

This bulletin includes the latest Claimant Count information, total job posting numbers and job posting numbers by occupation.



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Please find the **February** update below, which includes the latest **Claimant Count** information, total **Job Posting** numbers and job posting numbers by occupation.

Executive summary

- In February 2022, the **Claimant Count** in Gloucestershire **increased** by **115** persons to **10,785** but the overall rate **remained at 2.8%**
- **Job posting numbers** for the month of **February** were around **16,140** which is a monthly **increase** of around **1,400** job postings when compared to the January figure of 14,740

February Claimant Count

Note: the reference period for these Claimant Count figures is 10th February 2022.

This month saw the publication of the February ***Claimant Count** figures: the **Gloucestershire** rate **remained at 2.8%** (the value is expressed as a proportion of residents aged 16-64). The February total now stands at **10,785** compared to the January figure of 10,670 which is a monthly **increase of 115 persons**. Most districts saw an increase in the estimated number of unemployed claimants, except Stroud and the Forest of Dean which saw a decrease.

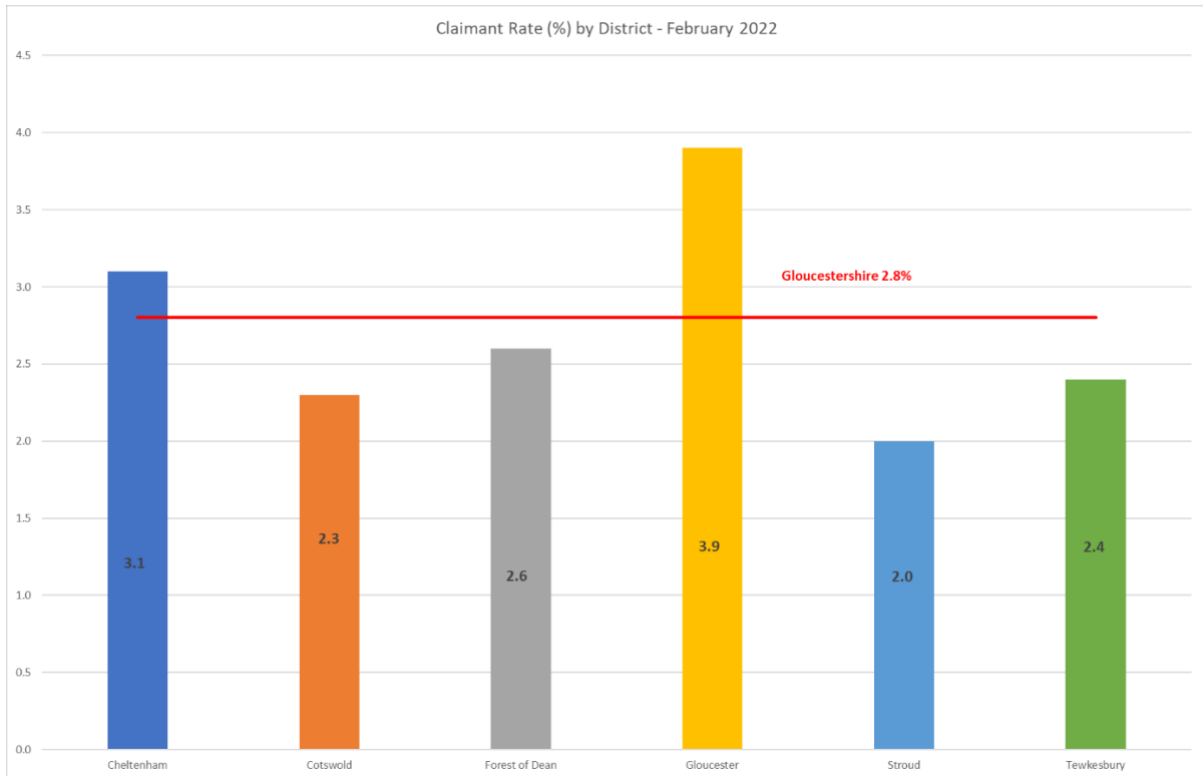
For reference prior to the pandemic in February 2020 the Gloucestershire rate was 2.0% with 7,895 people claiming, peaking in August 2020 to 5.0% and 19,155 people claiming.

The February figure for the **South West** was **3.2%**, **England** was **4.4%** and the **UK** figure was **4.3%**.

For more information on the claimant count, please refer to the Gloucestershire County Council's monthly publications [here](#).

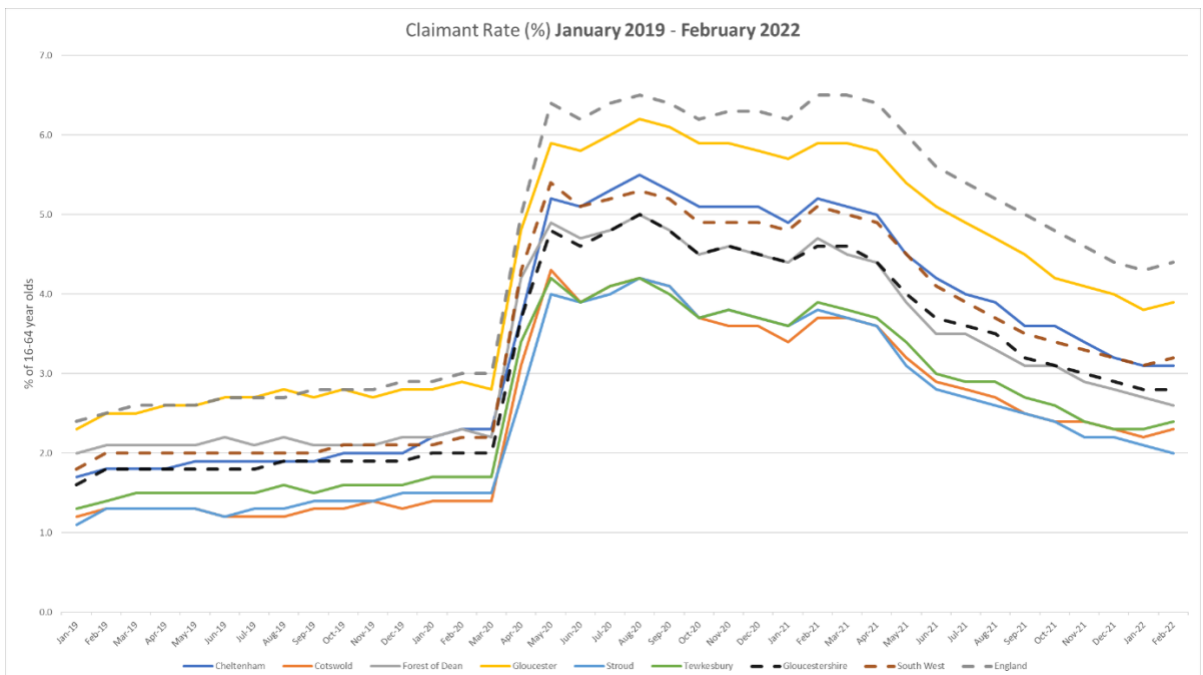


The below shows the claimant rate for February 2022 in Gloucestershire.



*The Claimant Count is a measure of the number of people who are unemployed and claiming benefits. For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](#).

The below shows the current claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.8%, compared with all six districts, the South West and England from January 2019 to February 2022. The rate for Gloucestershire continues to be below that of England and the South West.

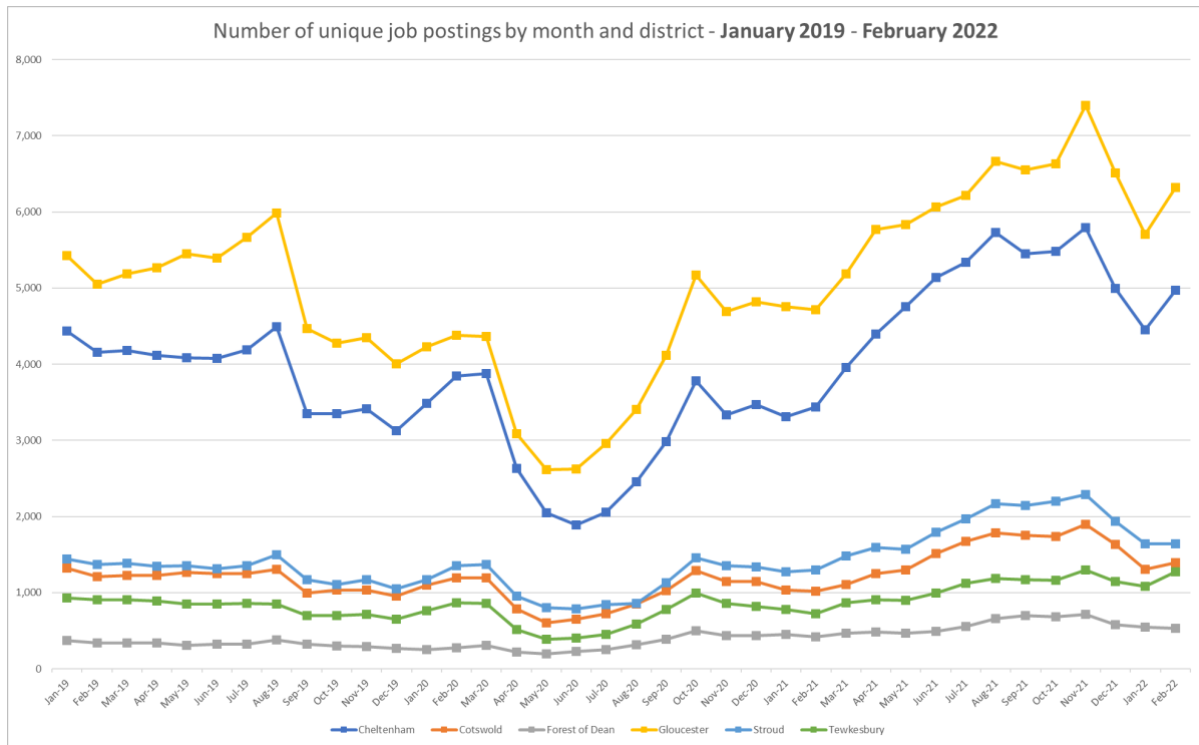




Job posting numbers

Job posting numbers for the month of **February 2022** were around **16,140** which is a monthly **increase** of around **1,400** job postings when compared to the updated January 2022 figure of 14,740.

The below shows total jobs posted by district from **January 2019** to **February 2022**; most districts have seen an increase in numbers when compared to January 2022, except for the Forest of Dean which has seen a small decrease.



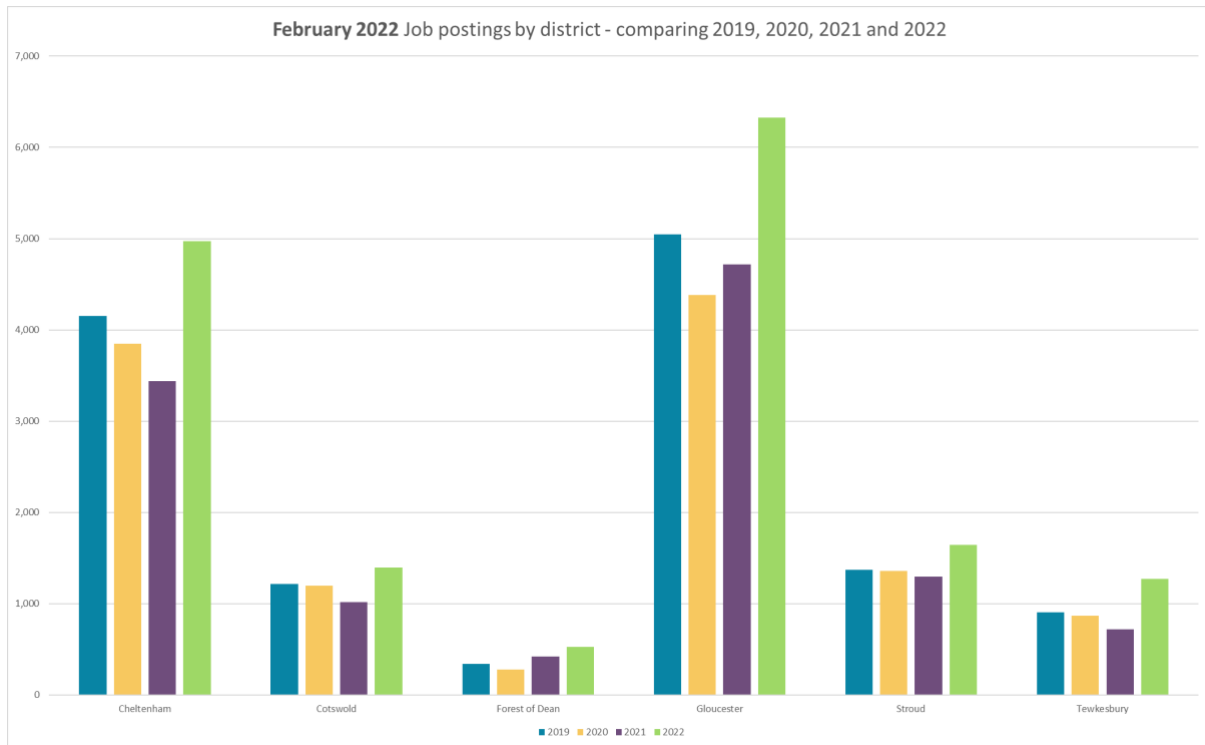
Source: Emsi Burning Glass (now Lightcast) (2022)

Please note – job posting numbers are based on snapshot data taken on the 3rd March, numbers are provisional and subject to change. Job postings are collected from online sources, it doesn't capture postings that are not advertised online, this might result in undercounting for some occupations. This data shows any active posting rather than newly listed postings. A posting is removed from the count after it has been online for 61 days. A job posting does not necessarily result in a job and some jobs will be created without a job posting.



Job posting numbers – district comparison

The below gives a district overview of total job postings for the month of February, comparing the same month in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. Job posting numbers in February 2022 are higher than February in previous years, with the biggest increases seen in Cheltenham and Gloucester.



Source: Emsi Burning Glass (now Lightcast) (2022)



Occupations

The table below shows changes in the number of postings by broad occupation, comparing pre-pandemic February 2020 numbers with February 2021 and February 2022.

The trend displayed (chart on the right) is for the 3-year period January 2019 to February 2022. Cells highlighted green show the occupations that have seen an increase since the pandemic.

All occupations saw an increase in February 2022 compared with pre-pandemic numbers, with **Professional Occupations, Associate Professional and Technical Occupations** and **Caring and Leisure and Other Service Occupations** seeing the quickest recovery, showing an increase in February 2021 with a further increase in February 2022.

The green bars in the trend chart show the peak in postings for that occupation and red bar highlighting the lowest number for that period. The trend shows that all occupations peaked in November 2021, except for Managers, Directors and Senior Officials which peaked in August 2021.

Vancancies by broad occupation	Feb 2020 Unique Postings	Feb 2021 Unique Postings	Feb 2022 Unique Postings	% change Feb 2020 - Feb 2022	Trend between January 2019 - February 2022
Managers, Directors and Senior Officials	890	886	1,197	34%	
Professional Occupations	3,357	3,728	4,122	23%	
Associate Professional and Technical Occupations	2,063	2,082	2,734	33%	
Administrative and Secretarial Occupations	1,117	1,085	1,550	39%	
Skilled Trades Occupations	1,027	795	1,265	23%	
Caring, Leisure and Other Service Occupations	994	997	1,627	64%	
Sales and Customer Service Occupations	1,116	802	1,314	18%	
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	576	503	843	46%	
Elementary Occupations	718	629	1,444	101%	
Total Across All Occupations	11,924	11,610	16,140	35%	

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Top companies posting

The top five companies posting jobs in Gloucestershire in February 2022 were:

- NHS
- General Electric
- University of Gloucestershire
- Gloucestershire College
- Safran

Please note this does not include employment agencies, however employment agencies do form part of the total jobs posted in the report.