

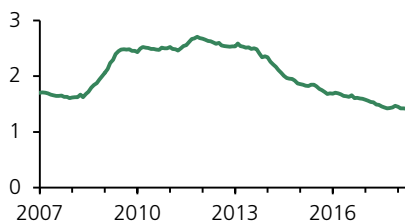


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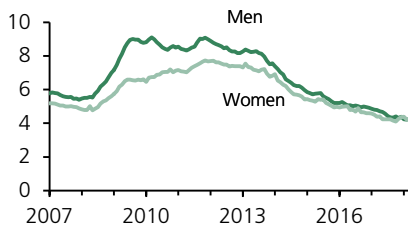
There were 1.42 million unemployed people in the UK in February-April 2018, a decrease of 38,000 from the previous quarter and down 115,000 from the year before.

The unemployment rate was 4.2% (the percentage of the economically active population who are unemployed). This is the joint lowest rate since 1975. The rate reached a post-recession high of 8.5% in late 2011.

Unemployment; UK
Millions, age 16+, seasonally adjusted



Unemployment Rate; UK
%, age 16+, seasonally adjusted



520,000 young people aged 16-24 were unemployed, 17,000 fewer than the previous quarter and down 43,000 from a year ago. The unemployment rate for 16-24 year olds was 11.9%, down from 12.5% a year ago.

369,000 people had been unemployed for over 12 months, up slightly from the previous quarter but 17,000 fewer than a year ago.

There were 767,000 men unemployed in February-April 2018, a slight increase from the previous quarter but down 73,000 from a year ago.

649,000 women were unemployed, down 47,000 from the previous quarter and down 41,000 from the year before.

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Updates

ONS, [Labour Market Statistics](#), 17 July 2018

UK Unemployment

Seasonally adjusted

Age	Total		Men		Women		Youth		
	000's 16+	% 16+	000's 16+	% 16+	000's 16+	% 16+	000's 16-24	% 16-24	
Feb-Apr 2015	1,822	5.5	1,010	5.8	812	5.3	734	16.0	
Feb-Apr 2016	1,676	5.0	898	5.1	778	5.0	621	13.6	
Feb-Apr 2017	1,530	4.6	840	4.7	690	4.4	564	12.5	
Nov-Jan 2018	1,453	4.3	757	4.2	696	4.4	538	12.3	
Feb-Apr 2018	1,416	4.2	767	4.3	649	4.1	520	11.9	
<i>Change on qtr</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>-38</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-47</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-17</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>-2.6%</i>		<i>1.3%</i>		<i>-6.8%</i>		<i>-3.2%</i>	
<i>Change on yr</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>-115</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-73</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-41</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-43</i>	<i>-0.6</i>
	<i>%</i>	<i>-7.5%</i>		<i>-8.7%</i>		<i>-6.0%</i>		<i>-8%</i>	

Source: ONS Labour Market Statistics, A05, A06

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