie above the average.

## 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 - November 2019

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.3	1
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.6	2
Forest	Tidenham	0.9	23
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.0	31
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	1.0	31
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.2	51
Forest	Tibberton	1.2	51
Forest	Berry Hill	1.4	65
Forest	Lydney North	1.4	65
Forest	Redmarley	1.5	74
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	1.6	85
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.6	85
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.6	85
Forest	Pillowell	1.8	98
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.9	103
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.0	106
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.1	110
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.2	114
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	2.3	115
Forest	Awre	2.5	120
Forest	Bream	2.6	123
Forest	Coleford East	2.7	124
Forest	Newent Central	2.8	125
Forest	Cinderford West	2.9	126
Forest	Cinderford East	3.0	128
Forest	Coleford Central	3.2	132
Forest	Lydney East	4.4	141



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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

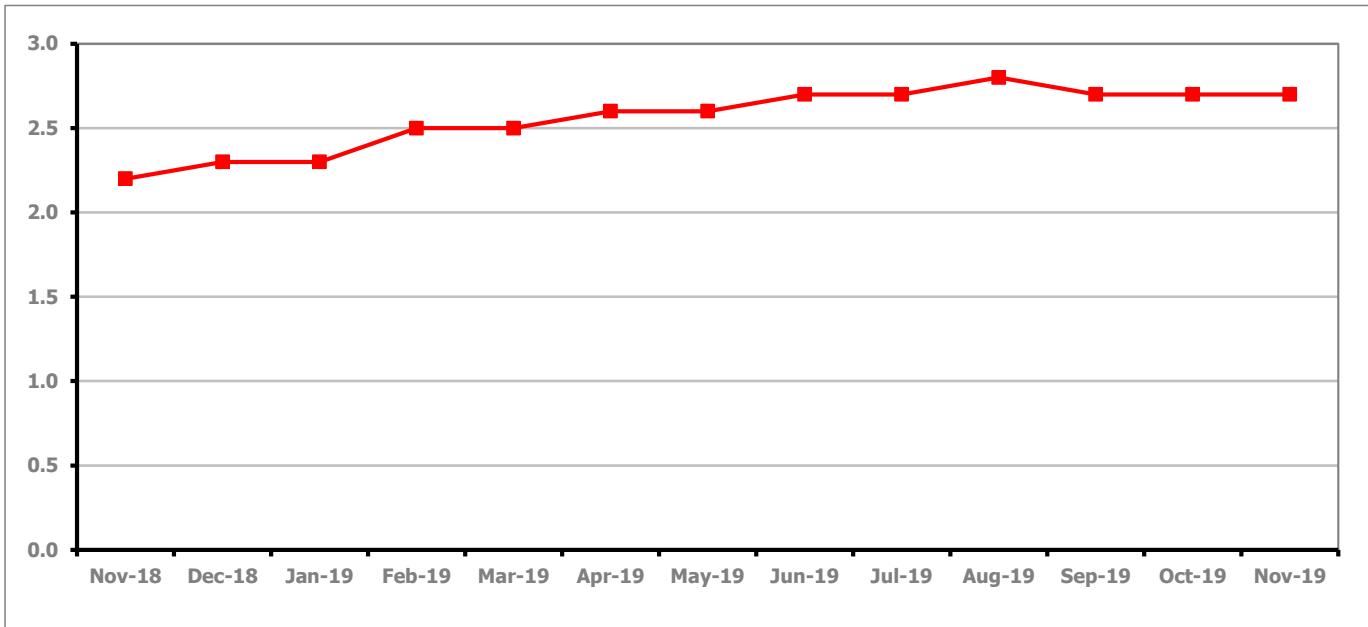


Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained at 2.7% in November 2019.

Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - November 2019

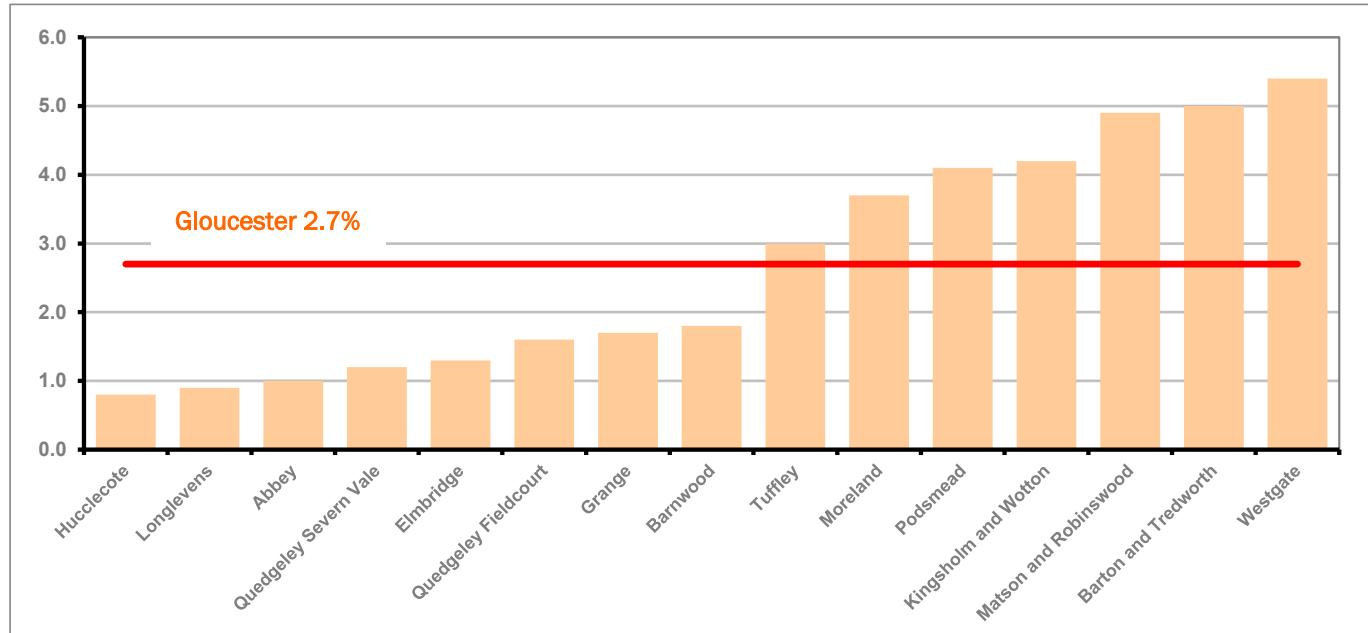


Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.7%. Seven wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - November 2019

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.8	15
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.9	23
Gloucester	Abbey	1.0	31
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.2	51
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.3	61
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.6	85
Gloucester	Grange	1.7	94
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.8	98
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.0	128
Gloucester	Moreland	3.7	134
Gloucester	Podsmead	4.1	139
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.2	140
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	4.9	144
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	5.0	145
Gloucester	Westgate	5.4	146

lowest 10% of county  
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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

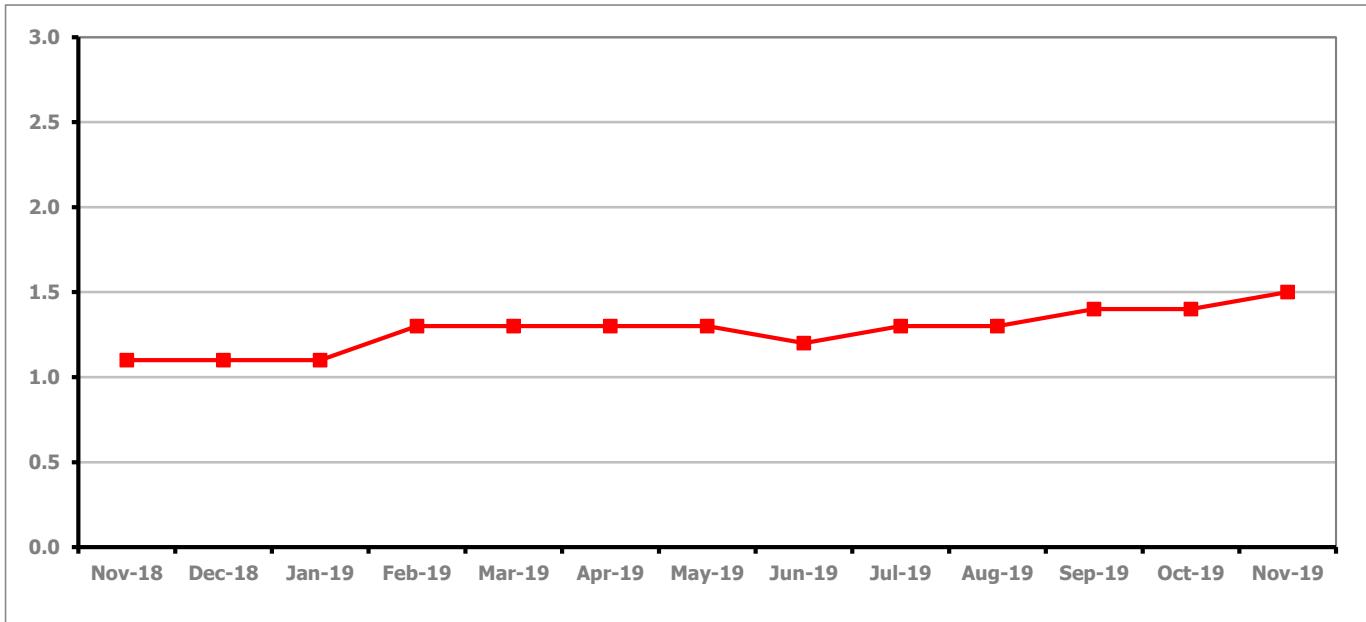


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased in November 2019 to 1.5%.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - November 2019

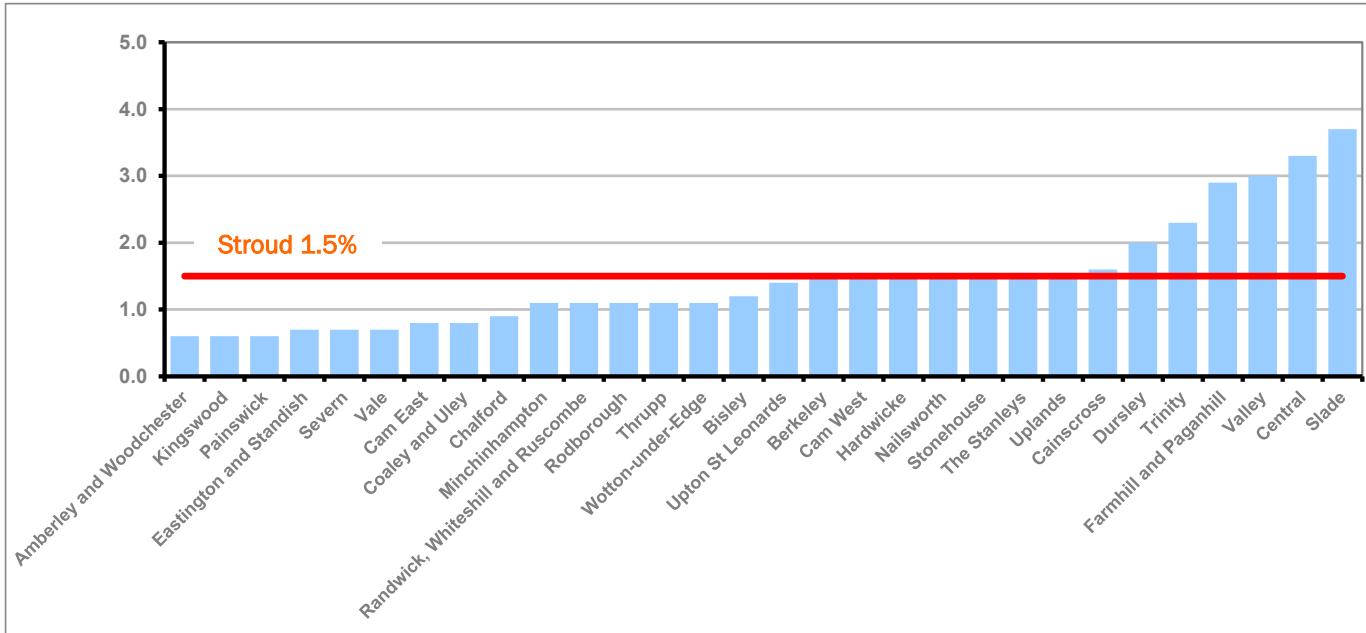


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.5%. Seven wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - November 2019

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.6	2
Stroud	Kingswood	0.6	2
Stroud	Painswick	0.6	2
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.7	9
Stroud	Severn	0.7	9
Stroud	Vale	0.7	9
Stroud	Cam East	0.8	15
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.8	15
Stroud	Chalford	0.9	23
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.1	38
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.1	38
Stroud	Rodborough	1.1	38
Stroud	Thrupp	1.1	38
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.1	38
Stroud	Bisley	1.2	51
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	1.4	65
Stroud	Berkeley	1.5	74
Stroud	Cam West	1.5	74
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.5	74
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.5	74
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.5	74
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.5	74
Stroud	Uplands	1.5	74
Stroud	Cainscross	1.6	85
Stroud	Dursley	2.0	106
Stroud	Trinity	2.3	115
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	2.9	126
Stroud	Valley	3.0	128
Stroud	Central	3.3	133
Stroud	Slade	3.7	134

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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

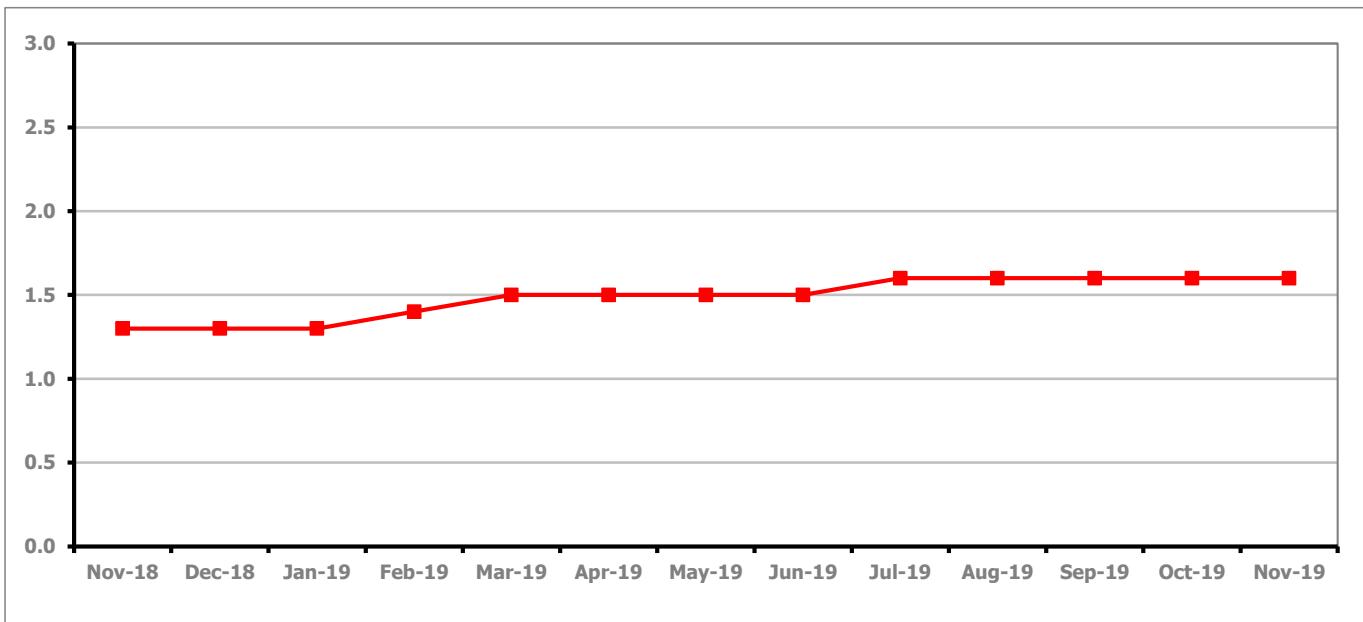


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough remained at 1.6% in November 2019.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - November 2019

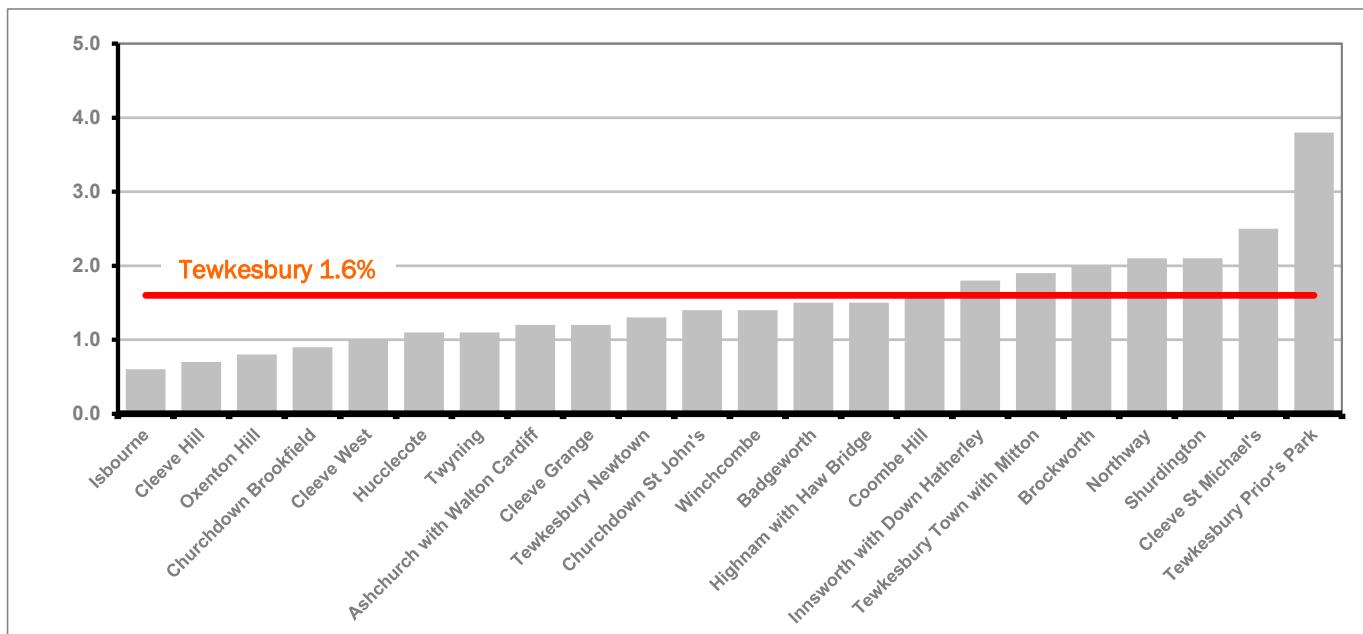


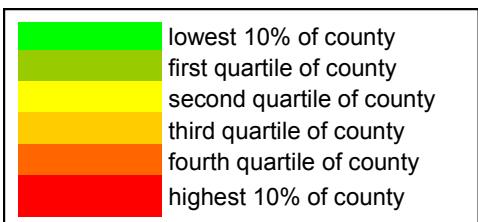
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.6%. Seven wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - November 2019

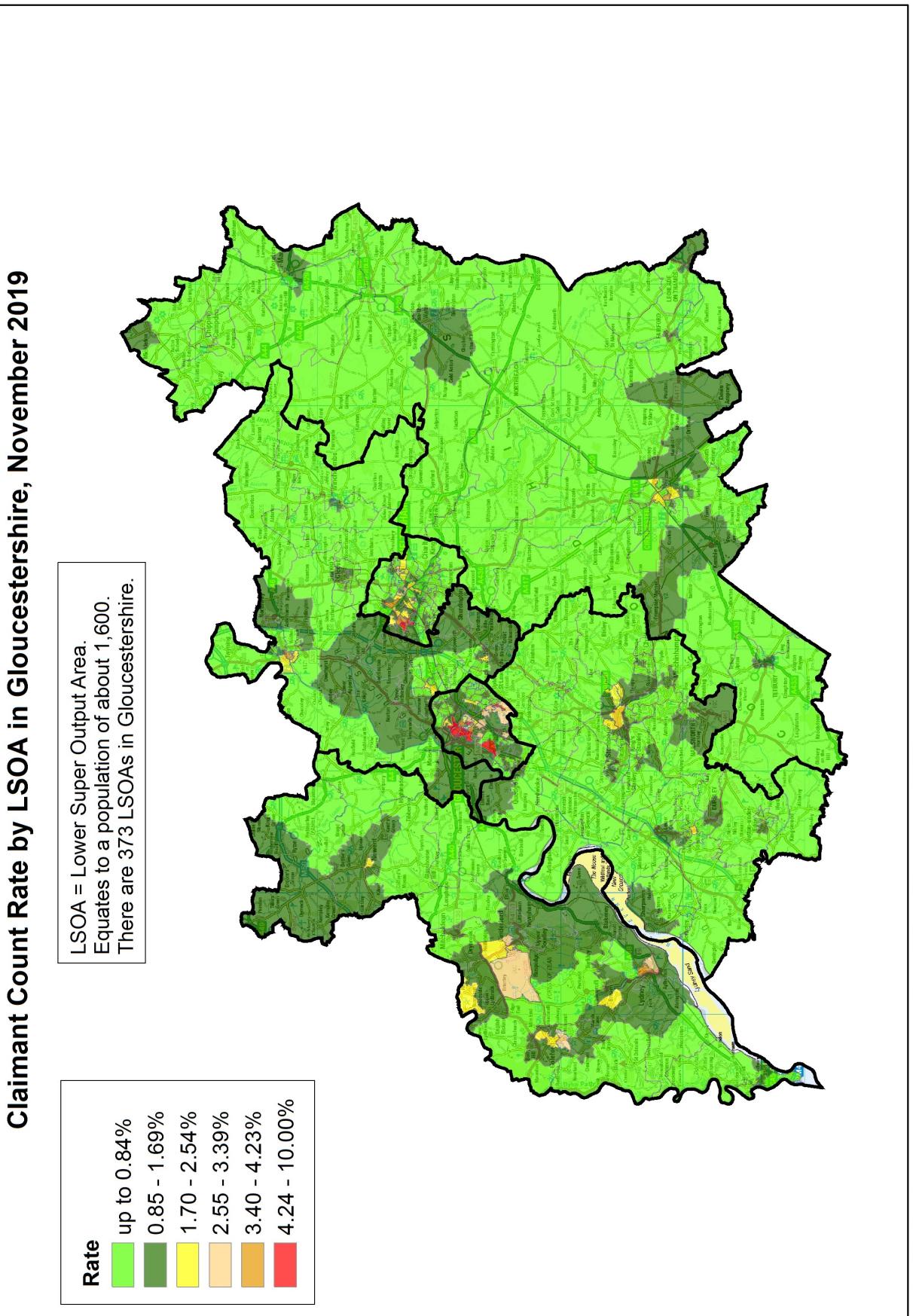
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.6	2
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.7	9
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.8	15
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.9	23
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.0	31
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.1	38
Tewkesbury	Twynning	1.1	38
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.2	51
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.2	51
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.3	61
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.4	65
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.4	65
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.5	74
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.5	74
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.6	85
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.8	98
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.9	103
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	2.0	106
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.1	110
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.1	110
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.5	120
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	3.8	136



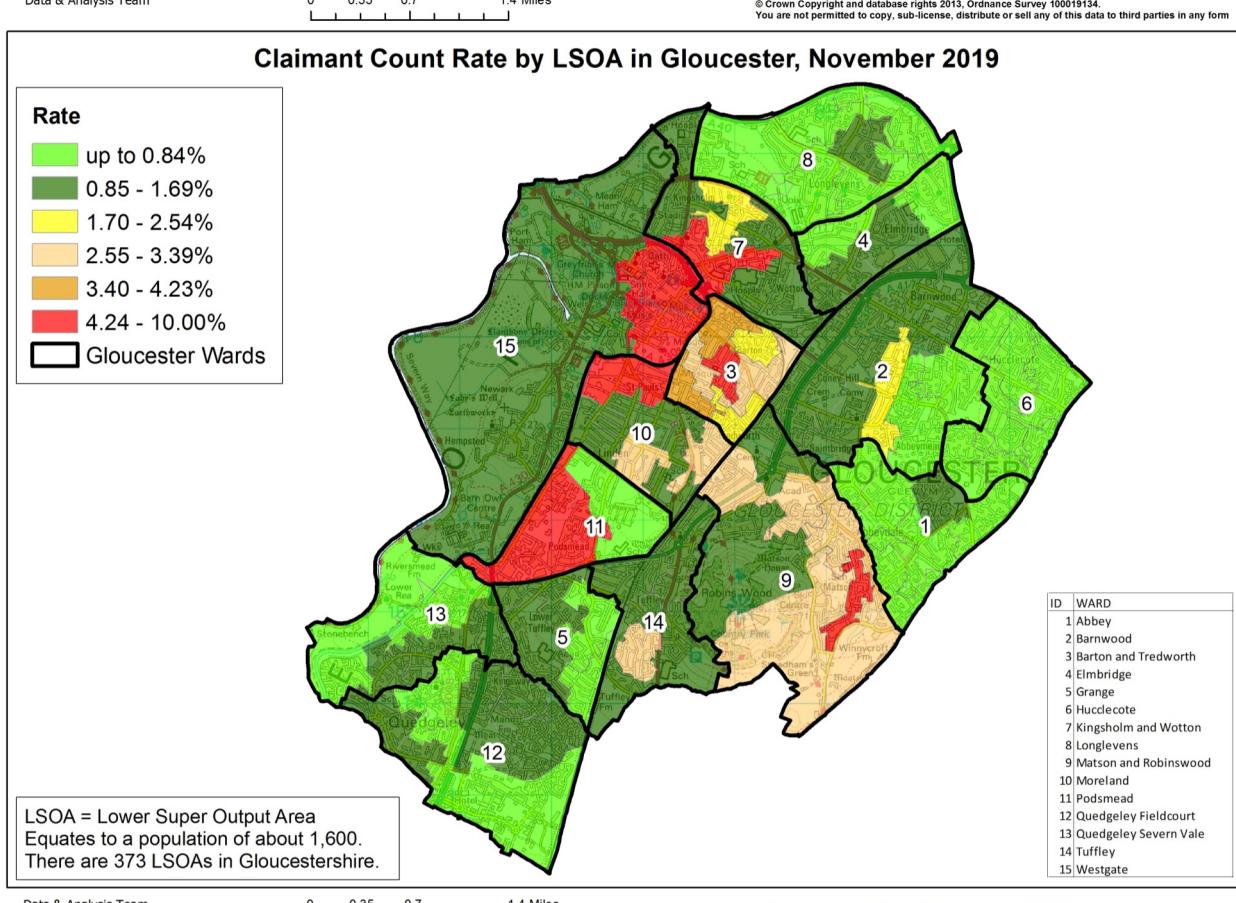
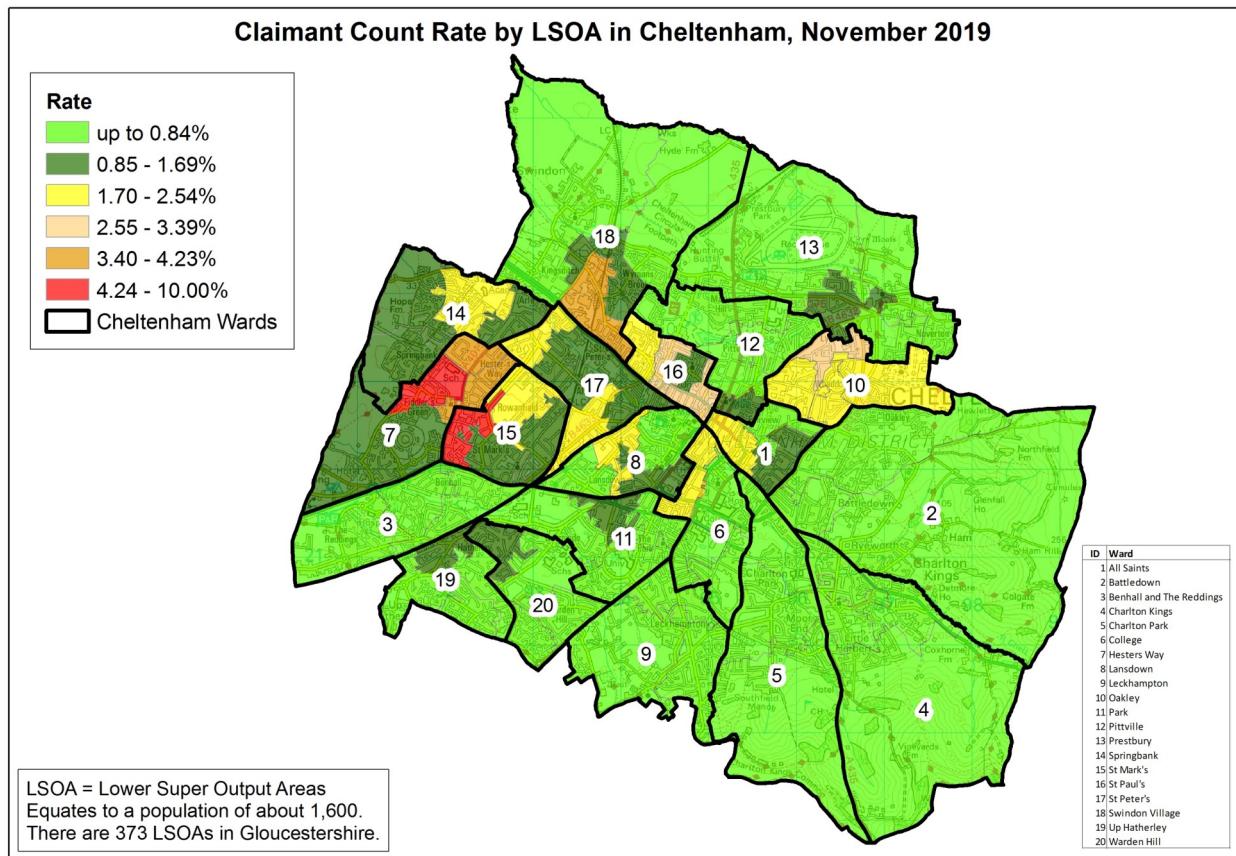
\* 1 = "best" and 146 = "worst"

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

### Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

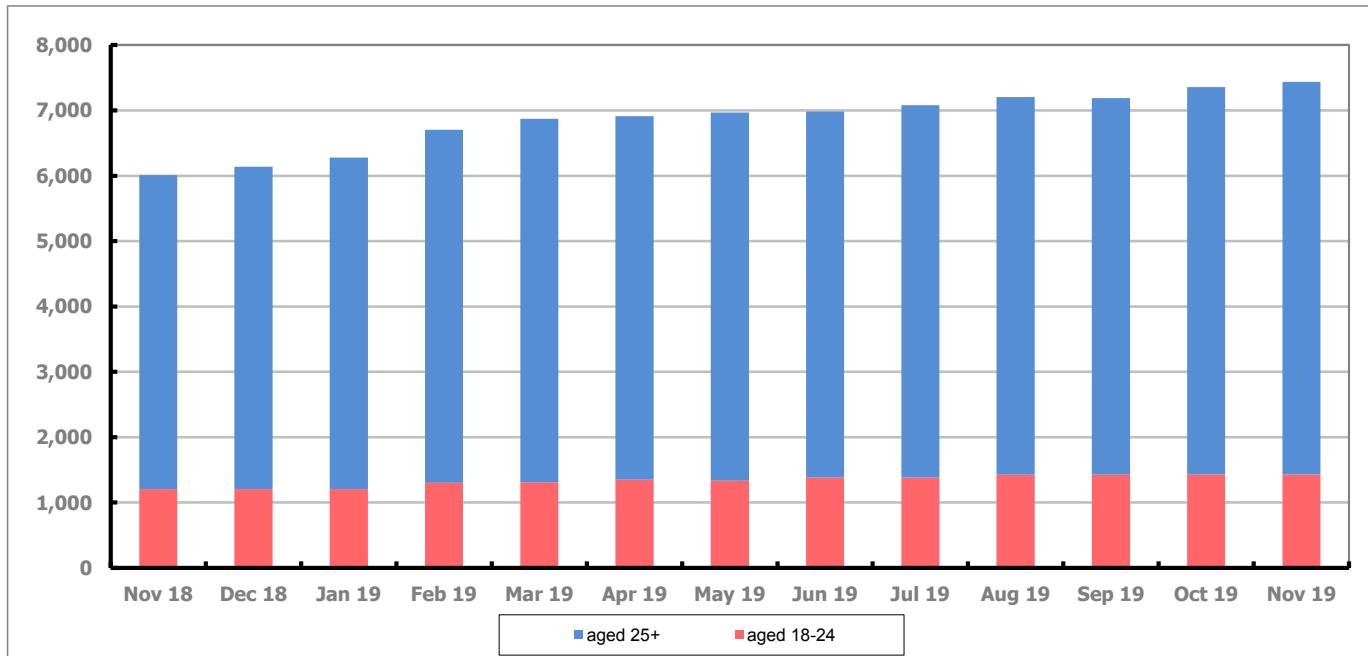


Figure 15 shows that in November 2019, 1,430 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.2% of total working age claimants.

## 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 November 2019 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 2.79%. The total number of NEET young people increased by 10 in November 2019 compared to October 2019, five districts saw an increase in their figures and one district saw a decrease.

### Total NEET Group by District Area

November 2019 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	92	38	70	130	73	58	461
Cohort	3007	2371	2255	4030	3515	2492	17670
% NEET	3.06	1.60	3.10	3.23	2.08	2.33	2.79*

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.