EMPLOYMENT RATE

At 70% at the peak of the boom, it fell as low as 58% in early 2012 by Q3 2015 it recovered to

63.8%

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Rose from 9% on average in 2007 to over 30% in 2012. By Dec 2015 it had fallen to 19.2%

8.8%

LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Peaked at 9.5% in early 2012. By Q3 2015 it had fallen to 5.0%

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE UNEMPLOYED PEAKED AT NEARLY 330,000 BUT HAS FALLEN BY OVER 40% AT THE END OF 2015

191,000

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Rose to a peak of over 15%.

By Dec 2015 it had fallen to 8.8%

UNEMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN GROWING SINCE MID 2012

Between 2015 and 2017, employment forecast to grow by 80,000.

More people will join the labour market and unemployment should fall to about 8% by 2017.

Recent forecasts suggest recovery will continue allowing more people to take up more job opportunities.

LABOUR MARKET CONTEXT

Pathways to Work has been key element of the economic recovery since 2012.

Employment has been growing having fallen by over 330,000 from a peak of 2.16m in early 2008.

By Q3 2015, employment reached 1.97m up 140,000 from the lowest level in 2012 (seasonally adjusted).