

Unemployment gets worse

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As [the BBC has reported](#):

UK unemployment rose by 44,000 to almost 2.5 million in the three months to the end of December, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has said.

Youth unemployment rose to a fresh record high, with more than one in five 16 to 24-year-olds out of work after a rise of 66,000 to 965,000 without jobs.

The unemployment rate is now 7.9%, with youth unemployment running at 20.5%.

The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance increased by 2,400 last month to 1.46 million.

The number of people in part-time work because they could not find a full-time job rose by 44,000 to 1.19 million, another high since records began in 1992.

Long-term unemployment also deteriorated, with 17,000 more people out of work for more than a year, to a total of 833,000.

What can one say, except it's only going to get worse?

It will until [an alternative is adopted](#).

That alternative is possible. None of this unemployment is necessary. And those young people need not have blighted hopes. That's what's so depressing about all this.