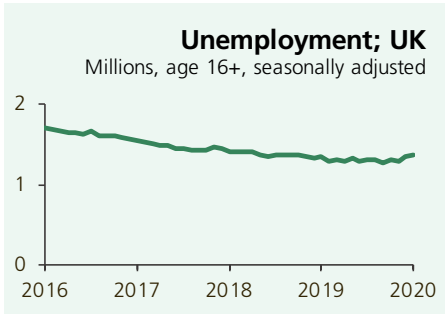




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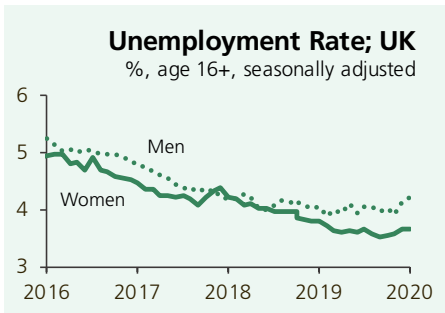
There were 1.36 million unemployed people in the UK in December 2019-February 2020, up by 58,000 from the previous quarter and up by 22,000 from the year before.

The unemployment rate was 4.0% (the percentage of the economically active population who are unemployed). The rate reached a post-recession high of 8.5% in late 2011.



513,000 young people aged 16-24 were unemployed, up 32,000 from the previous quarter and up 21,000 from the year before. The unemployment rate for 16-24 year olds was 11.8%, up from 11.3% a year before.

763,000 men were unemployed, up 34,000 from the previous quarter and up 32,000 from the year before.



601,000 women were unemployed, up 24,000 from the previous quarter but down 10,000 from a year ago.

The unemployment rate for men was 4.2% and the unemployment rate was 3.7% for women.

307,000 people had been unemployed for over 12 months, 14,000 more than the previous quarter but 40,000 less than a year ago.

This document focuses on standard official sources. For more timely data on the labour market, see the Library briefing [Coronavirus: Impact on the labour market](#).

UK Unemployment									
Seasonally adjusted									
Age		Total		Men		Women		Youth	
		000's	%	000's	%	000's	%	000's	%
	16+	16+	16+	16+	16+	16+	16-24	16-24	
Dec-Feb	2017	1,550	4.6	851	4.8	700	4.5	557	12.5
Dec-Feb	2018	1,419	4.2	749	4.2	670	4.2	523	12.1
Dec-Feb	2019	1,343	3.9	731	4.1	611	3.8	493	11.3
Sep-Nov	2019	1,306	3.8	729	4.0	577	3.6	482	11.3
Dec-Feb	2020	1,364	4.0	763	4.2	601	3.7	513	11.8
Change on qtr	Level	58	0.1	34	0.2	24	0.1	32	0.5
	%	4.4%		4.6%		4.2%		6.6%	
Change on yr	Level	22	0.0	32	0.2	-10	-0.1	21	0.5
	%	1.6%		4.3%		-1.7%		4%	

Source: ONS Labour Market Statistics, A05, A06

Notes: The unemployment rate is a percentage of the economically active population unemployed

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