

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

May 2011

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 203 persons to 8,841, a rate of 2.4%.

Unemployment for the UK, GB, England & Wales, the SW, Gloucestershire and its Local Authority Districts

Area	May'11 Number	May'11 Rate	Apr'11 Number	Apr'11 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,504,913	3.7	1,520,806	3.8	-15,893	-1.0	-0.1
GB	1,446,269	3.7	1,461,644	3.7	-15,375	-1.1	0.0
England & Wales	1,306,162	3.7	1,319,267	3.7	-13,105	-1.0	0.0
England	1,234,189	3.7	1,246,163	3.7	-11,974	-1.0	0.0
South West	81,712	2.5	84,335	2.6	-2,623	-3.1	-0.1
Gloucestershire	8,841	2.4	9,044	2.4	-203	-2.2	0.0
Cheltenham	1,985	2.7	1,965	2.7	20	1.0	0.0
Cotswold	658	1.3	665	1.3	-7	-1.1	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,231	2.4	1,277	2.5	-46	-3.6	-0.1
Gloucester	2,699	3.5	2,745	3.6	-46	-1.7	-0.1
Stroud	1,282	1.9	1,360	2.0	-78	-5.7	-0.1
Tewkesbury	986	2.0	1,032	2.1	-46	-4.5	-0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 15,375 persons to **1,446,269** a rate of **3.7%**.

The County rate of unemployment remained the same as last month at **2.4%**.

All districts, with the exception of Cheltenham showed a decrease in the number of unemployed claimants.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **5,946 (3.2%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **2,895 (1.6%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.43 million** unemployed at a rate of **7.7%**. This is based on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. It is obtained from an ongoing national household survey and updated on a quarterly basis.
- 2) the seasonally adjusted unemployment claimant count for the UK of **1.49 million** at a rate of **3.7%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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