

Unemployment Bulletin

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Please note: the ward and LSOA boundaries used in this report have been updated. This means figures for these areas are not comparable with those reported in previous bulletins.

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 Strategic Needs Analysis Team in the County Council's Strategy and Challenge function. The data is sourced from the Office for National Statistics via Nomis (www.nomis.co.uk).

The claimant count measures the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefit (currently Job Seeker's allowance). The claimant rate is the number of claimants as a proportion of the working age population.

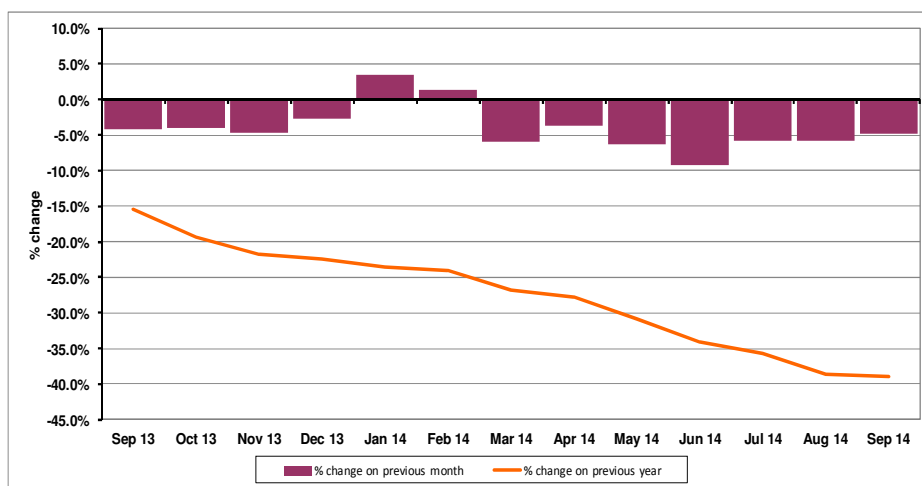
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 1.4% in September 2014. This was a 0.1% decrease on the August 2014 figure. The South West rate decreased to 1.3%, while the UK rate remained the same as the previous month at 2.3%. Gloucestershire's rate is 0.1% higher than the South West average of 1.3%, and 0.9% lower than the UK average of 2.3%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in September 2014 decreased by 264 people. The amount of people claiming in September 2014 was 4.8% lower than the number in August 2014. This compares to a 3.3% decrease in the South West and a 3.9% decrease for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was 39.0% lower in September 2014 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: September 2013 to September 2014



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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 in September 2014

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

Claimant rate: The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in September 2014

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

CHELTEMHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,023
Compared to last month:	-5.3%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (2.9%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,881
Compared to last month:	-4.8%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (5.4%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	384
Compared to last month:	-4.7%
Claimant rate:	0.8%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (2.4%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	682
Compared to last month:	-0.9%
Claimant rate:	1.0%
Highest claiming ward	Farmhill and Paganhill (2.9%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	669
Compared to last month:	-2.9%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (3.0%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	578
Compared to last month:	-10.4%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (3.3%)

YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET)

At the end of September 2014 there were 518 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 5.37%.

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

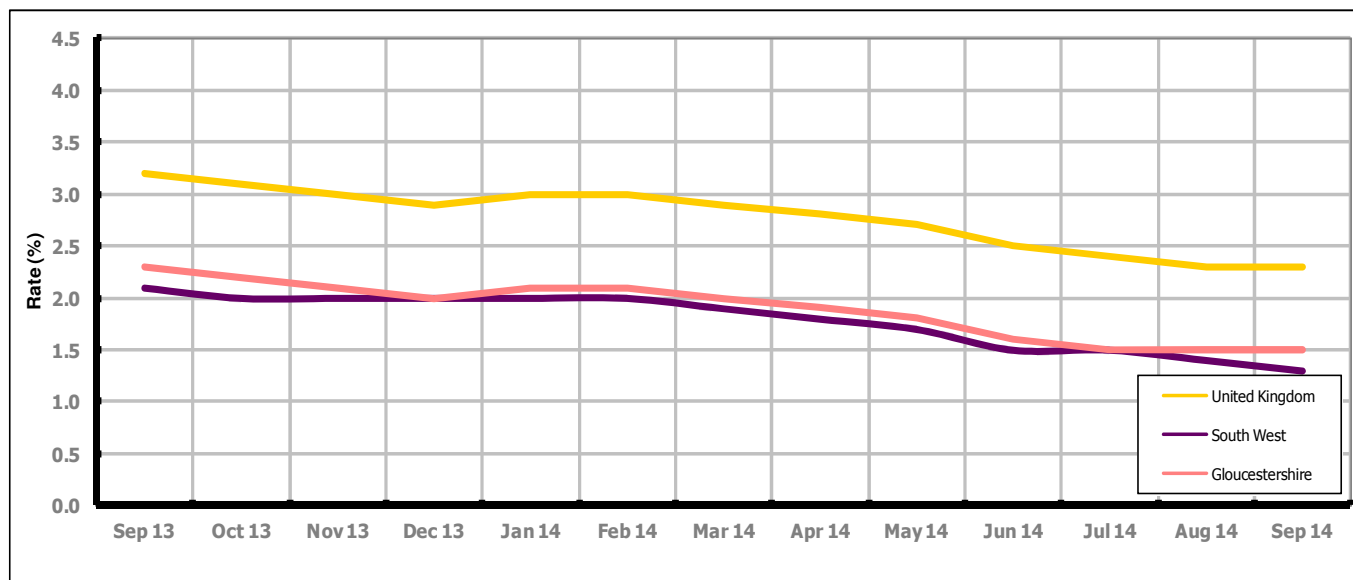


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.4% in September 2014. With the exception of July 2014 and December 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average. The September 2014 rate represented a 0.1% decrease on August 2014.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in September 2014	% change on August 2014	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	923,240	-3.9%	-3.5%	6
South West	44,395	-3.3%	-4.8%	6
Gloucestershire	5,217	-4.8%	-5.3%	6

Table 1 shows that in September 2014, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 4.8% lower than the number in August 2014.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to September 2014 was -5.3%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - September 2014

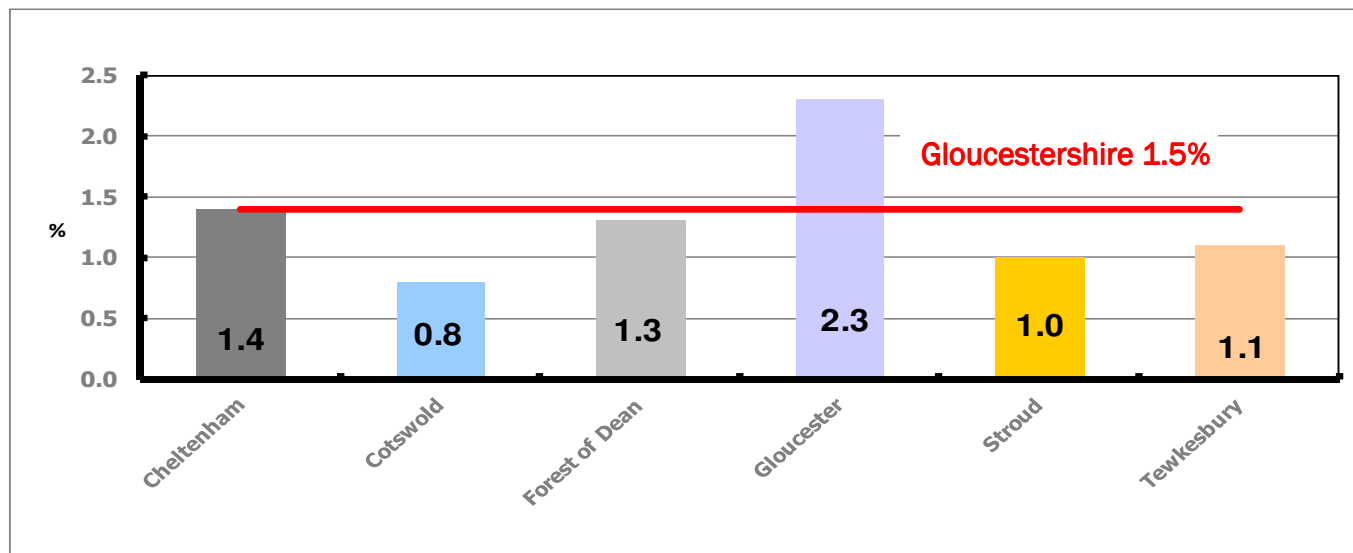


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for September 2014 in Gloucestershire. Between August 2014 and September 2014 the rate in Forest of Dean, Gloucester and Tewkesbury decreased while the rate in Cotswold, Cheltenham and Stroud remained the same.

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

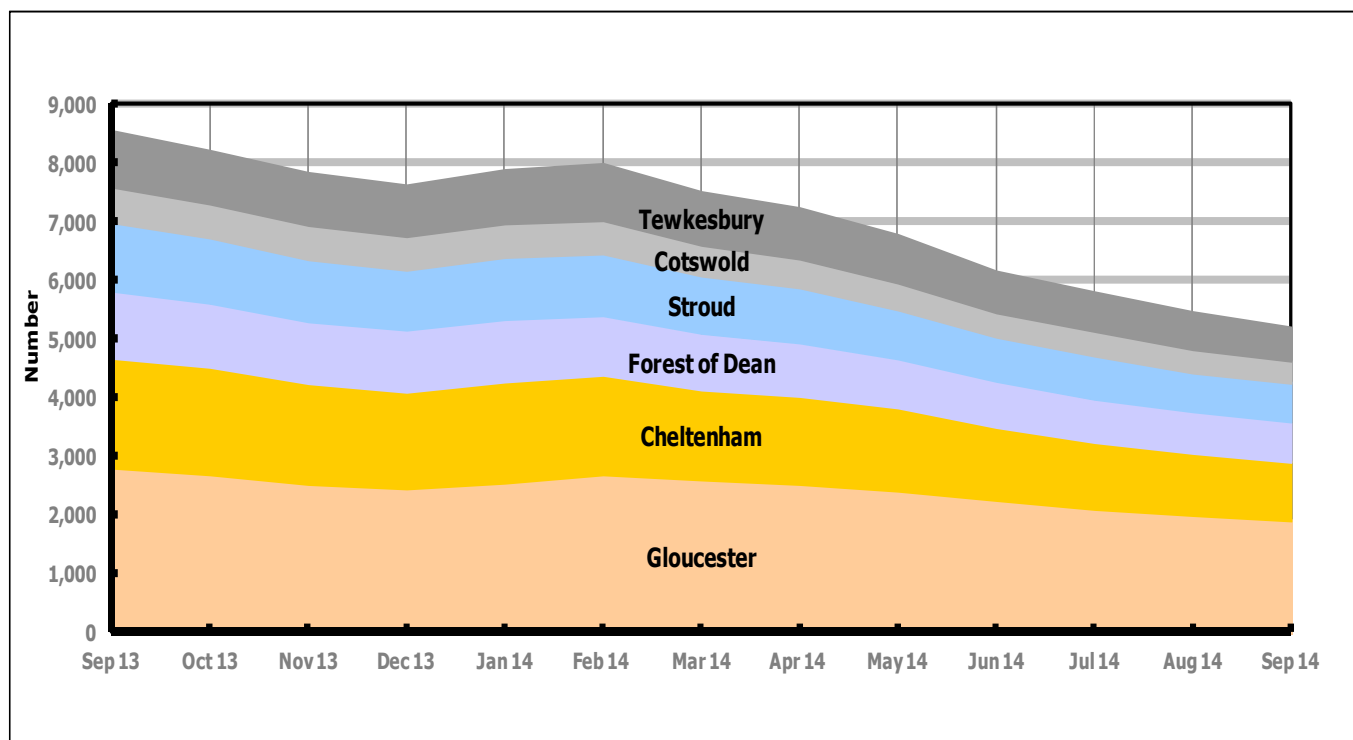


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. The number of claimants has decreased over the last year, with the exception of January and February when there was an increase.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Sep 14 Number	Sep 14 Rate	Aug 14 Number	Aug 14 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,217	1.4	5,481	1.4	-264	-4.8%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,023	1.4	1,080	1.4	-57	-5.3%	0.0
Cotswold	384	0.8	403	0.8	-19	-4.7%	0.0
Forest of Dean	669	1.3	689	1.4	-20	-2.9%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,881	2.3	1,976	2.5	-95	-4.8%	-0.2
Stroud	682	1.0	688	1.0	-6	-0.9%	0.0
Tewkesbury	578	1.1	645	1.5	-67	-10.4%	-0.4

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in September 2014 compared to August 2014. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Sep 14 Number	Sep 14 Rate	Aug 14 Number	Aug 14 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,354	1.8	3,508	1.9	-154	-4.4%	-0.1
Cheltenham	693	1.8	715	1.9	-22	-3.1%	-0.1
Cotswold	255	1.0	256	1.0	-1	-0.4%	0.0
Forest of Dean	419	1.7	439	1.7	-20	-4.6%	0.0
Gloucester	1,227	3.1	1,275	3.2	-48	-3.8%	-0.1
Stroud	407	1.2	431	1.2	-24	-5.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	353	1.4	392	1.6	-39	-9.9%	-0.2

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in September 2014 compared to August 2014. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Sep 14 Number	Sep 14 Rate	Aug 14 Number	Aug 14 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	1,863	1.0	1,973	1.0	-110	-5.6%	0.0
Cheltenham	330	0.9	365	1.0	-35	-9.6%	-0.1
Cotswold	129	0.5	147	0.6	-18	-12.2%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	250	1.0	250	1.0	0	0.0%	0.0
Gloucester	654	1.6	701	1.7	-47	-6.7%	-0.1
Stroud	275	0.8	257	0.7	18	7.0%	0.1
Tewkesbury	225	0.9	253	1.0	-28	-11.1%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in September 2014 compared to August 2014. Stroud saw an increase in the number of female claimants, Forest of Dean experienced no change, while all of the other districts 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 4: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

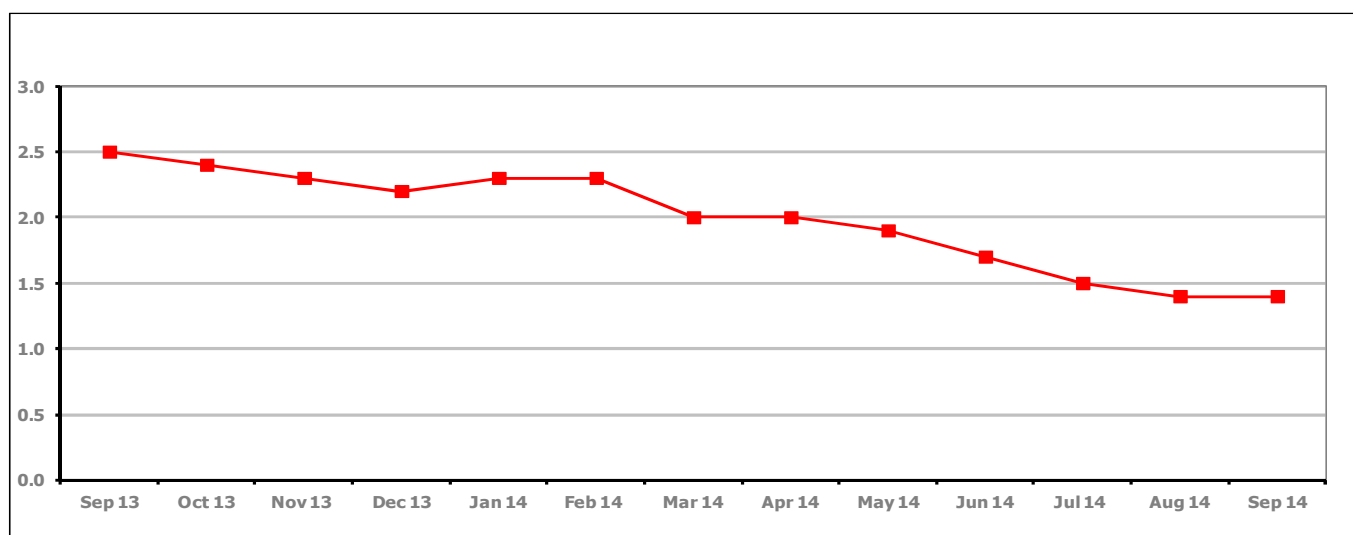


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham remained the same as last month at 1.4%.

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

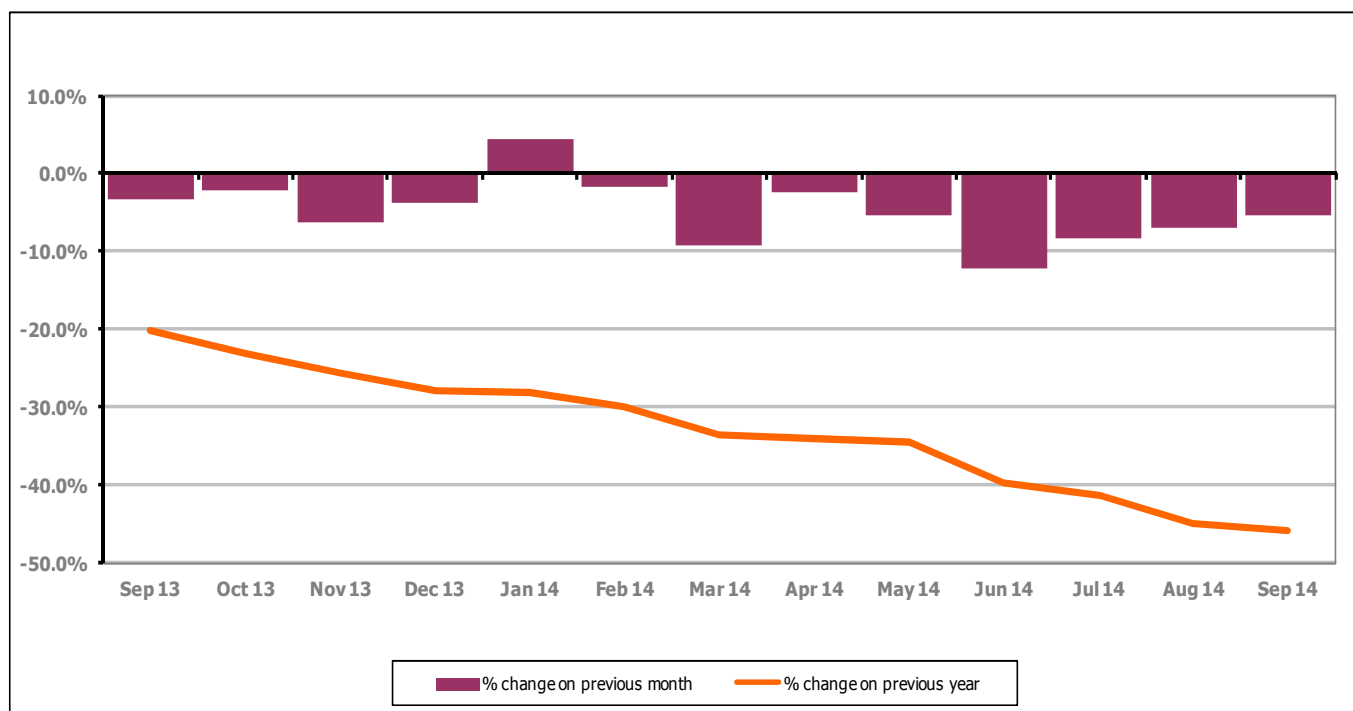


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by 5.3% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in September 2014 compared to August 2014 to -46.0%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - September 2014

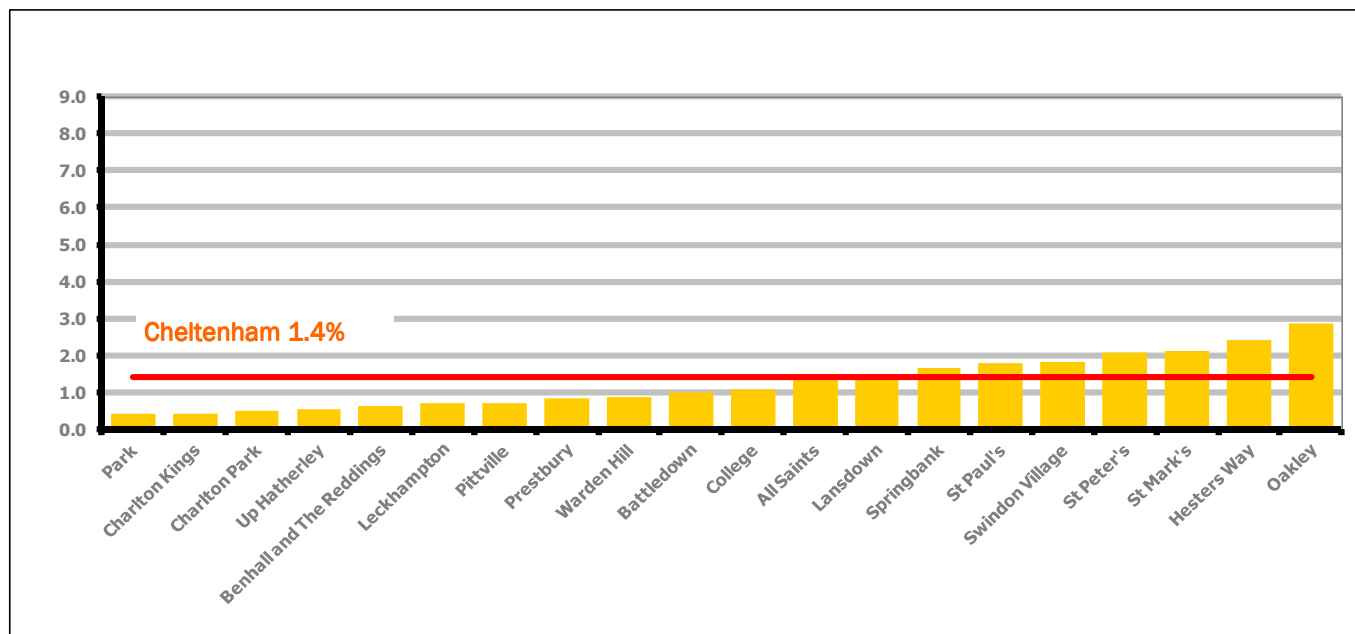


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.4%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - September 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Park	0.4	16
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.4	18
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.5	22
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.6	29
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.7	41
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.7	47
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.7	49
Cheltenham	Pittville	0.9	74
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	0.9	76
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.0	89
Cheltenham	College	1.1	94
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.3	104
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.4	107
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.7	119
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.8	122
Cheltenham	St Paul's	1.8	123
Cheltenham	St Mark's	2.1	126
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.1	127
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	2.4	129
Cheltenham	Oakley	2.9	134

bottom 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.

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4.2 Cotswold District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

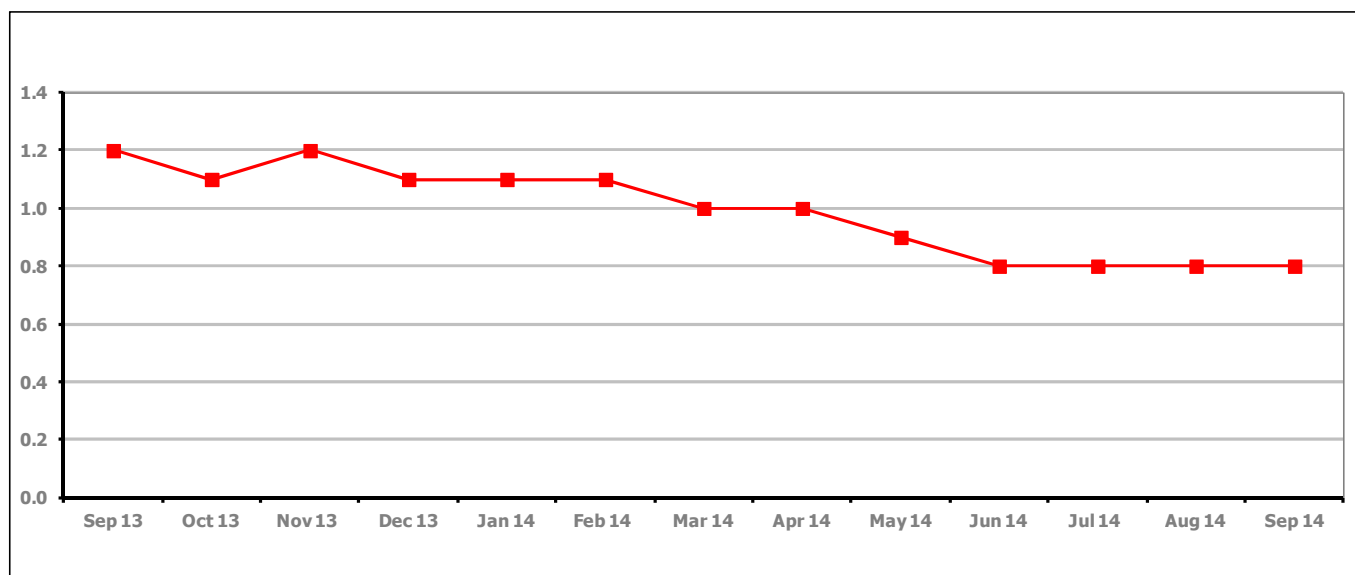


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained the same as the last three months at 0.8%.

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

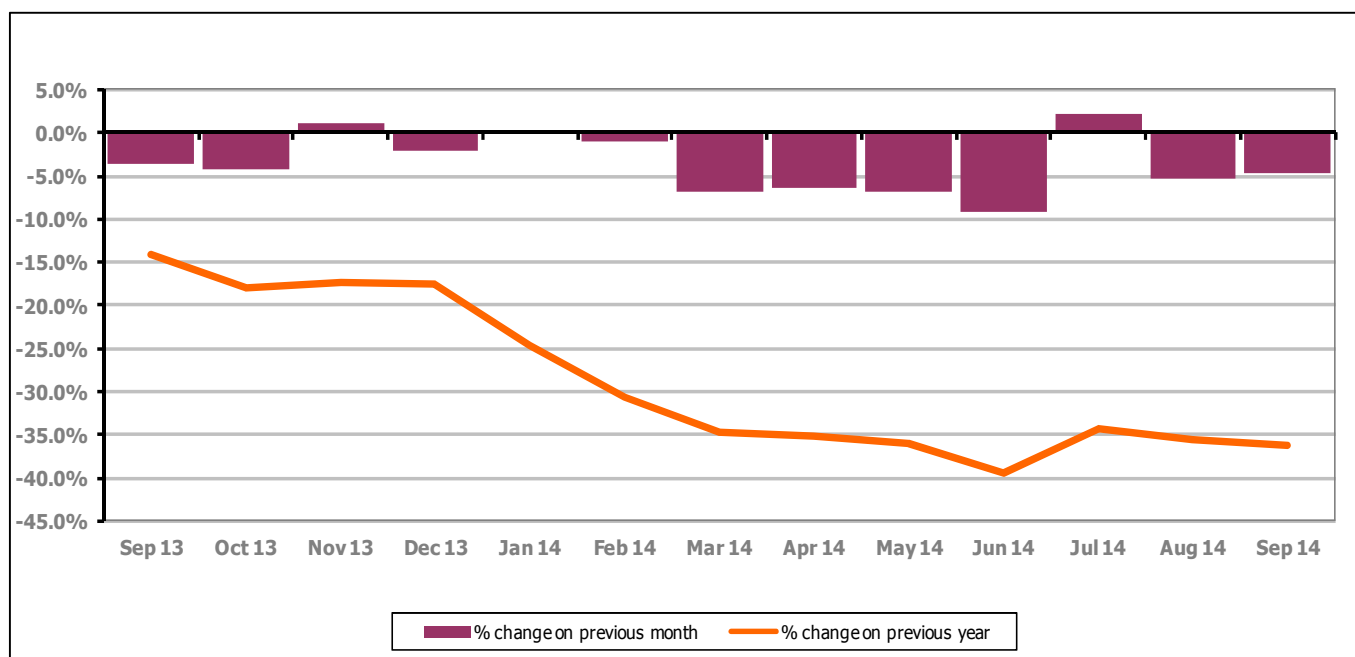


Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by 4.7% since August 2014. The change on the previous year has decreased from August 2014 compared to September 2014 to -36.2%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - September 2014

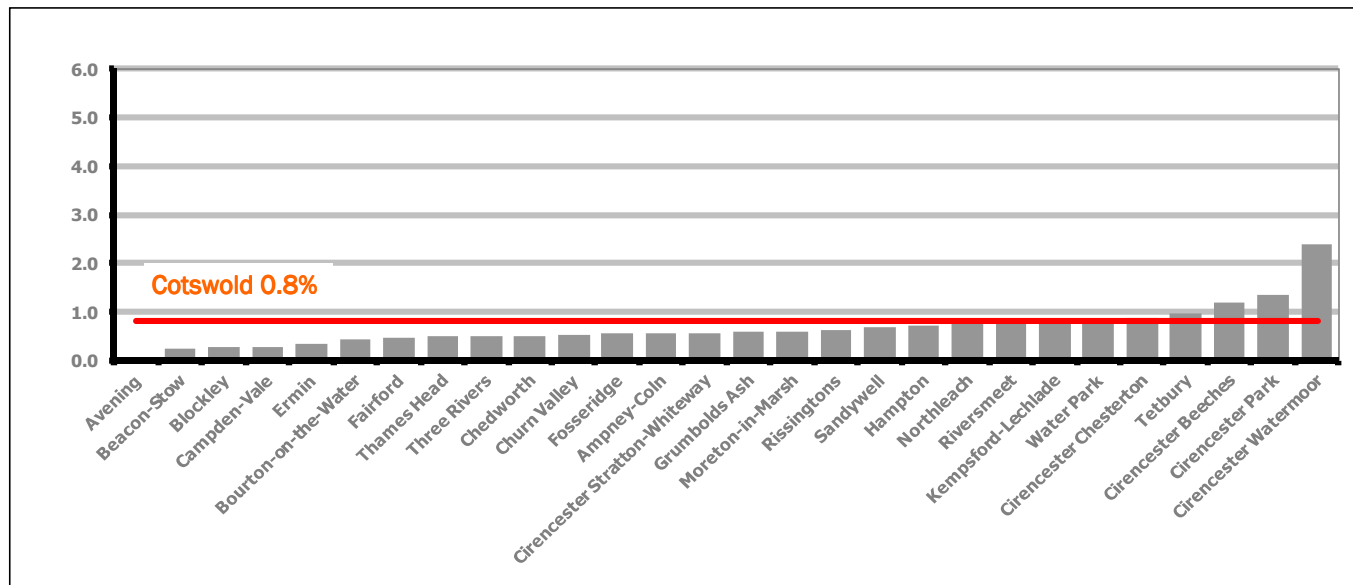


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.8%. Five wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - September 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Avening	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.3	3
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	0.3	4
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.3	6
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	0.3	9
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	19
Cotswolds	Fairford	0.5	20
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.5	21
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	0.5	24
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.5	25
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.5	26
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.5	27
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.6	28
Cotswolds	Hampton	0.6	31
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.6	33
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coln	0.6	35
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	0.6	38
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.7	43
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	0.7	51
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	0.7	52
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.8	58
Cotswolds	Water Park	0.8	59
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.8	67
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	0.9	77
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	1.0	83
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.2	97
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	1.3	103
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	2.4	128

	bottom 10% of county
	first quartile of county
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	third quartile of county
	fourth quartile of county
	highest 10% of county

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

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

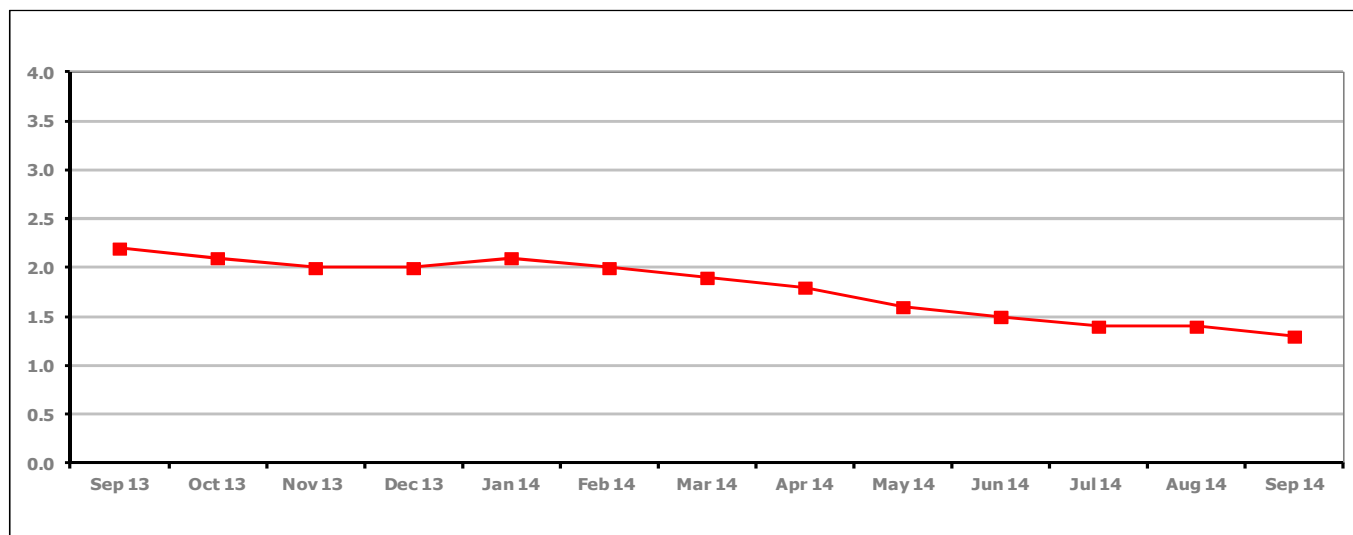


Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased in September 2014 to 1.3%

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

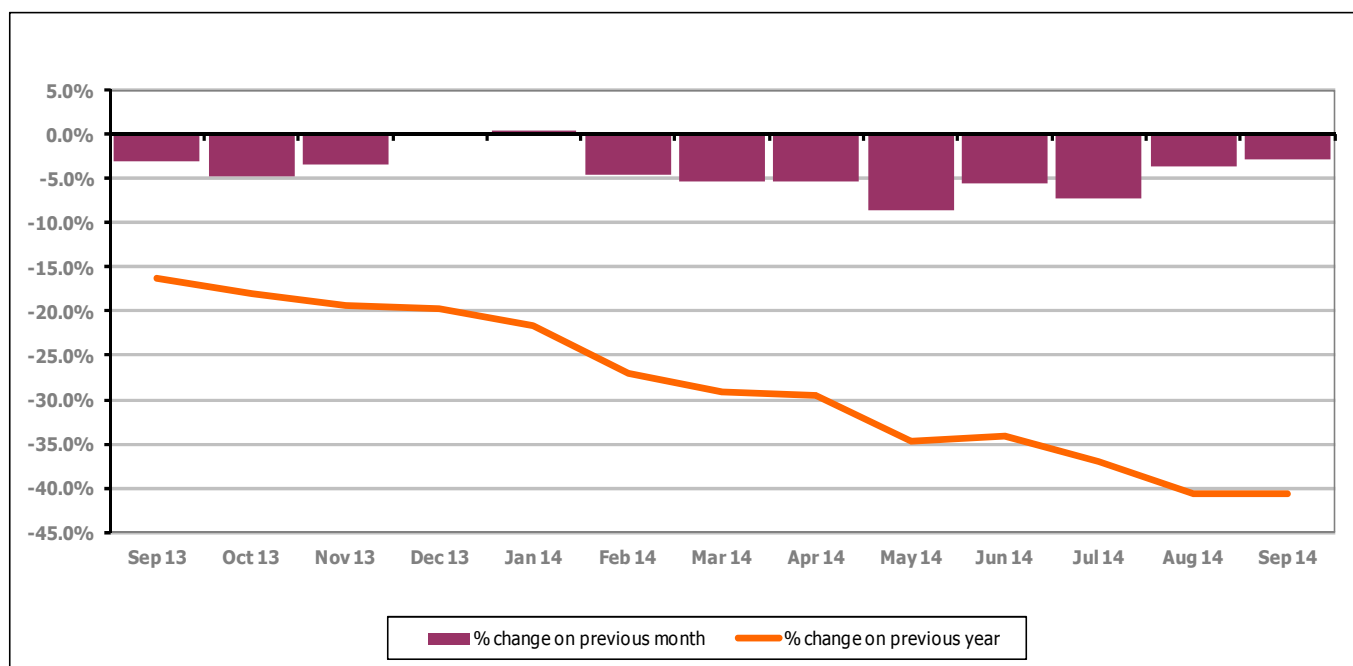


Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by 2.9% since August 2014. The change on the previous year was the same as last month at -40.6%.

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 - September 2014

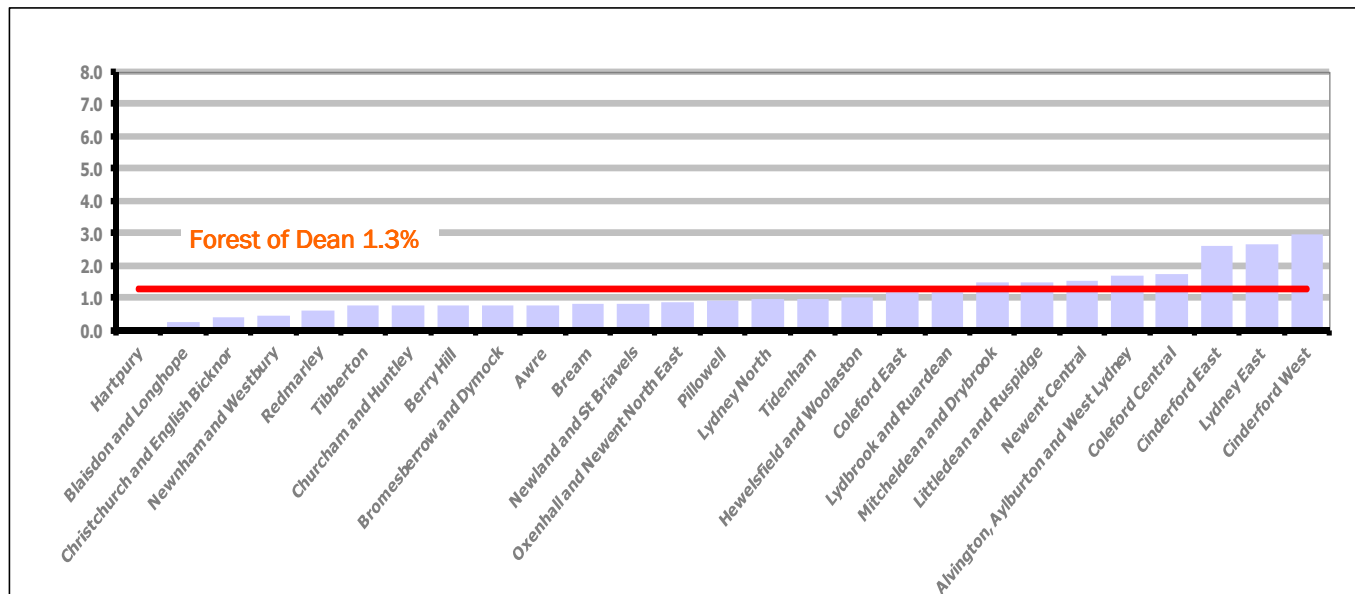
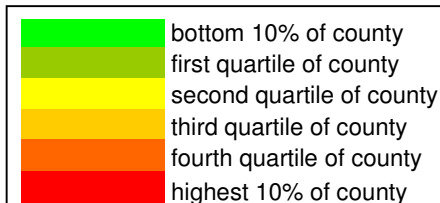


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.3 %. Eight wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - September 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	<0.2	1
Forest	Hartpury	0.3	5
Forest	Tibberton	0.4	15
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	0.4	17
Forest	Berry Hill	0.6	36
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.8	54
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.8	55
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.8	56
Forest	Bream	0.8	57
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.8	62
Forest	Redmarley	0.8	64
Forest	Awre	0.8	72
Forest	Pillowell	0.9	75
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	0.9	80
Forest	Tidenham	1.0	82
Forest	Lydney North	1.0	86
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.0	91
Forest	Newent Central	1.2	96
Forest	Coleford East	1.2	98
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.5	111
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.5	112
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	1.5	115
Forest	Cinderford East	1.7	117
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.8	121
Forest	Coleford Central	2.6	131
Forest	Lydney East	2.7	132
Forest	Cinderford West	3.0	136



* 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.

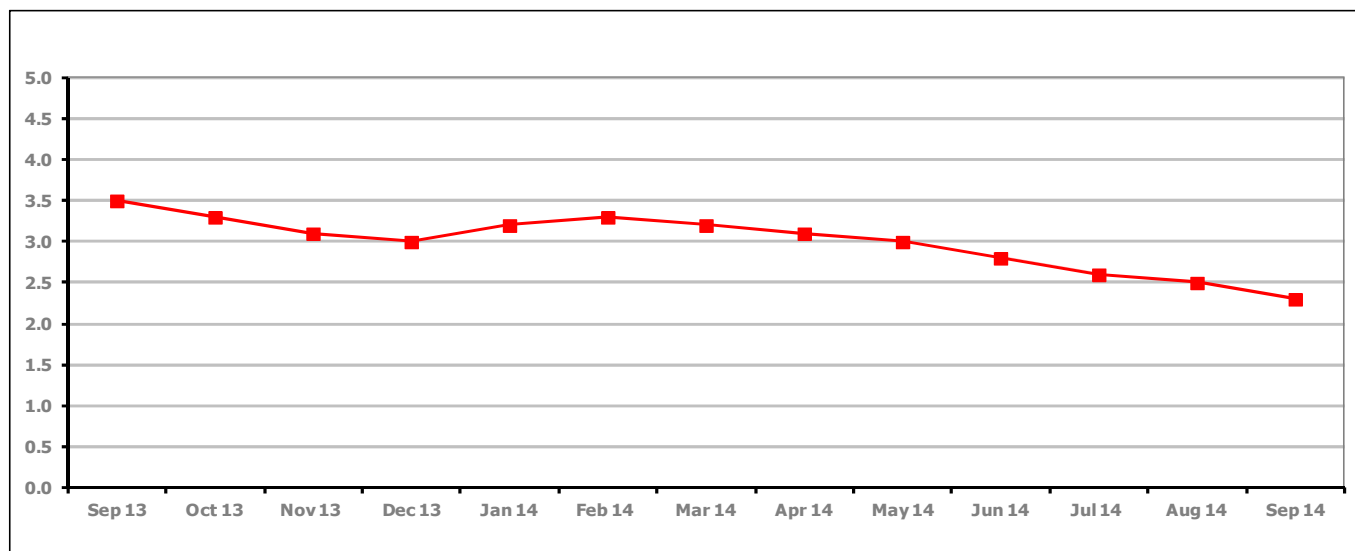
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased in September 2014 to 2.3%.

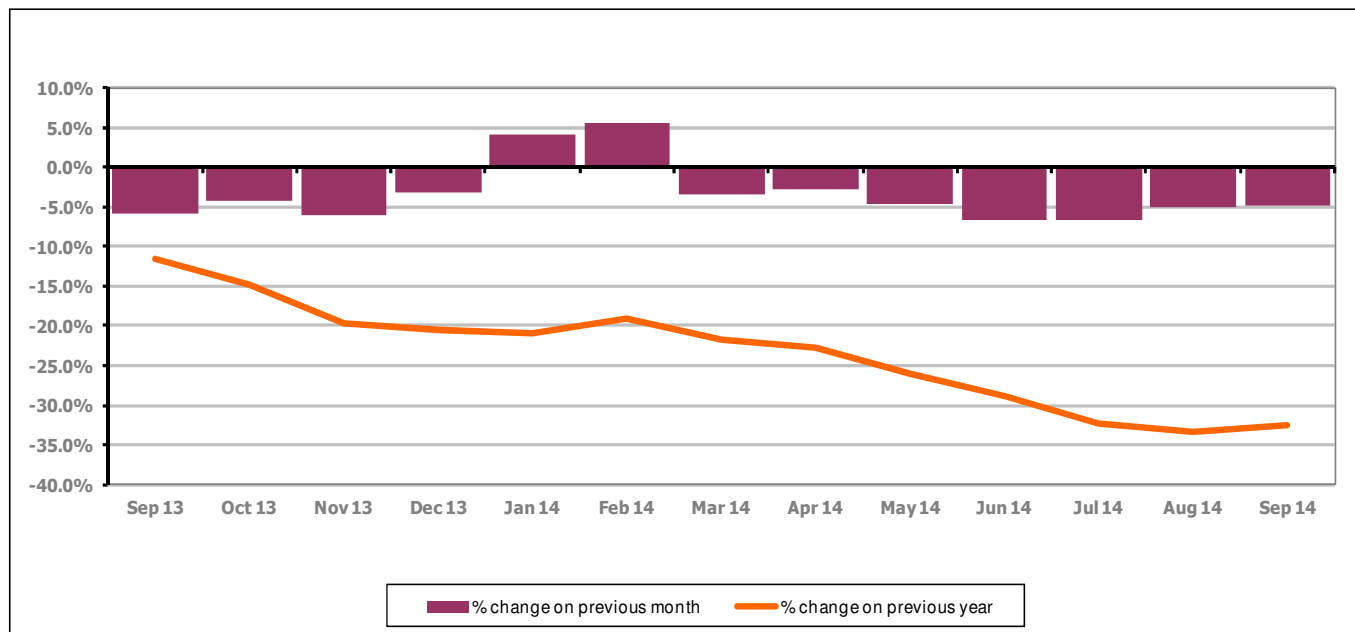
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 4.8% since August 2014. The change on the previous year has increased from August 2014 compared to September 2014 to -32.5%.

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4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - September 2014

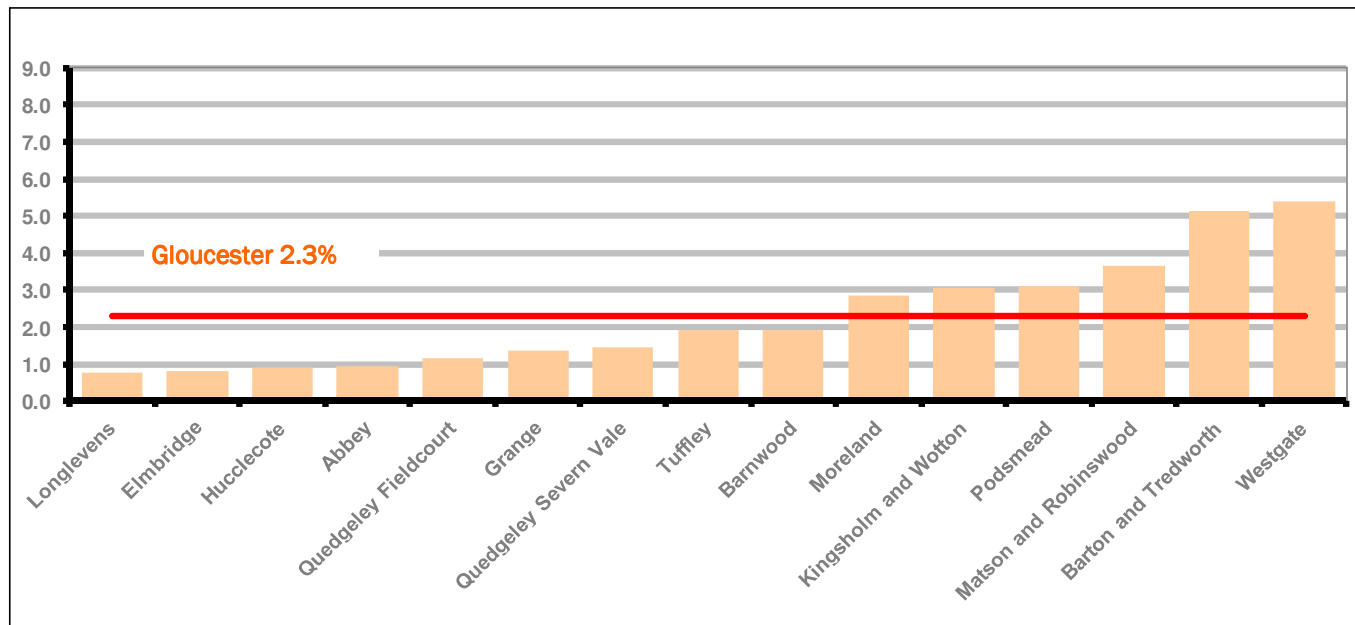
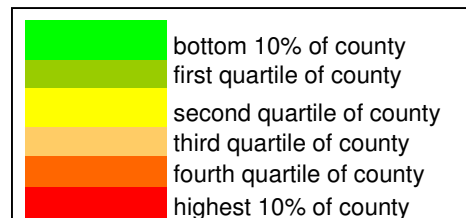


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 2.3%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - September 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.8	61
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.8	63
Gloucester	Abbey	0.9	78
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.0	84
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.1	95
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.3	105
Gloucester	Grange	1.4	109
Gloucester	Tuffley	1.9	124
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.9	125
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	2.9	133
Gloucester	Moreland	3.1	137
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.1	138
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	3.6	140
Gloucester	Westgate	5.1	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	5.4	142



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

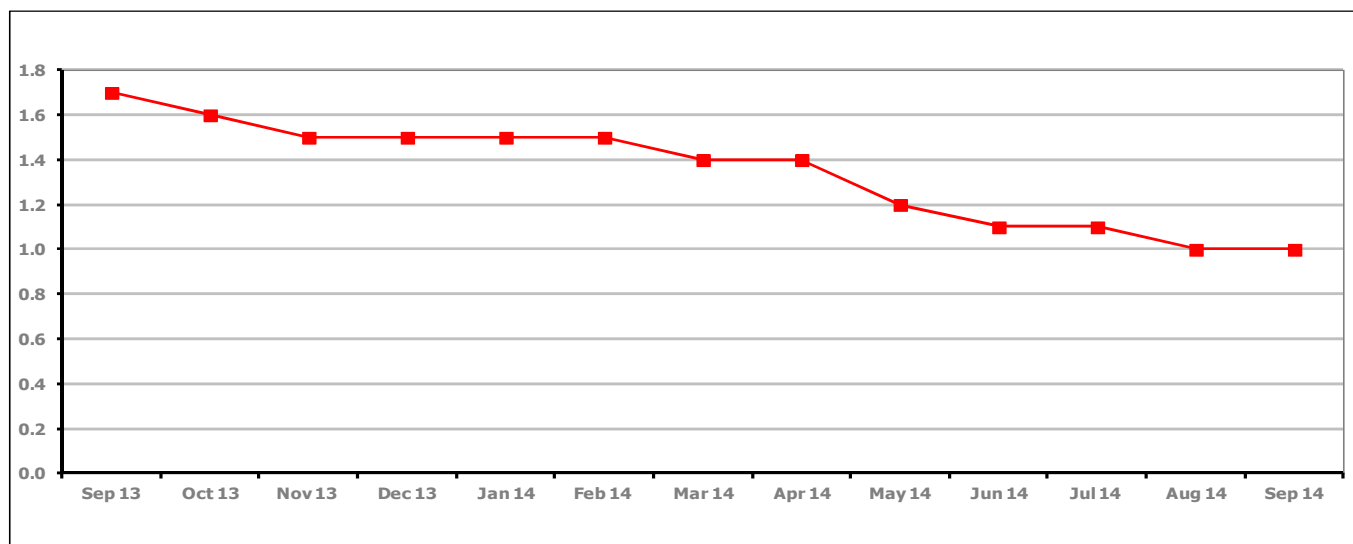
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud remained the same as last month at 1.0%.

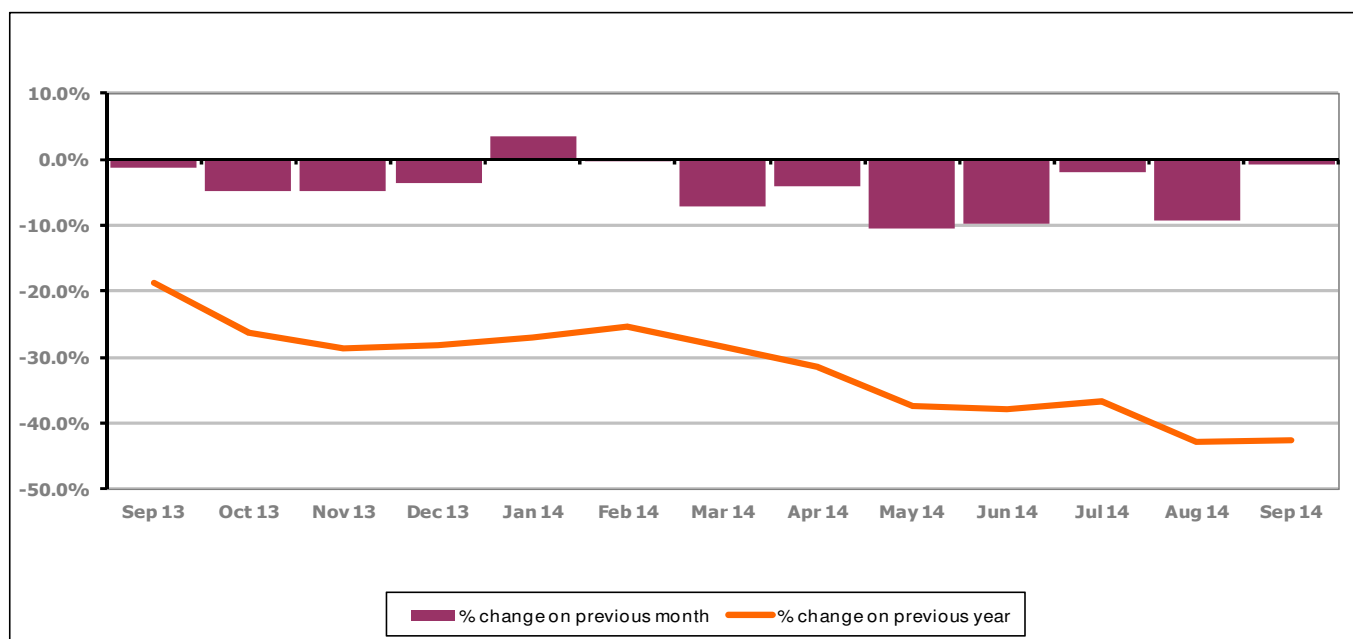
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by 0.9% since August 2014. The change on the previous year has increased between August 2014 and September 2014 to -42.6%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - September 2014

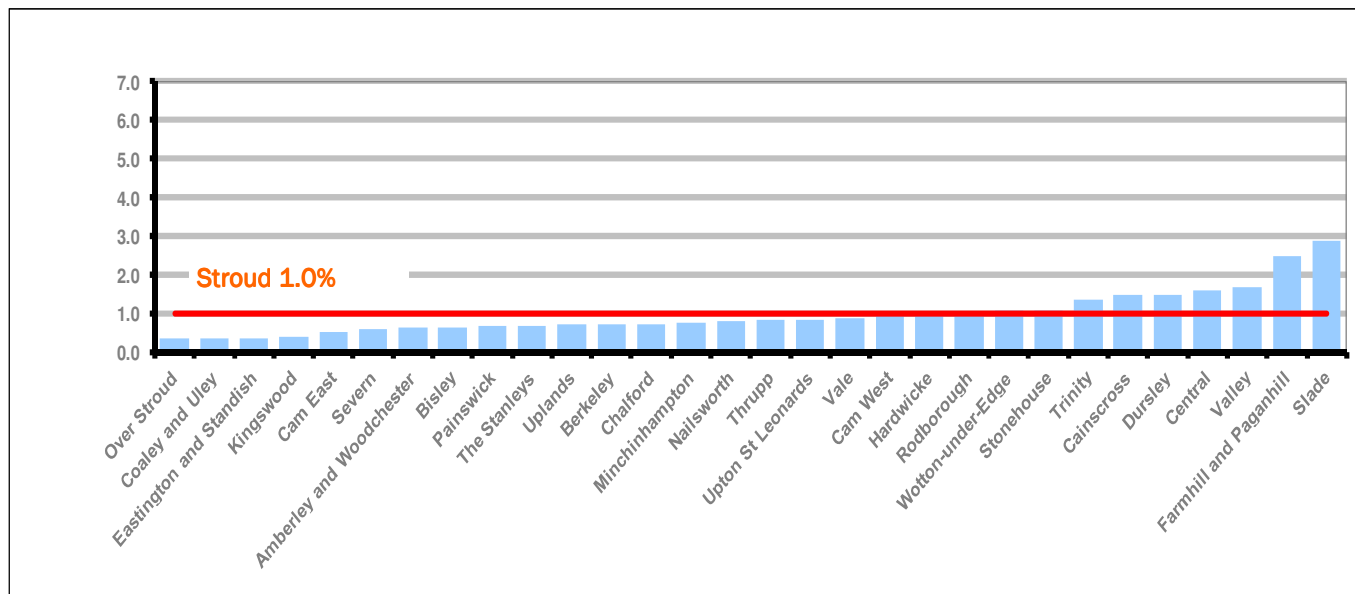
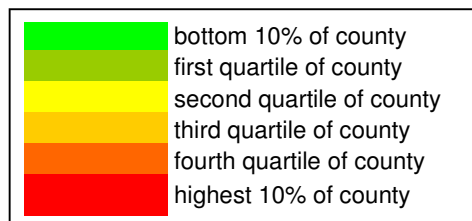


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.0%. Nine wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - September 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.3	10
Stroud	Over Stroud	0.4	12
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.4	13
Stroud	Painswick	0.4	14
Stroud	Bisley	0.5	23
Stroud	Berkeley	0.6	34
Stroud	Cam East	0.6	37
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.6	39
Stroud	Kingswood	0.6	40
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.7	42
Stroud	Uplands	0.7	45
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.7	46
Stroud	Severn	0.7	50
Stroud	Nailsworth	0.7	53
Stroud	Minchinhampton	0.8	60
Stroud	Thrupp	0.8	66
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.8	70
Stroud	Cam West	0.8	73
Stroud	Vale	0.9	81
Stroud	Chalford	1.0	85
Stroud	Rodborough	1.0	88
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.1	92
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.1	93
Stroud	Cainscross	1.4	106
Stroud	Dursley	1.5	110
Stroud	Trinity	1.5	113
Stroud	Valley	1.6	116
Stroud	Slade	1.7	118
Stroud	Central	2.5	130
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	2.9	135



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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

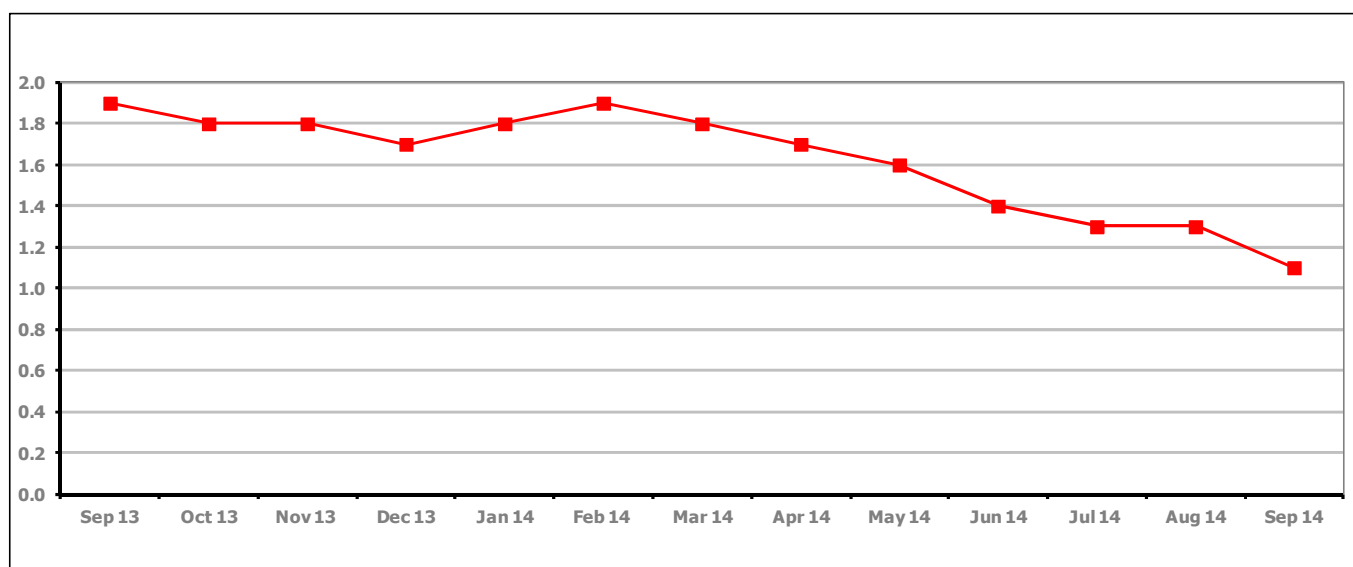


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District decreased in September 2014 to 1.1%

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

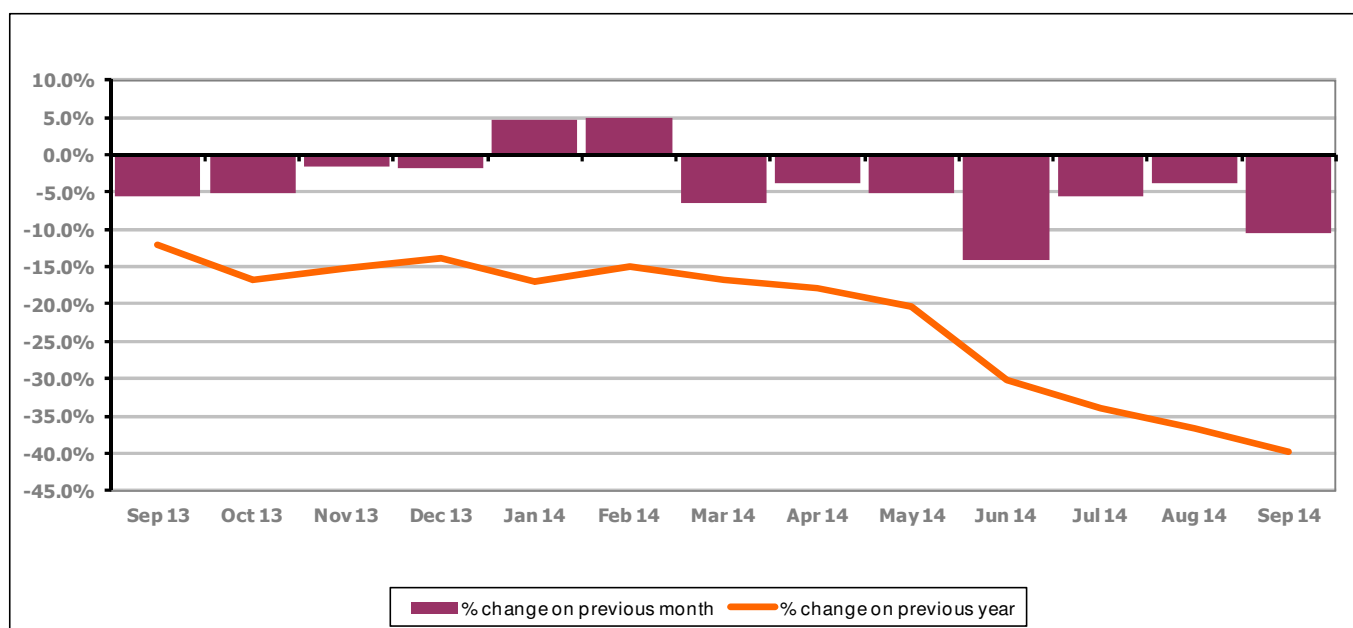


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased by 10.4% since August 2014 . The change on the previous year decreased between August 2014 and September 2014 to -39.9%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - September 2014

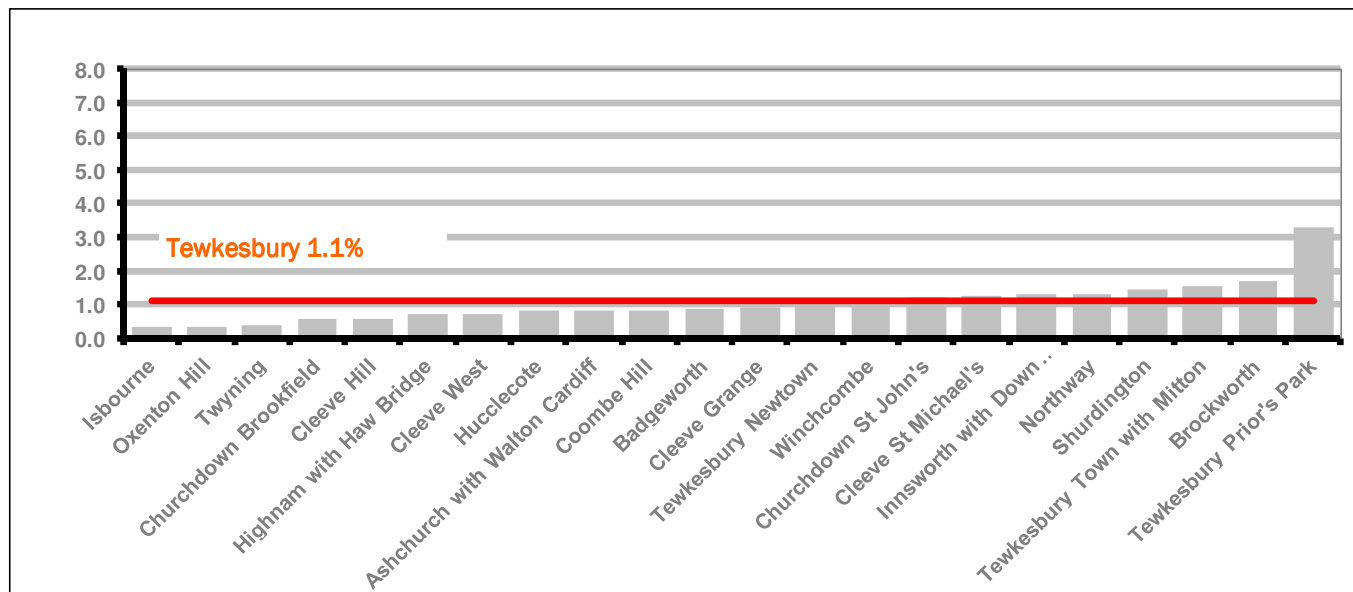
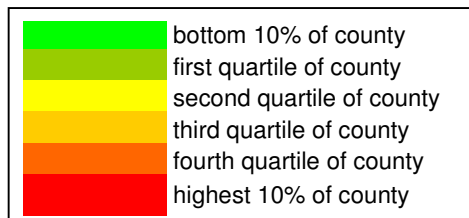


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1% and eight wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - September 2014

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.3	7
Tewkesbury	Twynning	0.3	8
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.3	11
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.6	30
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.6	32
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	0.7	44
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.7	48
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.8	65
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	0.8	68
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.8	69
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	0.8	71
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	0.9	79
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.0	87
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.0	90
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.2	99
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.2	100
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.3	101
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.3	102
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	1.4	108
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.5	114
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.7	120
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	3.3	139

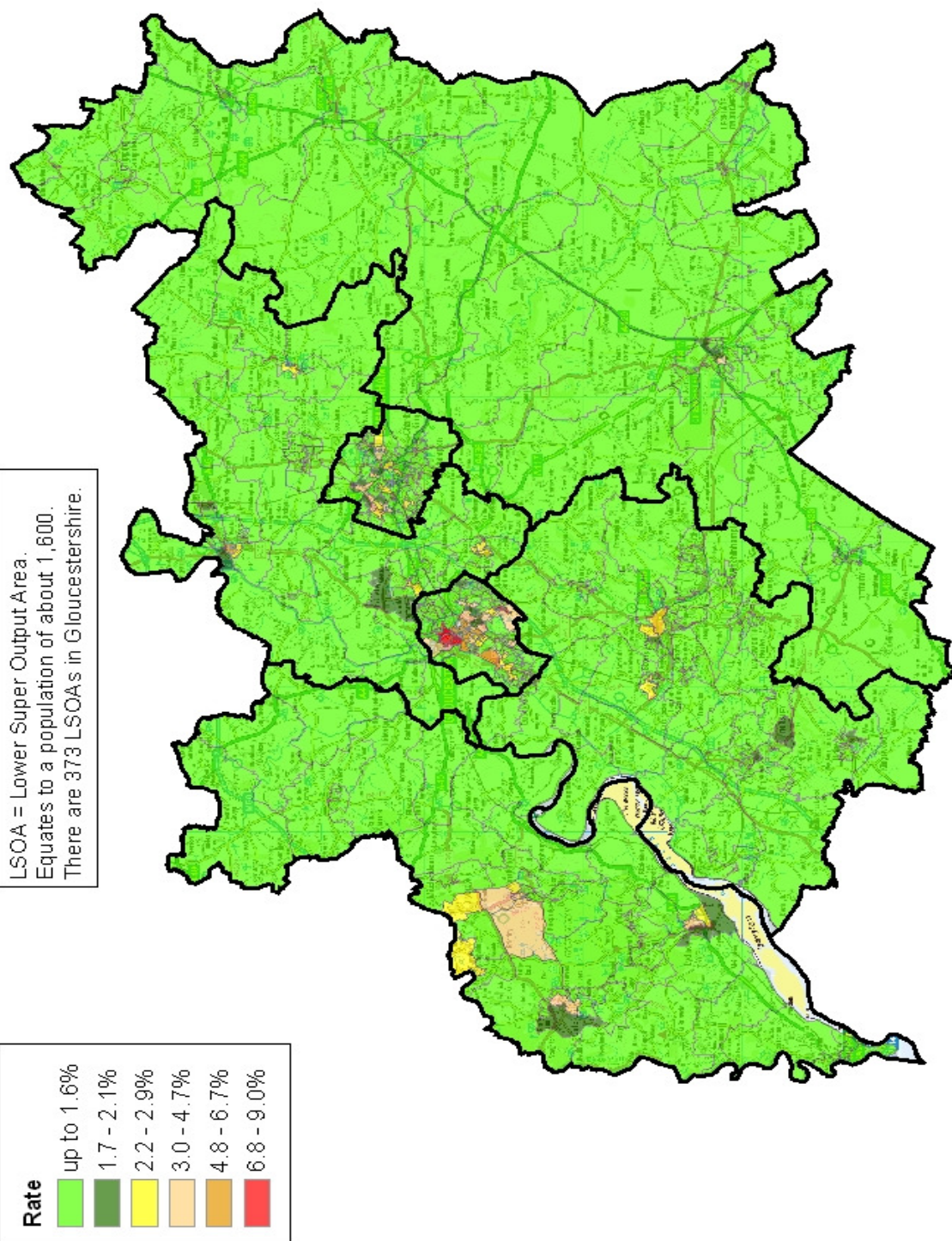


* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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

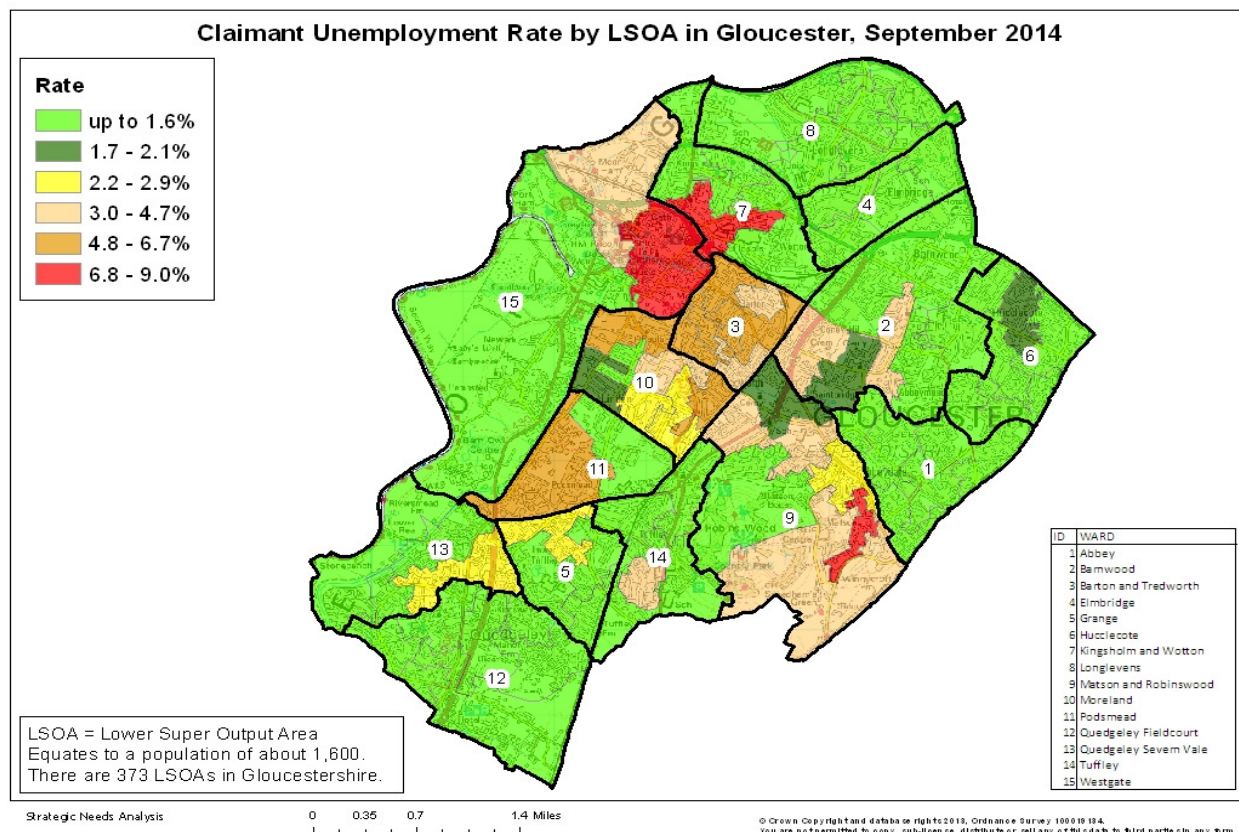
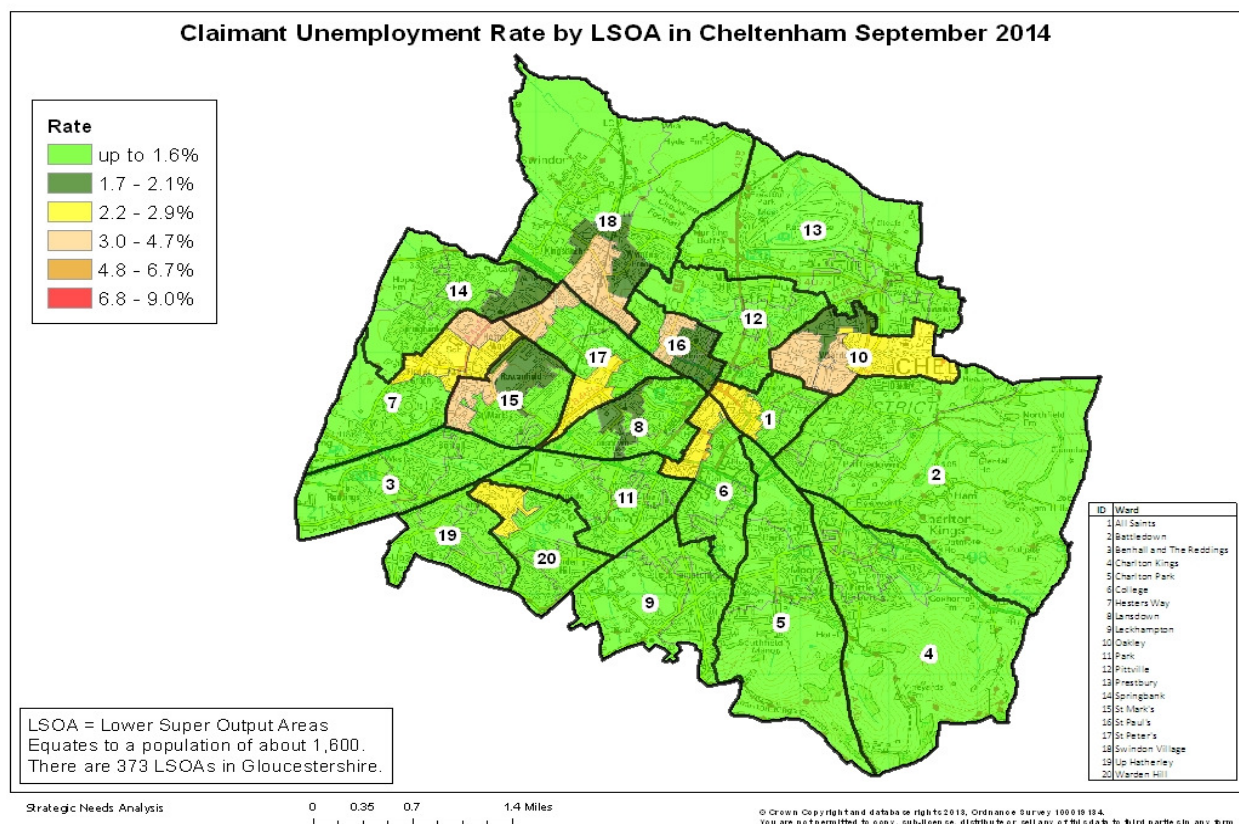
Claimant Unemployment Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, September 2014



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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

The claimant rate for young people is higher than for the working age (16-64) population with 2.6% of 18-24 year olds in Gloucestershire claiming Job Seekers Allowance (1.4% for working age).

Figure 22: Youth Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

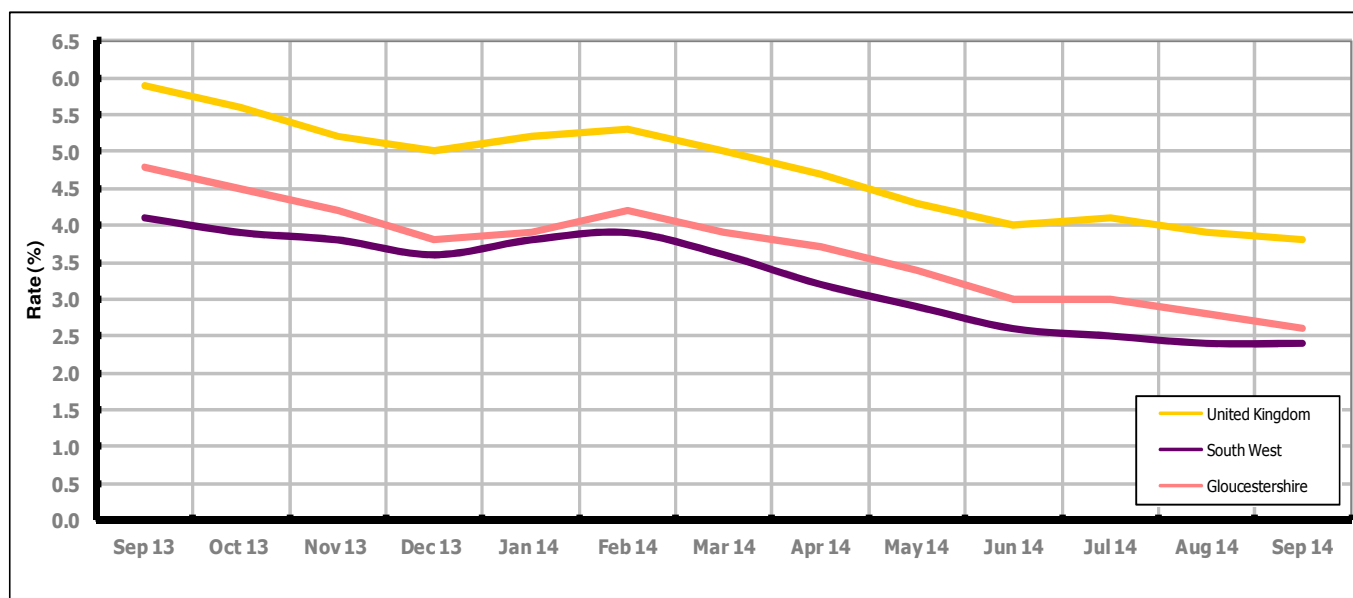


Figure 22 shows Gloucestershire's 18-24 claimant rate is higher than the South West average of 2.4%, but 1.2% lower than the UK average of 3.8%

Figure 23: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

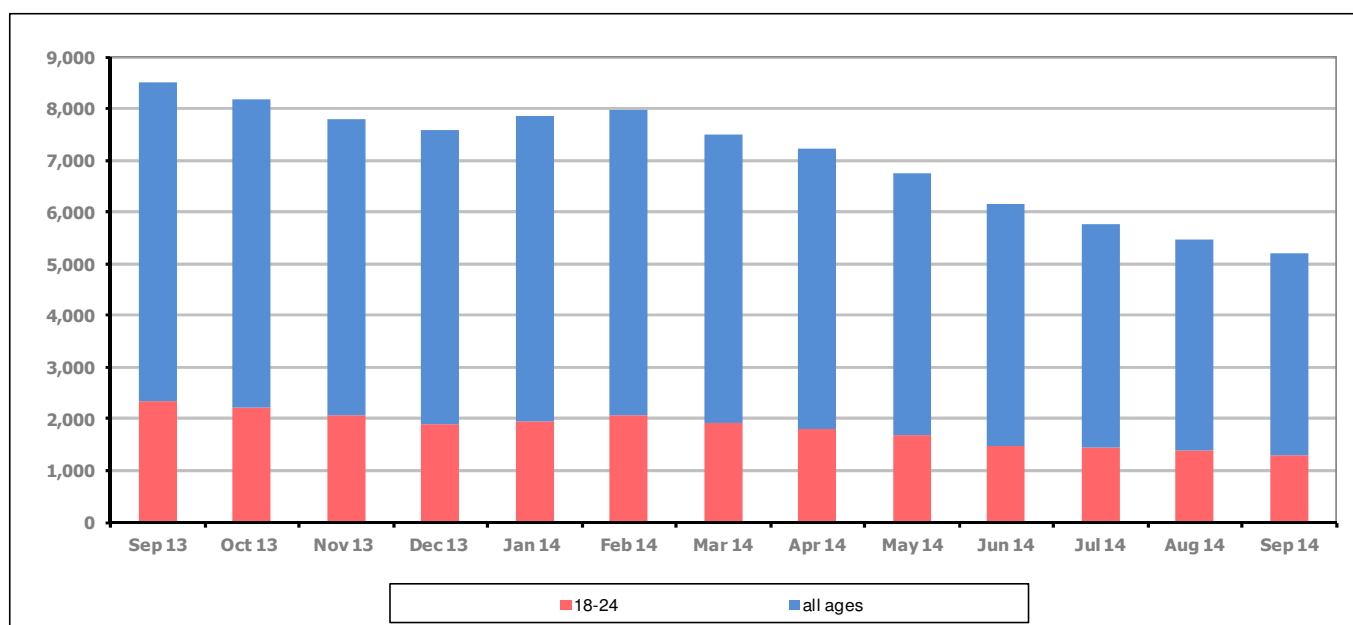


Figure 23 shows that in September 2014, 1,300 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance in Gloucestershire, this represents 25.0% of total working age claimants.

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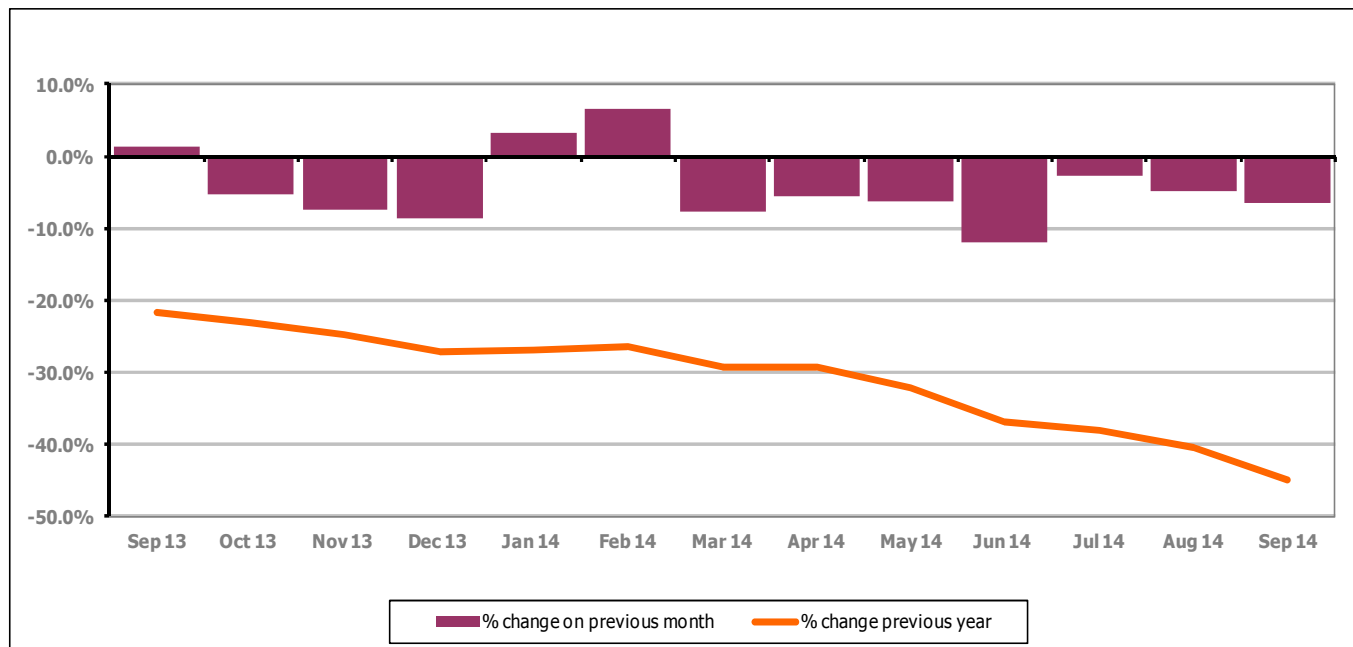


Figure 24 shows the number of young claimants decreased in September 2014 by 6.5% this represented 90 people. Over the last year the number of young claimants fell by 45.0% or 1,065 people.

Youth unemployment and duration of claim

Figure 25: Duration of claim in the 18-24 year age group

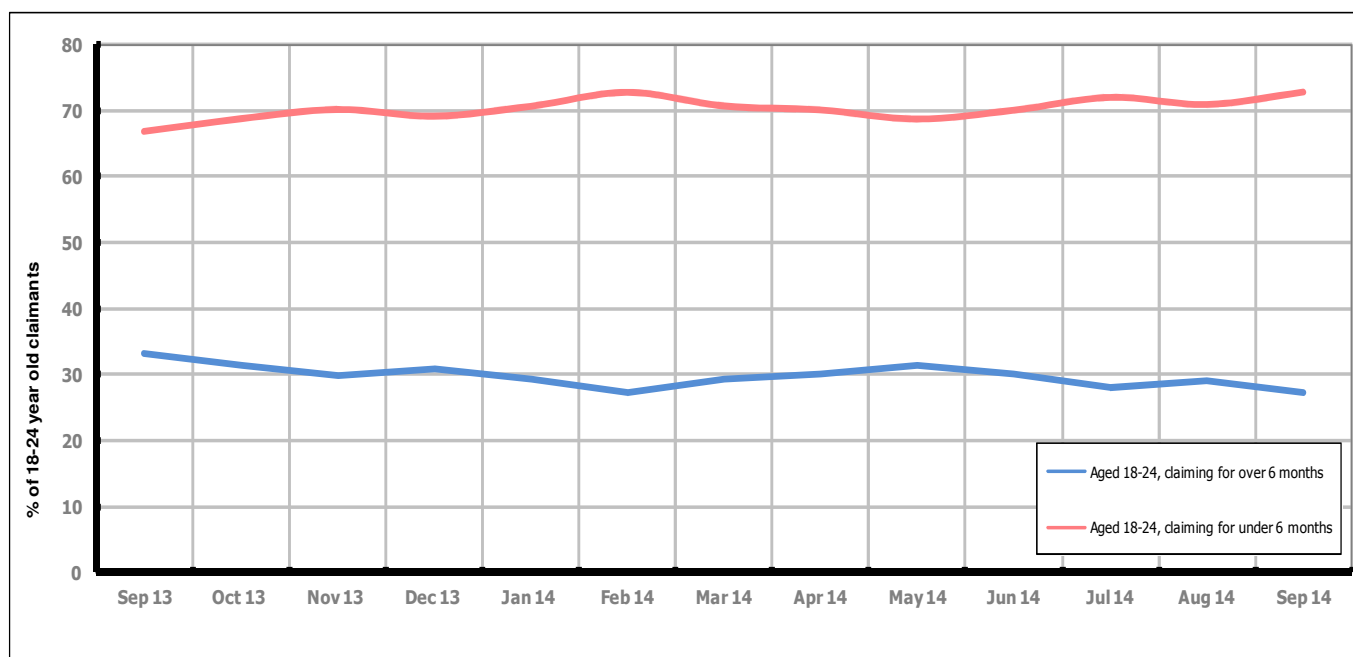


Figure 25 shows the proportion of 18-24 year olds claiming for less than six months increased from 70.9% of 18-24 year old claimants in August to 72.7% in September. During the same period those claiming for more then six months decreased from 29.1% to 27.3%.

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 September 2014 there were 518 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 5.37%. The total number of NEET increased by 99 young people in September 2014 compared to August 2014. All districts had an increase in their NEET figures.

Total NEET Group by District Area

September 2014 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	103	50	61	178	58	68	518
Cohort	3263	2718	2252	5126	3581	1900	18840
% NEET	3.2	1.8	2.7	3.5	1.6	3.1	5.4

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact Ruth.Critchlow@gloucestershire.gov.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.