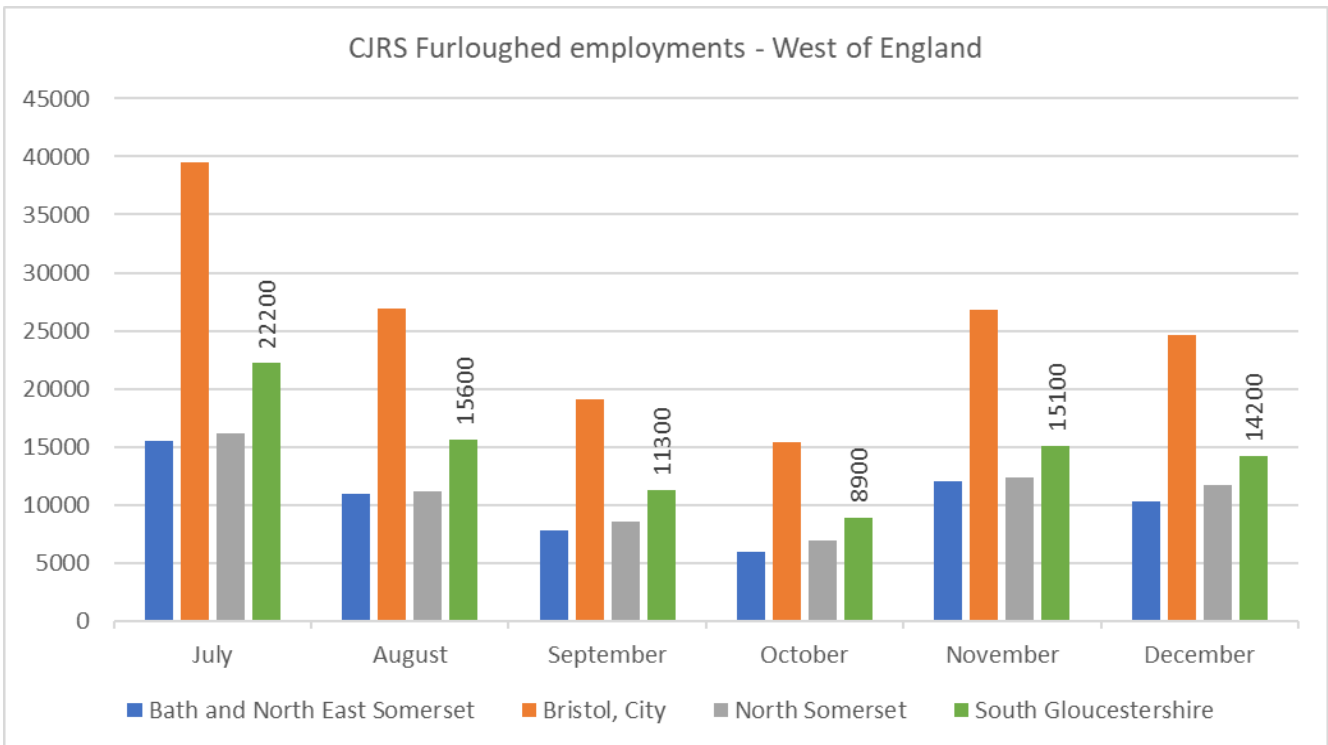
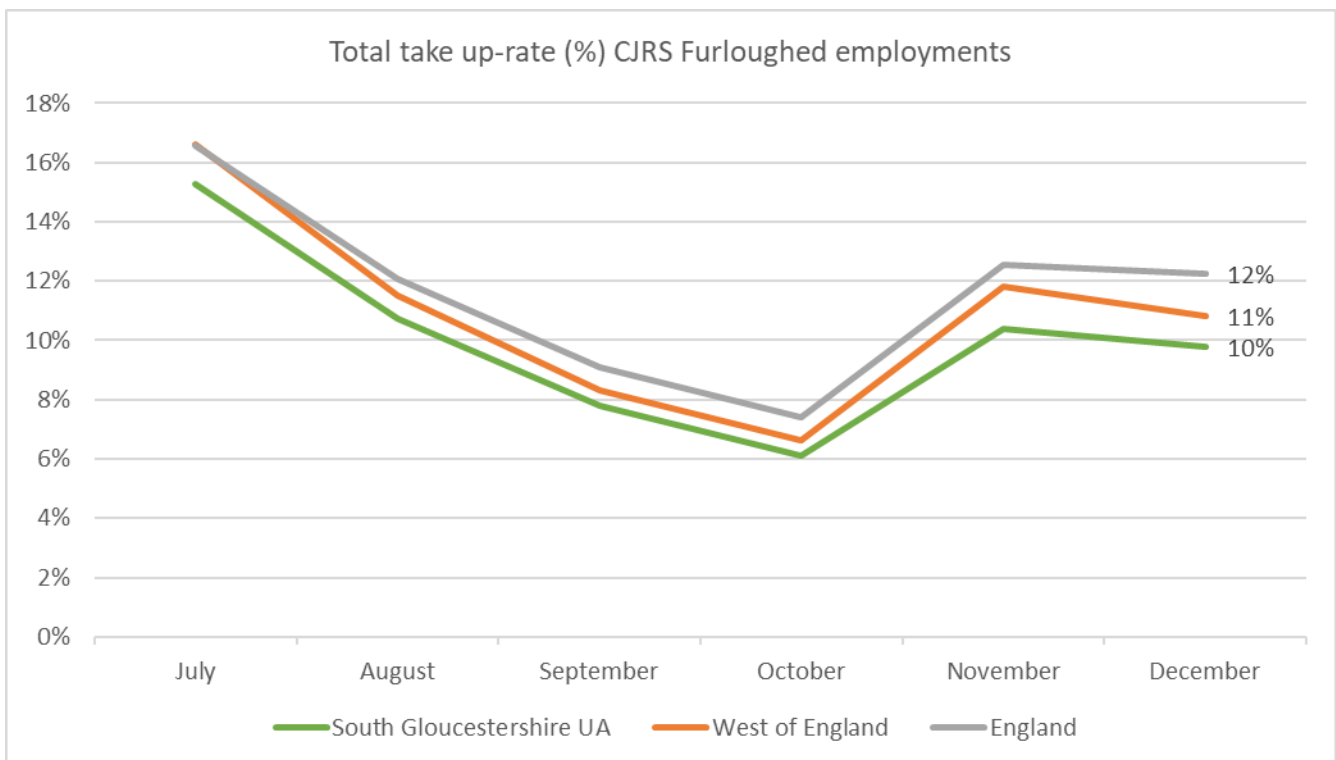


**Key findings for South Gloucestershire**

In December 2020, employers in South Gloucestershire had furloughed 14,200 employees - equating to 10% of all employment. This represents a reduction on the number recorded in November (15,100) and in July (22,200) - the first month that comparable data is available. At 10%, South Gloucestershire's Furlough rate in December was marginally lower than both the sub-regional (West of England) and national (England) rates (11% and 12% respectively).



*Numbers of CJRS Furloughed employments – West of England UAs*



*CJRS Take-up Rate*

## **About the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS).**

The government announced the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) on 20 March 2020. CJRS supports employers in paying their employees. Employers have been able to claim CJRS support for employees furloughed from 1 March 2020. Up to 30 June 2020, CJRS provided employers with financial support of up to 80% of their employees' salaries. This support is capped at £2,500 per month per employee. Employers were also able to claim Employer National Insurance and minimum automatic enrolment pension contributions.

For the period 1 July 2020 to 31 October, except in certain exceptional circumstances, staff who had not already been furloughed under the scheme could not be included in claims for support. Changes to the scheme from the start of August, September and October gradually reduced the total level of support available for each furloughed employee up to the end of October.

The government has announced an extension to CJRS to support individuals and businesses who are impacted by disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19). The CJRS will remain open until 30 April 2021. For claim periods from 1 November 2020 to 30 April 2021, employers with a PAYE scheme can claim 80% of an employee's usual salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500 per month.

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