

The state of UK savings

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The [Treasury Committee](#) has published a new report on savings, pensions and related issues. There is much to take issue with in it at a theoretical level. But there is much sobering analysis as well. Take this for example:

While estimates vary, it appears that millions of UK households do not have [£1,000] of savings, or any savings at all. StepChange estimates that over 7 million households (25 per cent) have savings below £1,000. Meanwhile, the Open University Centre for Public Understanding of Finance (PUFin) cited data showing that a third of households have no savings at all. StepChange's research indicates that low incomes, living in rented accommodation, having dependent children and being younger, were all risk factors for having a low level of precautionary savings.

This is the world the Tories cannot imagine. But it is very real.

As is the movement in the savings ratio, repeated in the report:

The cash data is significant: people are already not making ends meet.

This is an economy in trouble.

This is a nation in trouble.

And it can only get worse right now.