

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 4.9% in May 2020. The South West and UK rates increased to 5.4% and 6.4% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.5% lower than the South West average of 5.4%, and 1.5% lower than the UK average of 6.4%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in May 2020 increased by **4,635 people**. The amount of people claiming in May 2020 was 1.2% higher than the number in April 2020. This compares to a 1.1% increase in the South West and a 1.3% increase in 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 May 2020

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in May 2020

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	3,805
Compared to last month:	1.5%
Claimant rate:	5.1%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (8.3%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	4,855
Compared to last month:	1.1%
Claimant rate:	5.9%
Highest claiming wards	Barton and Tredworth (10.6%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	2,240
Compared to last month:	1.2%
Claimant rate:	4.3%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (6.6%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	2,930
Compared to last month:	1.4%
Claimant rate:	4.1%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (7.3%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	2,520
Compared to last month:	0.7%
Claimant rate:	4.9%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (8.5%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,440
Compared to last month:	0.9%
Claimant rate:	4.4%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (6.2%)

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

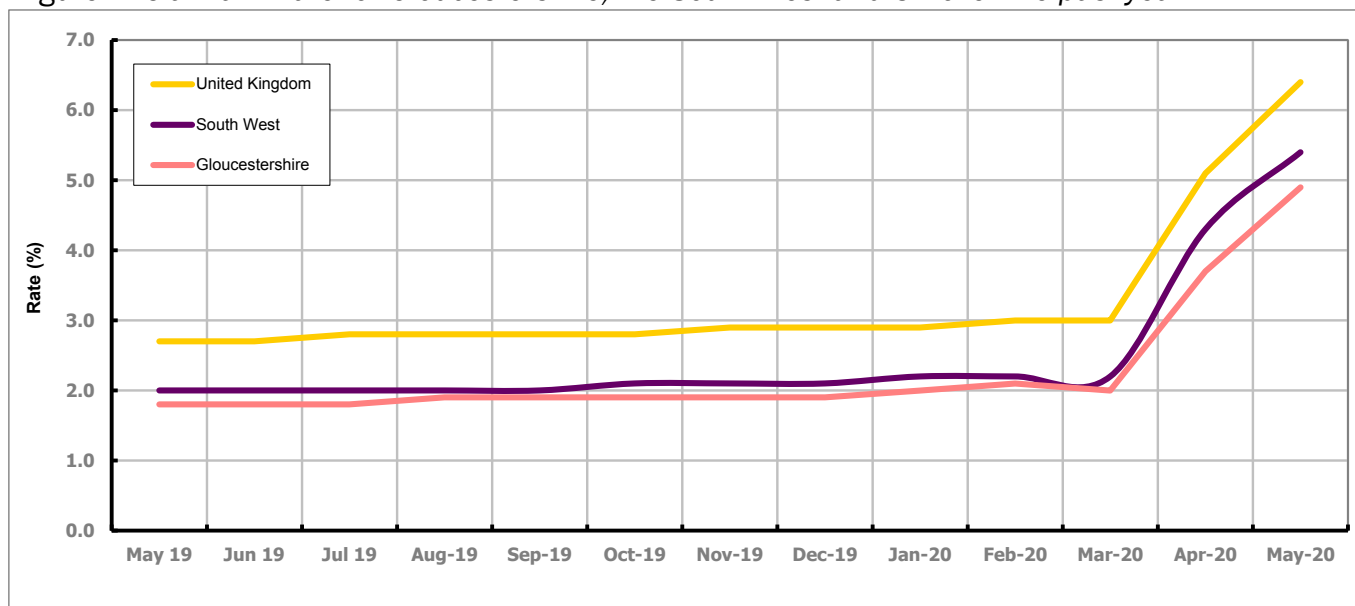


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 4.9% in May 2020. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in May 2020	% change on April 2020	Consecutive months increasing
UK	2,675,250	1.3%	22
South West	184,250	1.1%	7
Gloucestershire	18,785	1.2%	1

Table 1 shows that in May 2020, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.2% higher than the number in April 2020.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - May 2020

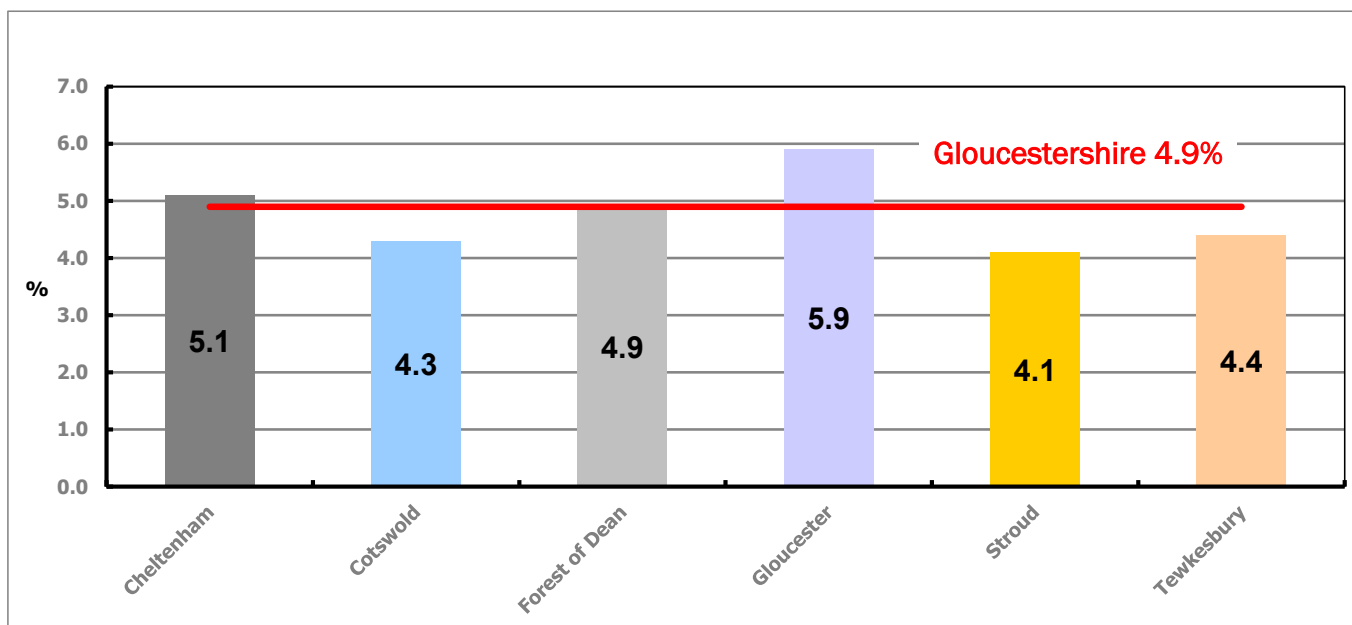


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for May 2020 in Gloucestershire. Between April 2020 and May 2020 the rate increased in all districts.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	May 20 Number	May 20 Rate	Apr 20 Number	Apr 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	18,785	4.9	14,150	3.7	4,635	32.8%	1.2
Cheltenham	3,805	5.1	2,645	3.6	1,160	43.9%	1.5
Cotswold	2,240	4.3	1,595	3.1	645	40.4%	1.2
Forest of Dean	2,520	4.9	2,145	4.2	375	17.5%	0.7
Gloucester	4,855	5.9	3,910	4.8	945	24.2%	1.1
Stroud	2,930	4.1	1,920	2.7	1,010	52.6%	1.4
Tewkesbury	2,440	4.4	1,930	3.5	510	26.4%	0.9

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in May 2020 compared to April 2020. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	May 20 Number	May 20 Rate	Apr 20 Number	Apr 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	11,395	6.0	8,390	4.4	3,005	35.8%	1.6
Cheltenham	2,330	6.3	1,580	4.3	750	47.5%	2.0
Cotswold	1,265	5.0	895	3.5	370	41.3%	1.5
Forest of Dean	1,495	5.9	1,240	4.9	255	20.6%	1.0
Gloucester	3,125	7.6	2,465	6.0	660	26.8%	1.6
Stroud	1,735	4.9	1,100	3.1	635	57.7%	1.8
Tewkesbury	1,445	5.4	1,110	4.1	335	30.2%	1.3

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in May 2020 compared to April 2020. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	May 20 Number	May 20 Rate	Apr 20 Number	Apr 20 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	7,390	3.8	5,755	3.0	1,635	28.4%	0.8
Cheltenham	1,475	4.0	1,060	2.9	415	39.2%	1.1
Cotswold	975	3.7	700	2.7	275	39.3%	1.0
Forest of Dean	1,025	4.0	905	3.5	120	13.3%	0.5
Gloucester	1,725	4.2	1,445	3.5	280	19.4%	0.7
Stroud	1,195	3.4	820	2.3	375	45.7%	1.1
Tewkesbury	990	3.6	820	2.9	170	20.7%	0.7

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in May 2020 compared to April 2020. 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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

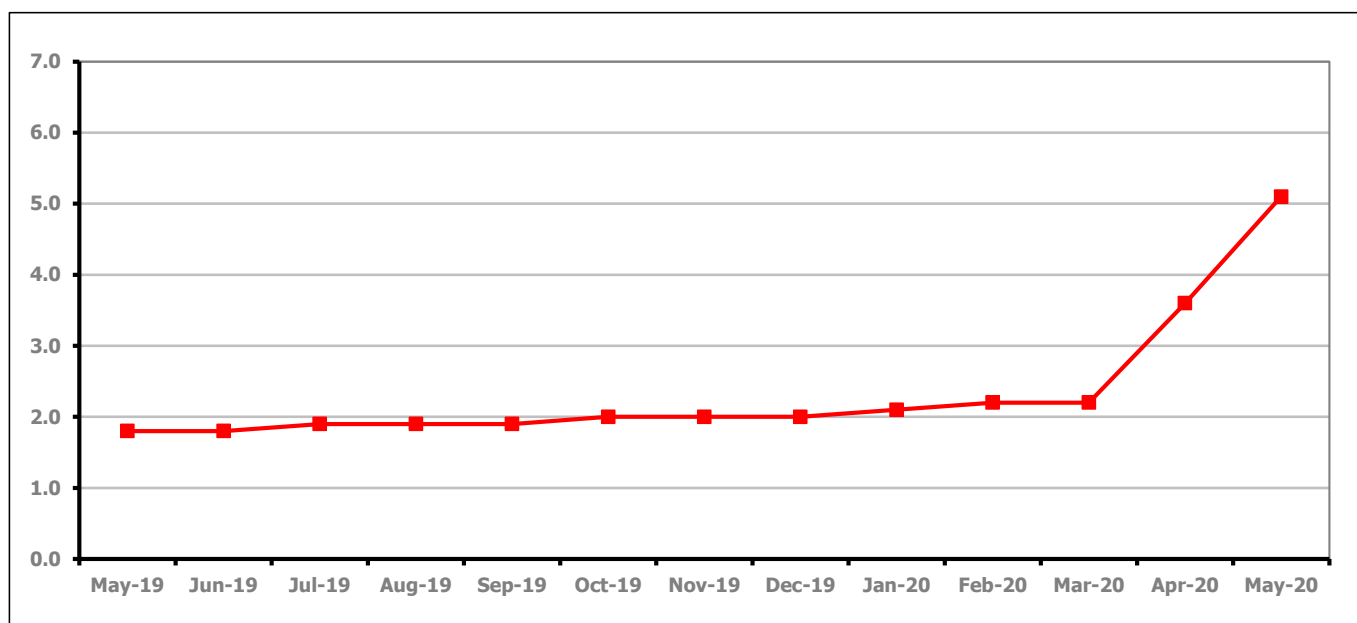


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased to 5.1% in May 2020.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - May 2020

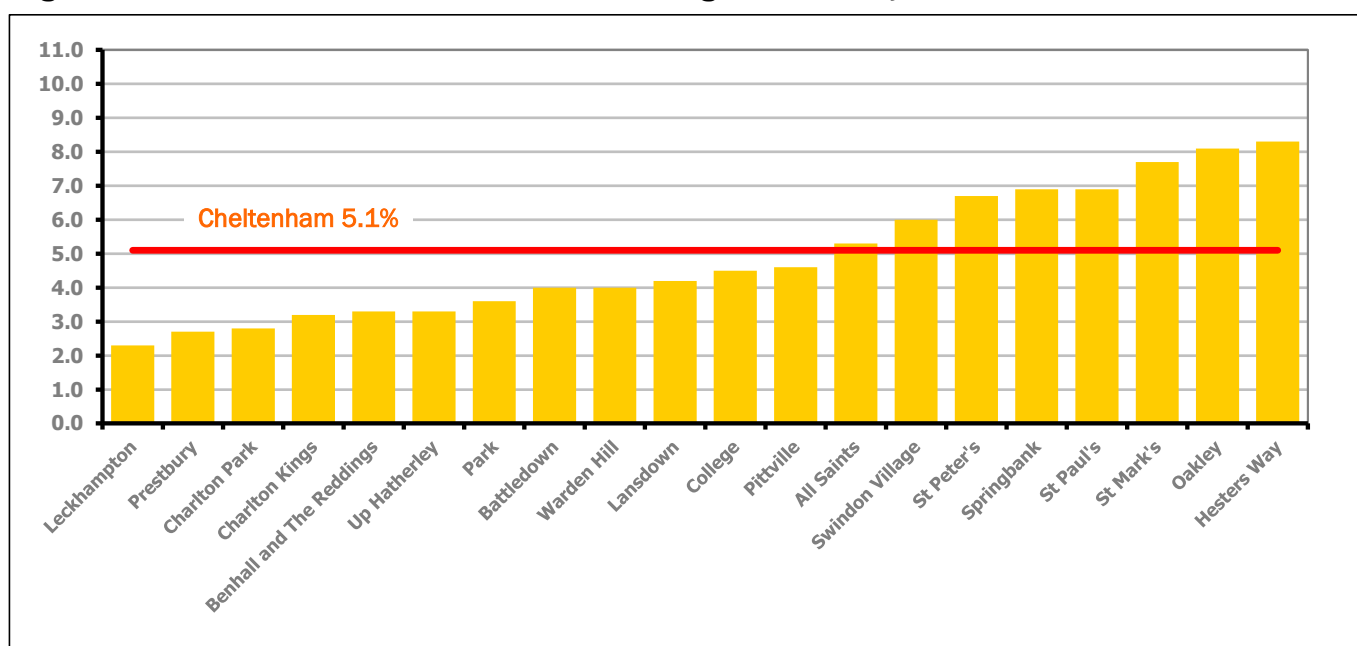


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 5.1%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - May 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	2.3	3
Cheltenham	Prestbury	2.7	6
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	2.8	11
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	3.2	22
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	3.3	25
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	3.3	25
Cheltenham	Park	3.6	39
Cheltenham	Battledown	4.0	58
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	4.0	58
Cheltenham	Lansdown	4.2	70
Cheltenham	College	4.5	81
Cheltenham	Pittville	4.6	84
Cheltenham	All Saints	5.3	110
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	6.0	124
Cheltenham	St Peter's	6.7	132
Cheltenham	Springbank	6.9	134
Cheltenham	St Paul's	6.9	134
Cheltenham	St Mark's	7.7	138
Cheltenham	Oakley	8.1	140
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	8.3	142

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

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

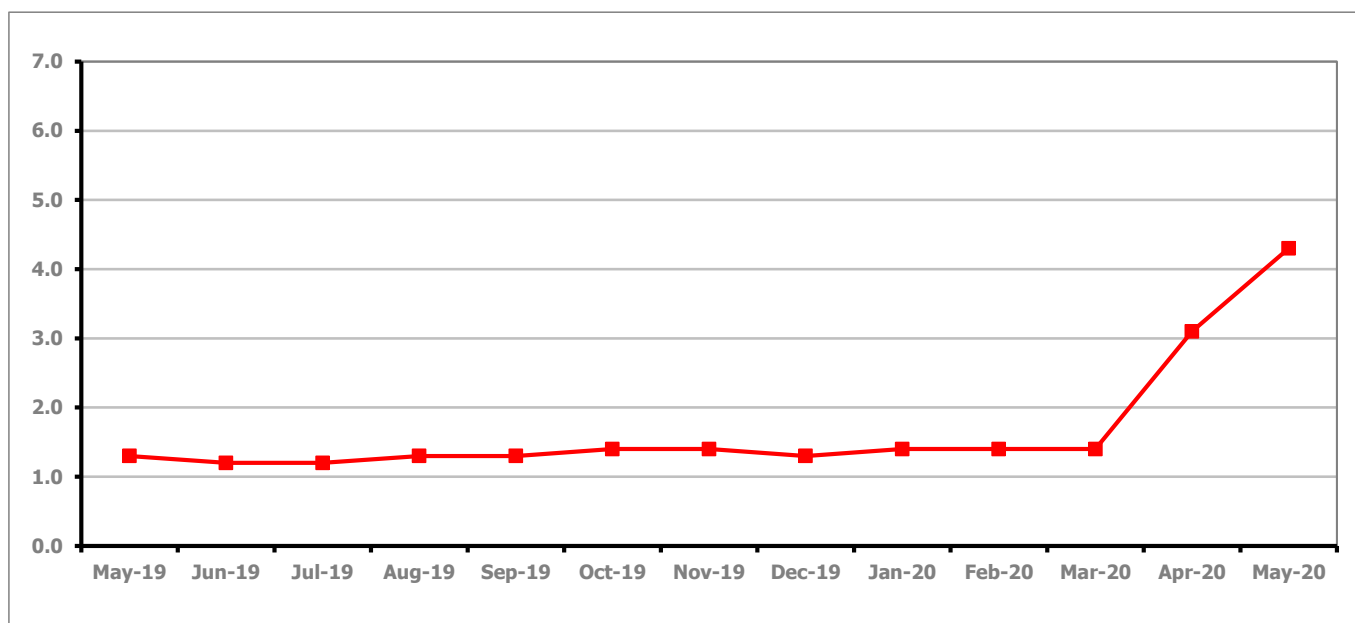


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased to 4.3% in May 2020.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - May 2020

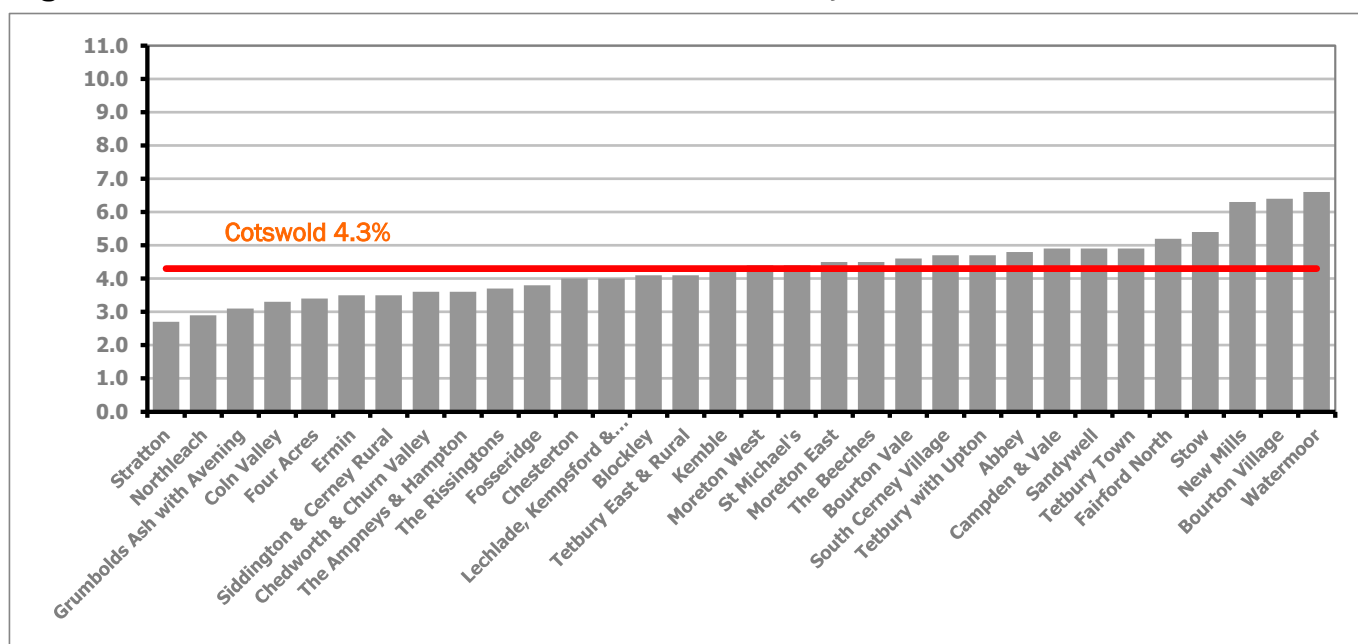


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.3%. Sixteen wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - May 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Stratton	2.7	6
Cotswolds	Northleach	2.9	15
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	3.1	21
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	3.3	25
Cotswolds	Four Acres	3.4	33
Cotswolds	Ermin	3.5	35
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	3.5	35
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	3.6	39
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	3.6	39
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	3.7	46
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	3.8	49
Cotswolds	Chesterton	4.0	58
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	4.0	58
Cotswolds	Blockley	4.1	64
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	4.1	64
Cotswolds	Kemble	4.2	70
Cotswolds	Moreton West	4.4	76
Cotswolds	St Michael's	4.4	76
Cotswolds	Moreton East	4.5	81
Cotswolds	The Beeches	4.5	81
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	4.6	84
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	4.7	89
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	4.7	89
Cotswolds	Abbey	4.8	94
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	4.9	96
Cotswolds	Sandywell	4.9	96
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	4.9	96
Cotswolds	Fairford North	5.2	106
Cotswolds	Stow	5.4	111
Cotswolds	New Mills	6.3	128
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	6.4	129
Cotswolds	Watermoor	6.6	130

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

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4.3 Forest of Dean District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

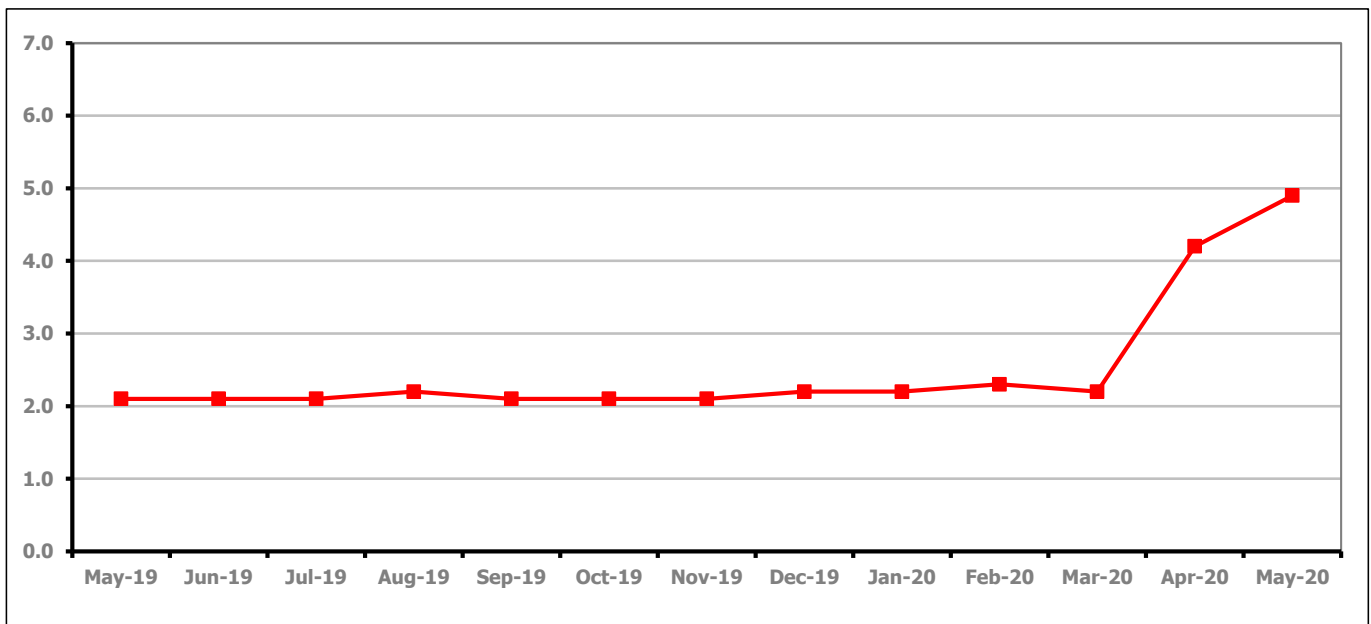


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased to 4.9% in May 2020.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - May 2020

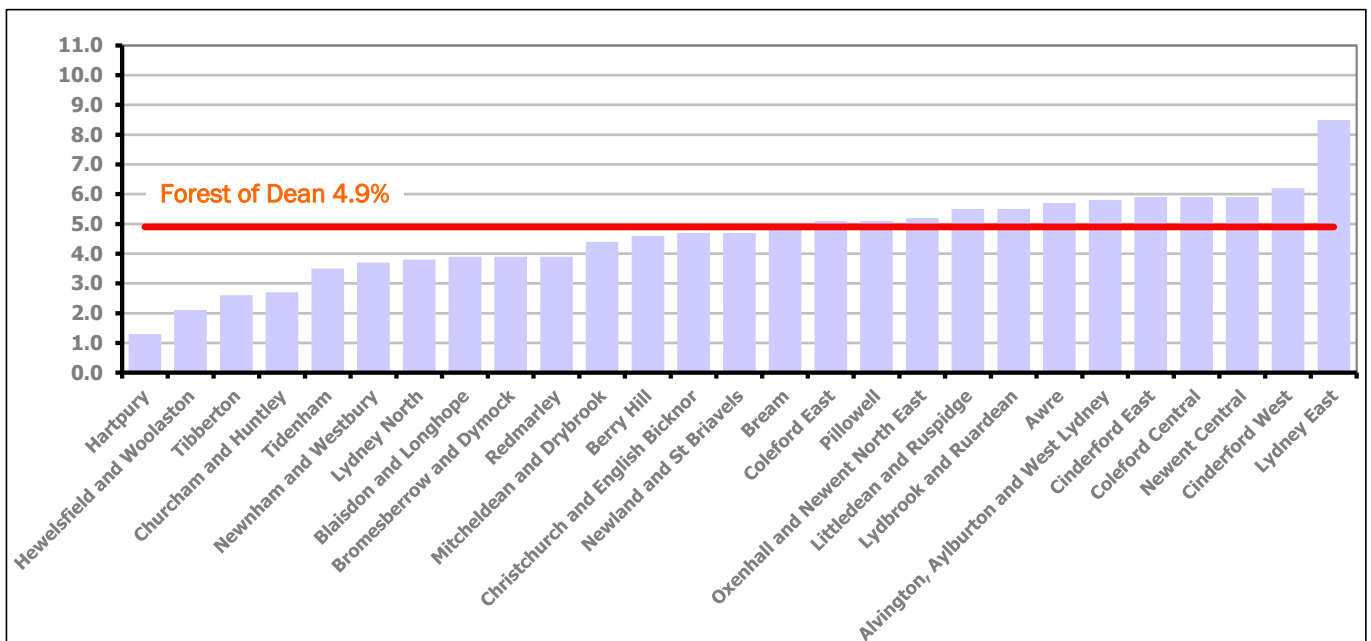


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.9%. Twelve wards lie above the average.

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 - May 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	1.3	1
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	2.1	2
Forest	Tibberton	2.6	4
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	2.7	6
Forest	Tidenham	3.5	35
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	3.7	46
Forest	Lydney North	3.8	49
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	3.9	52
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	3.9	52
Forest	Redmarley	3.9	52
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	4.4	76
Forest	Berry Hill	4.6	84
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	4.7	89
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	4.7	89
Forest	Bream	4.9	96
Forest	Coleford East	5.1	104
Forest	Pillowell	5.1	104
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	5.2	106
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	5.5	112
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	5.5	112
Forest	Awre	5.7	114
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	5.8	117
Forest	Cinderford East	5.9	120
Forest	Coleford Central	5.9	120
Forest	Newent Central	5.9	120
Forest	Cinderford West	6.2	126
Forest	Lydney East	8.5	144

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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.

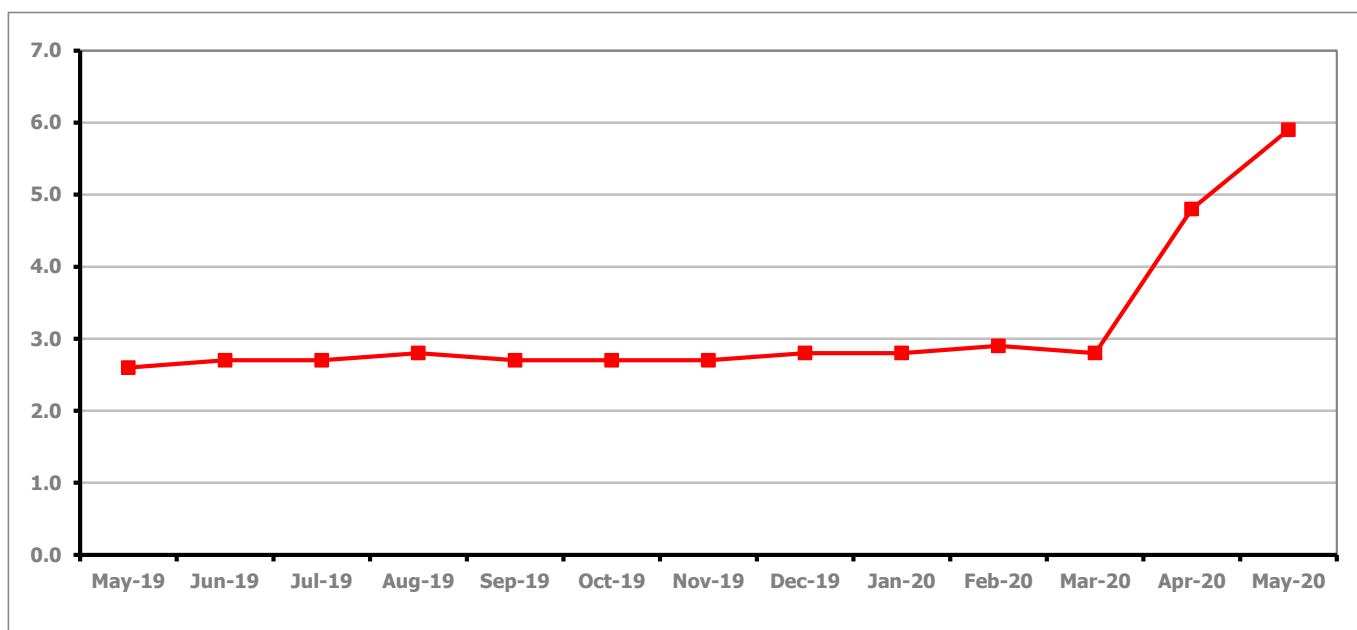
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased to 5.9% in May 2020.

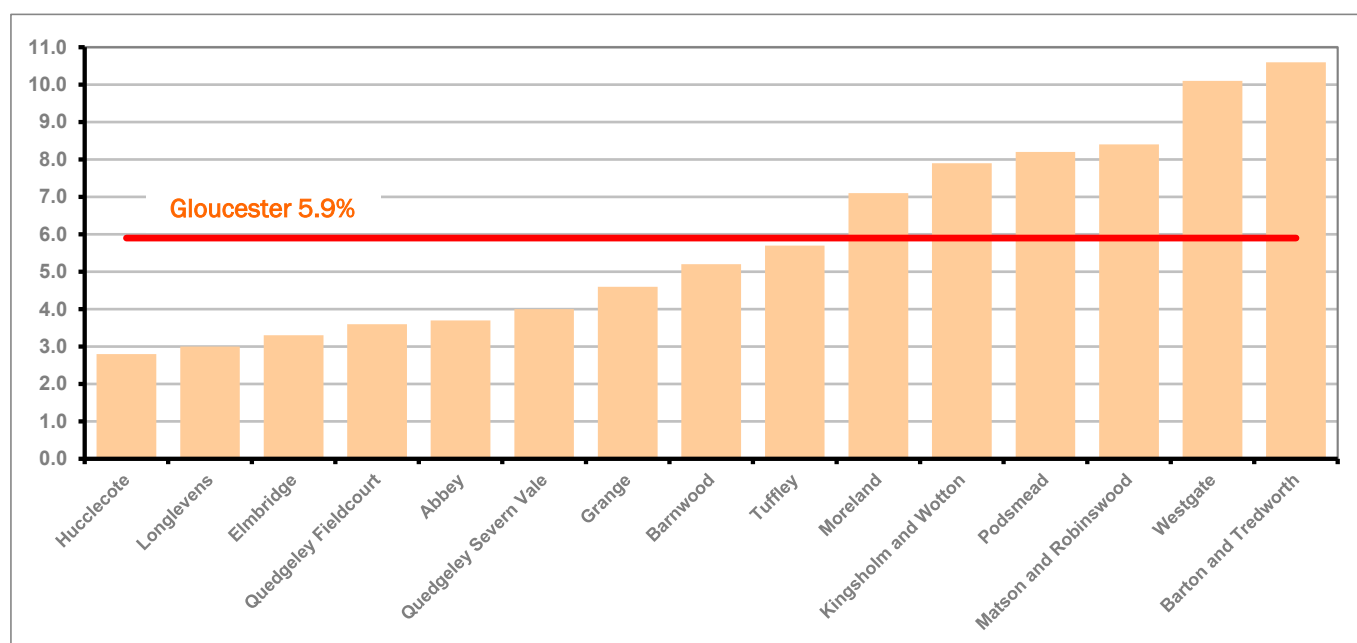
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - May 2020

Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 5.9%. 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 - May 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Hucclecote	2.8	11
Gloucester	Longlevens	3.0	18
Gloucester	Elmbridge	3.3	25
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	3.6	39
Gloucester	Abbey	3.7	46
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	4.0	58
Gloucester	Grange	4.6	84
Gloucester	Barnwood	5.2	106
Gloucester	Tuffley	5.7	114
Gloucester	Moreland	7.1	136
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	7.9	139
Gloucester	Podsmead	8.2	141
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	8.4	143
Gloucester	Westgate	10.1	145
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	10.6	146

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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

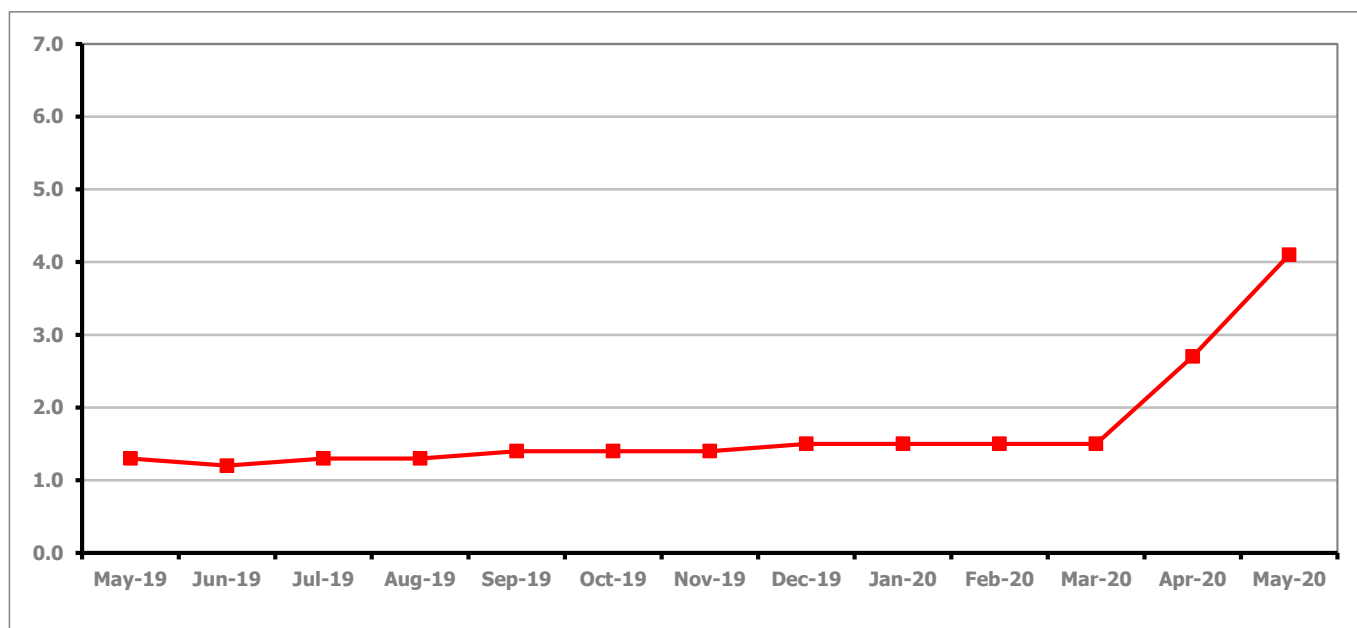


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased to 4.1% in May 2020.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - May 2020

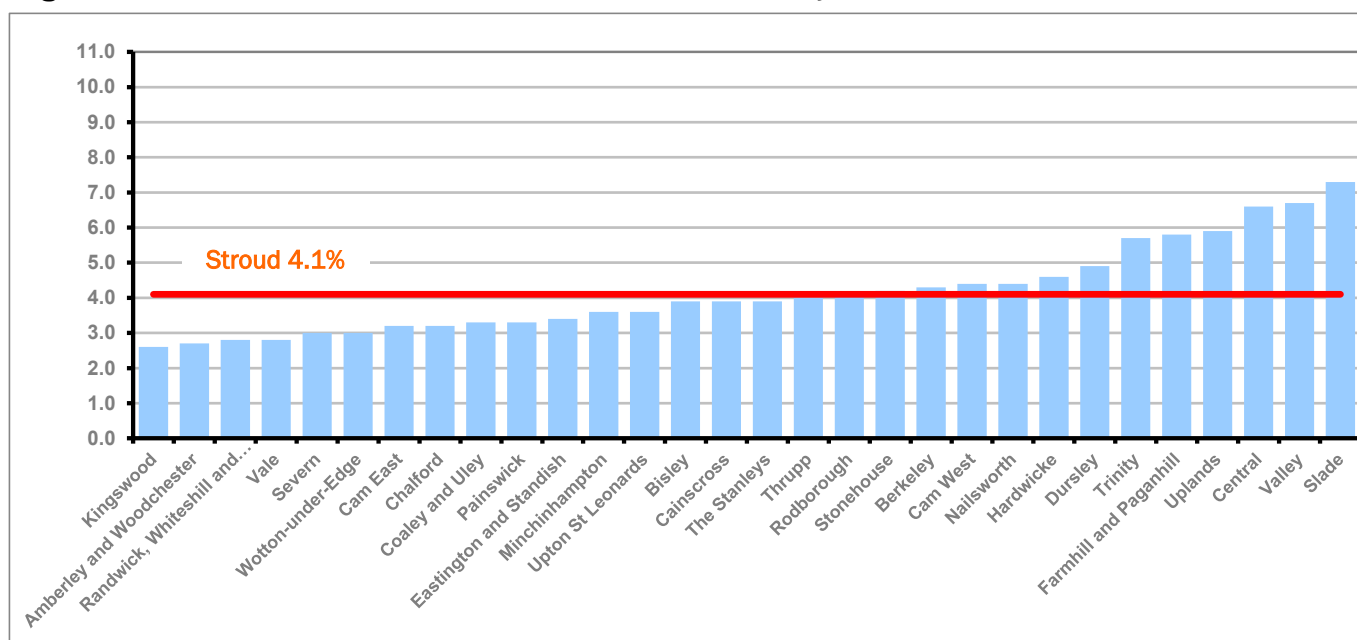


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.1%. Twelve wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - May 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Kingswood	2.6	4
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	2.7	6
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	2.8	11
Stroud	Vale	2.8	11
Stroud	Severn	3.0	18
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	3.0	18
Stroud	Cam East	3.2	22
Stroud	Chalford	3.2	22
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	3.3	25
Stroud	Painswick	3.3	25
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	3.4	33
Stroud	Minchinhampton	3.6	39
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	3.6	39
Stroud	Bisley	3.9	52
Stroud	Cainscross	3.9	52
Stroud	The Stanleys	3.9	52
Stroud	Thrupp	4.0	58
Stroud	Rodborough	4.1	64
Stroud	Stonehouse	4.2	70
Stroud	Berkeley	4.3	74
Stroud	Cam West	4.4	76
Stroud	Nailsworth	4.4	76
Stroud	Hardwicke	4.6	84
Stroud	Dursley	4.9	96
Stroud	Trinity	5.7	114
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	5.8	117
Stroud	Uplands	5.9	120
Stroud	Central	6.6	130
Stroud	Valley	6.7	132
Stroud	Slade	7.3	137

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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

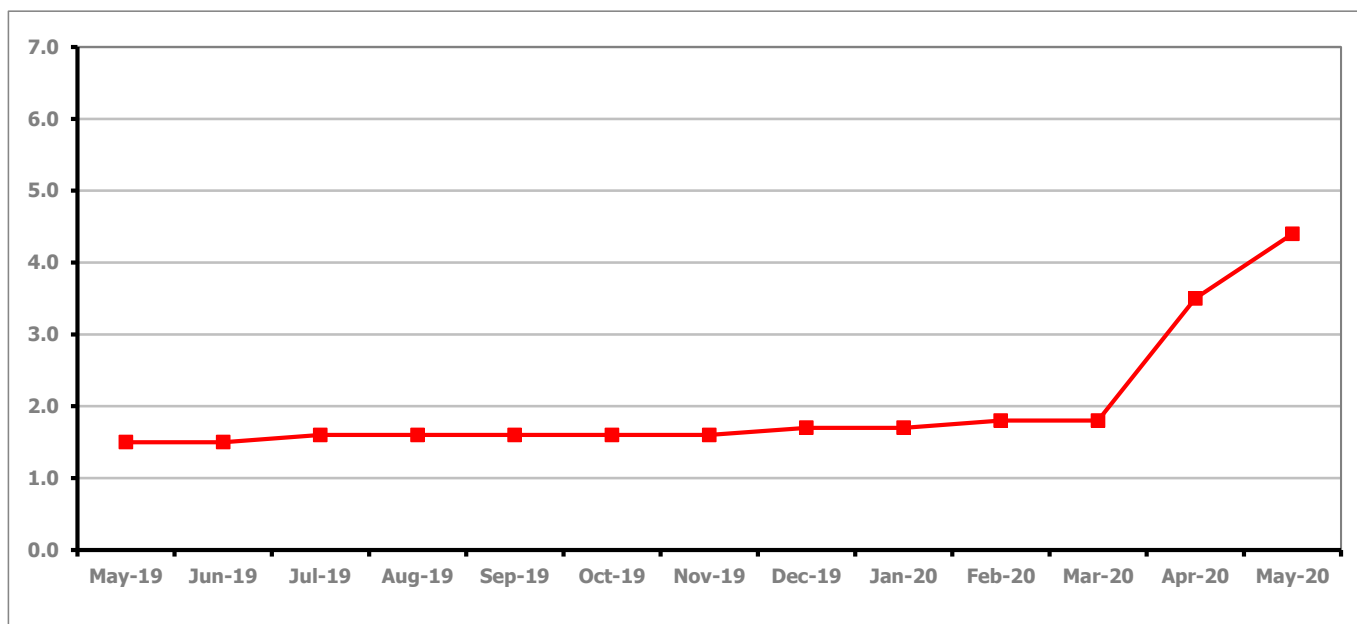


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough increased to 4.4% in May 2020.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - May 2020

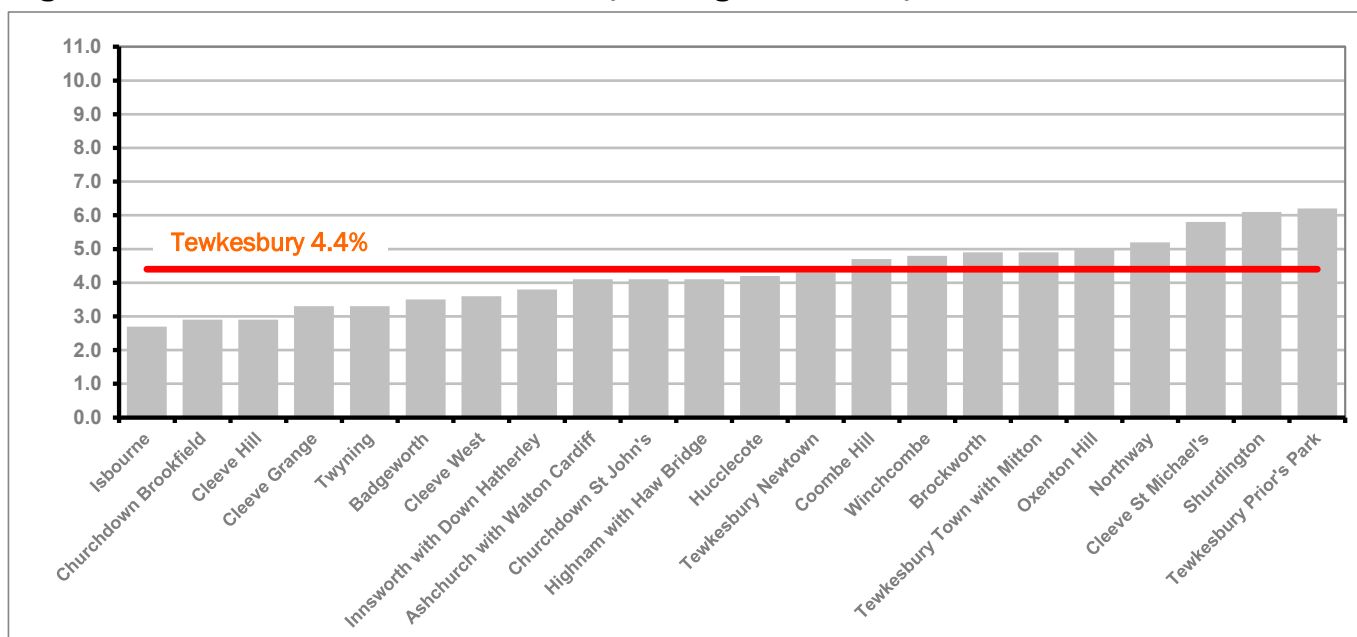


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 4.4%. Nine wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - May 2020

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.7	6
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	2.9	15
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	2.9	15
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	3.3	25
Tewkesbury	Twynning	3.3	25
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	3.5	35
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	3.6	39
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	3.8	49
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	4.1	64
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	4.1	64
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	4.1	64
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	4.2	70
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	4.3	74
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	4.7	89
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	4.8	94
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	4.9	96
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	4.9	96
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	5.0	103
Tewkesbury	Northway	5.2	106
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	5.8	117
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	6.1	125
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	6.2	126

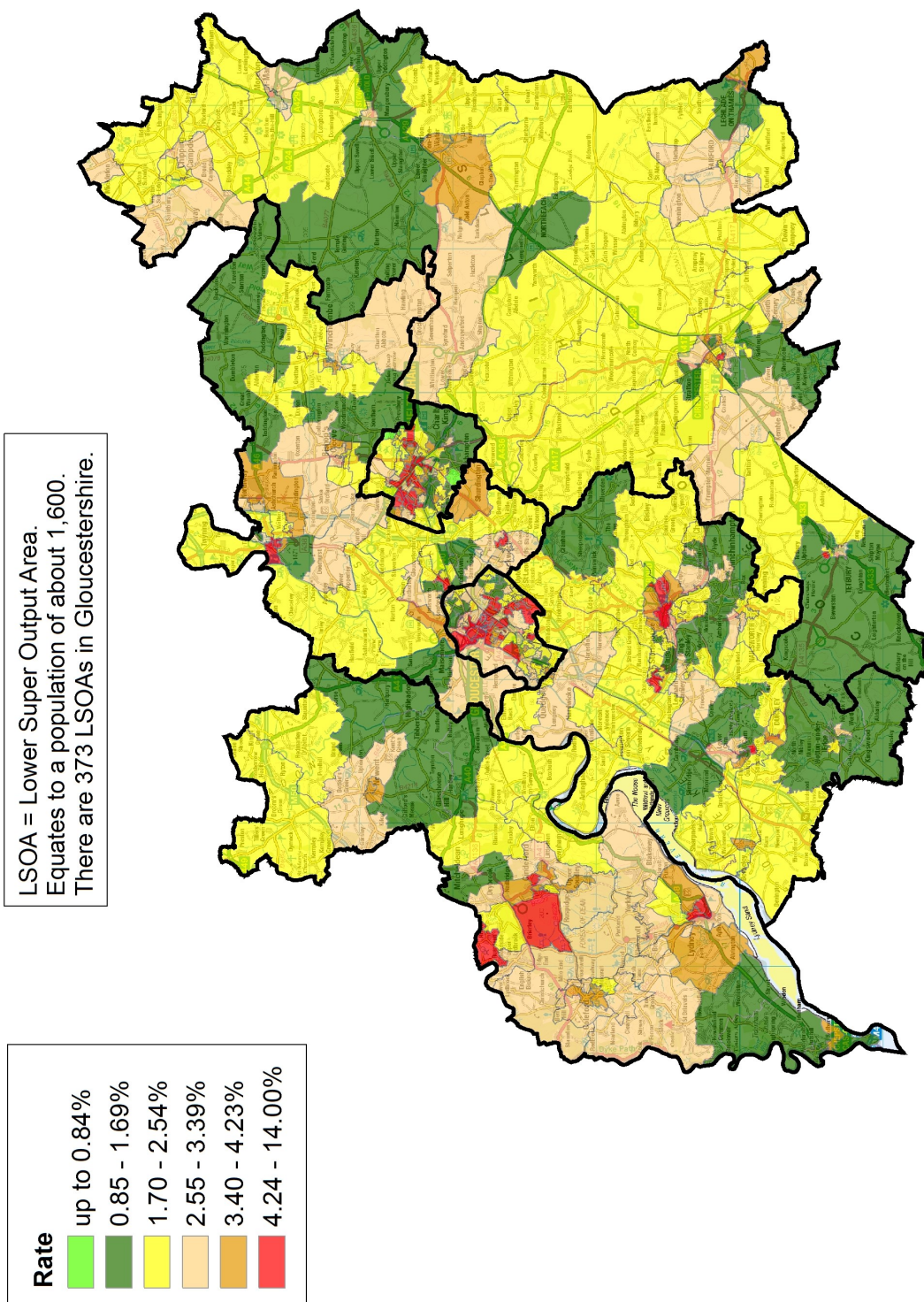
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Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury Borough wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, May 2020



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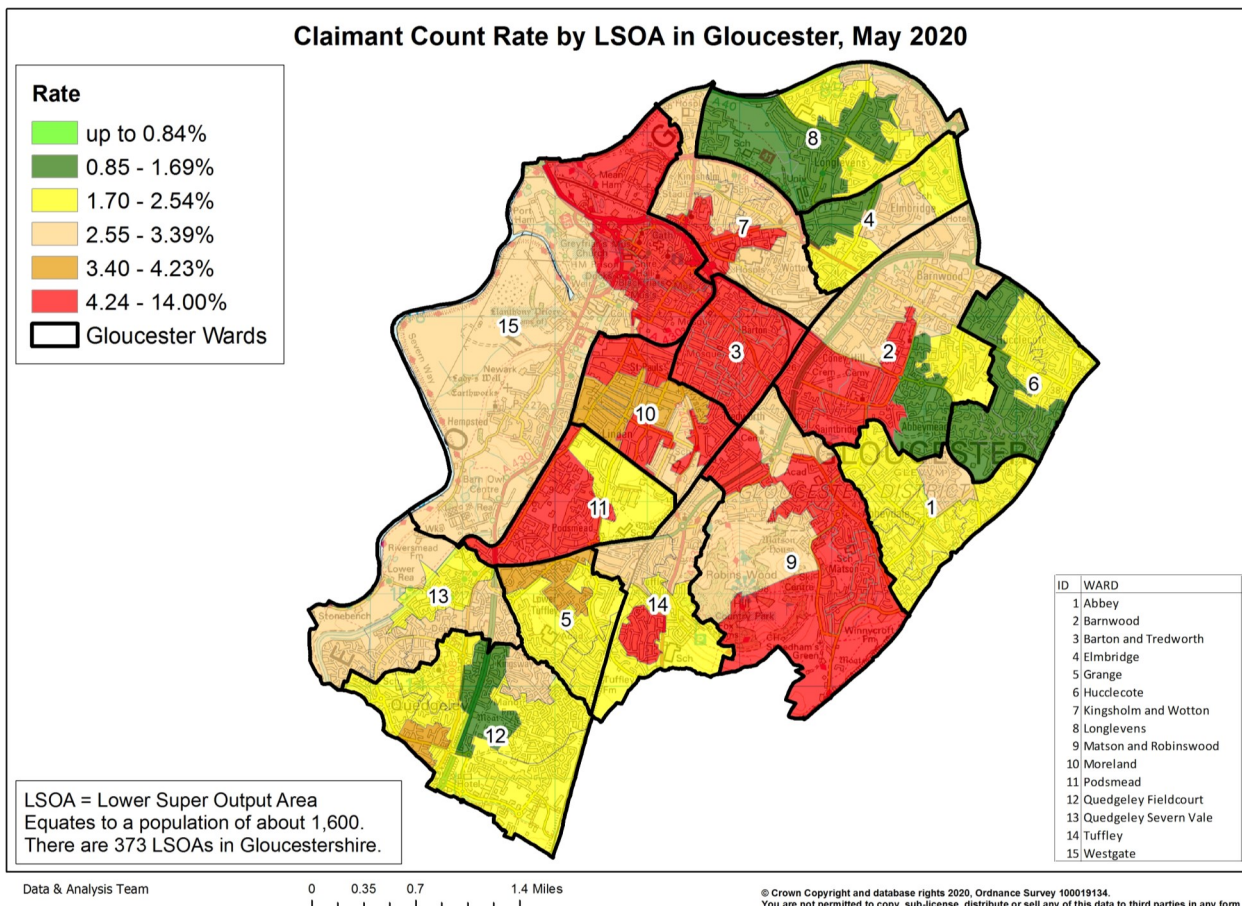
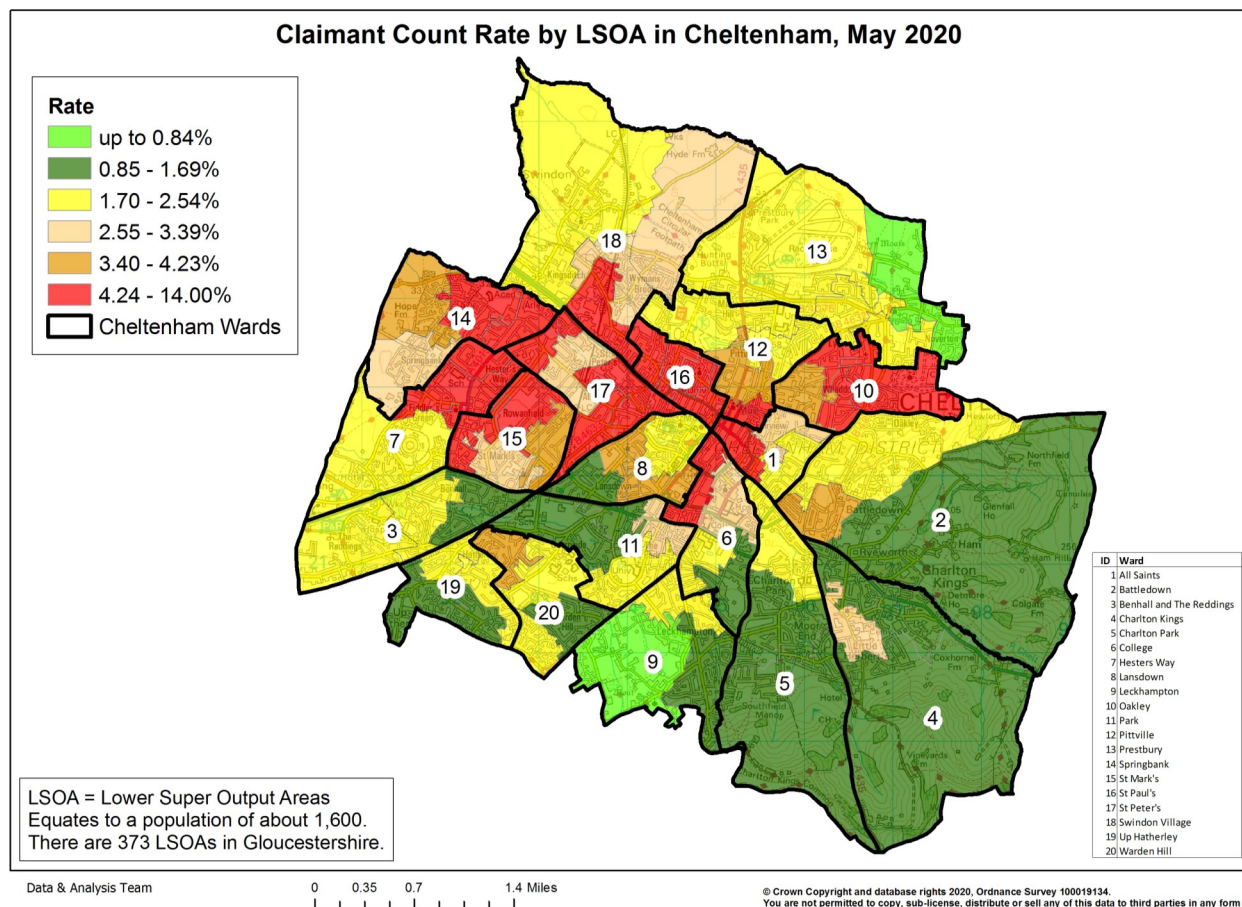
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PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE



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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

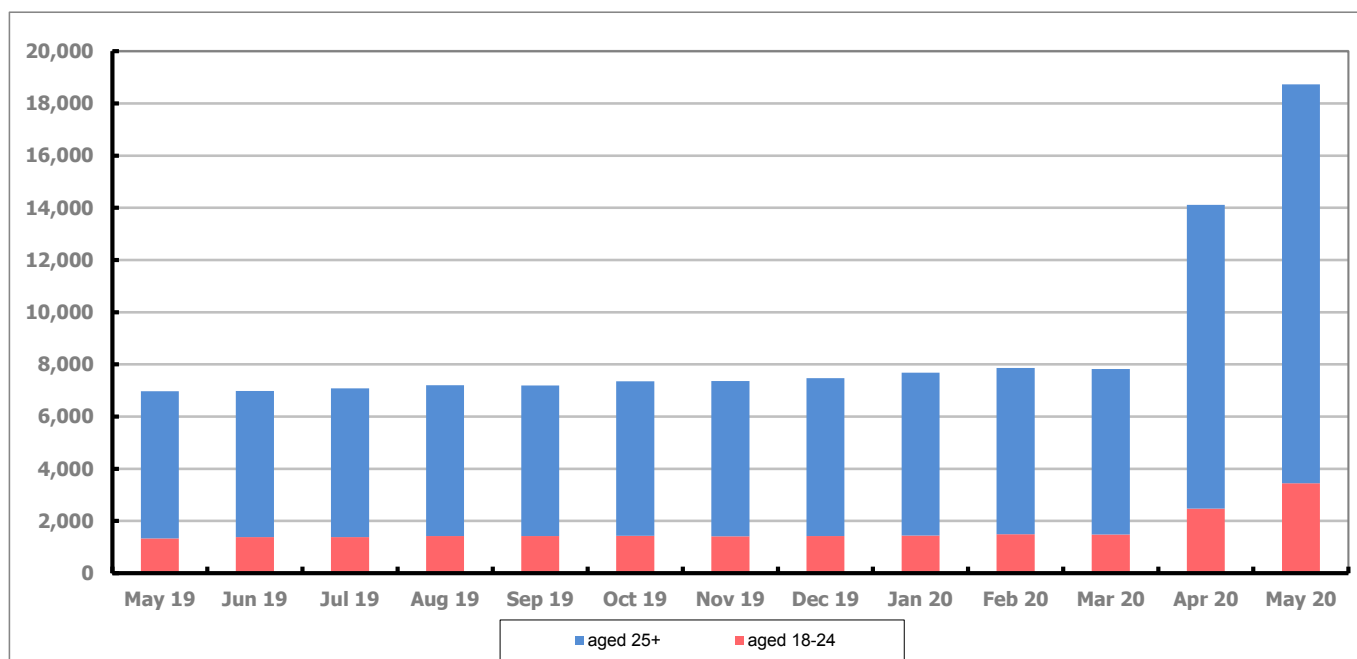


Figure 15 shows that in May 2020, 3,440 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 18.3% of total working age claimants.

PART 7: YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET) IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Data provided by Gloucestershire Youth Support Team on the situation of young people (16-18) in Gloucestershire who are not in education, employment or formal training.

Gloucestershire Youth Support Team is required to report performance 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 May 2020 there were 375 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 2.73%. The total number of NEET young people increased by 9 in May 2020 compared to April 2020, four districts saw a increase in their figures and two districts stayed the same.

Total NEET Group by District Area

May 2020 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	69	36	55	117	45	53	375
Cohort	2507	1947	1867	3293	2866	2040	14520
% NEET	2.75	1.85	2.95	3.55	1.57	2.60	2.73*

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.