



A raft of economic data was released today covering the labour market as well output figures. The figures are broadly positive - not least the fact that the number of people claiming unemployment benefit has fallen.

However, there are a number of challenges - notably the fact that the number of people claiming other benefits is actually rising by as much as the number of people claiming unemployment benefit is falling. Listen to our podcasts to hear more.

**Labour market figures**

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## Output figures

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