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Youth Unemployment

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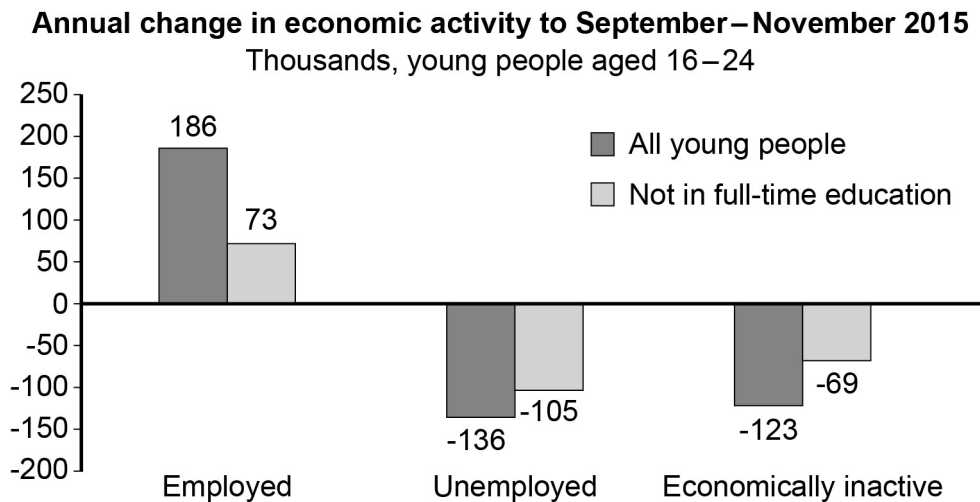
Youth unemployment statistics

628 000 young people aged 16–24 were unemployed in September–November 2015, down 56 000 from the previous quarter and down 136 000 from the previous year.

The unemployment rate (the proportion of the economically active population who are unemployed) for 16–24 year olds was 13.7% , down from 16.9% a year ago.

Excluding young people in full-time education, 415 000 people aged 16–24 were unemployed in September–November 2015, a decrease of 37 000 from the previous quarter and 105 000 from the same period last year.

The unemployment rate for 16–24 year olds not in full-time education was 12.2% , compared to 15.1% a year ago.



Unemployment by age

The unemployment rate for people aged 18–24 was 12.3% in September–November 2015, down from 15.1% the year before.

502 000 18–24 year olds were unemployed, while 1.66 million were economically inactive (not in work and not looking or available for work).



126 000 16–17 year olds were unemployed, compared to 973 000 who were economically inactive (up 5000 compared to the previous quarter). The unemployment rate for 16–17 year olds was estimated at 25.7% , down 6.4% points on the previous year.

Long term youth unemployment

126 000 people aged 16–24 had been unemployed for over 12 months at August–October 2015, down 23 000 on the previous quarter and down 93 000 on the previous year.

20% of unemployed 16–24 year olds had been unemployed for over 12 months.

Men and women

362 000 men aged 16–24 were unemployed in September–November 2015, down 67 000 compared to a year earlier. The unemployment rate for men in this age group was 15.2%

265 000 women aged 16–24 were unemployed, down 69 000 compared to a year earlier. The unemployment rate for women aged 16–24 was 12.1%

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