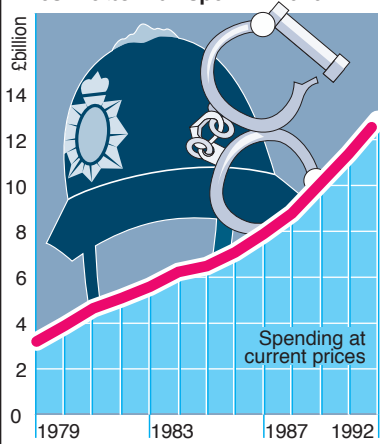


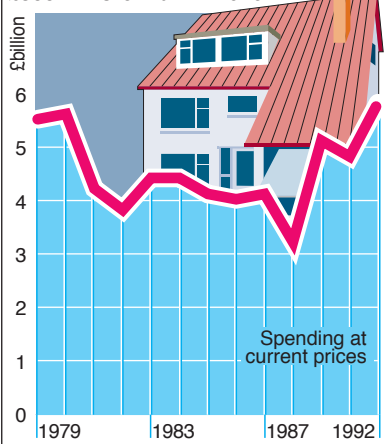
Law and order

1992 spending on law and order is estimated at £12.9bn, more than four times the £3.2 bn spent in 1979



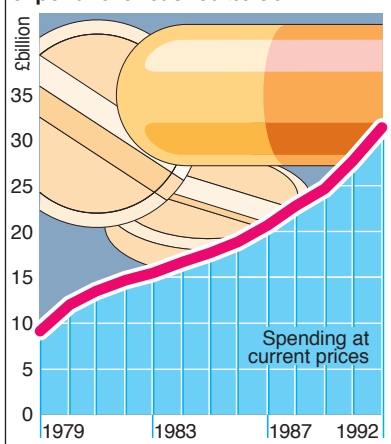
Housing

The government plans to spend an estimated £5.9bn on housing in 1992, £300m more than in 1979



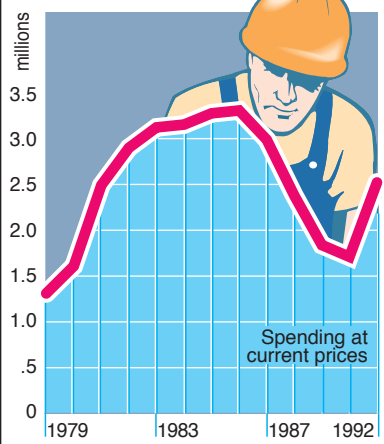
Health

Health spending for 1992 is estimated at £31.4bn. In 1979, total expenditure reached £9.3bn



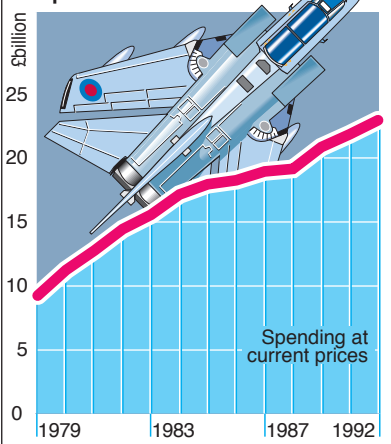
Unemployment

Unemployment in 1979 stood at 1.3 million, peaking in 1986 at 3.3 million, and is now 2.6 million



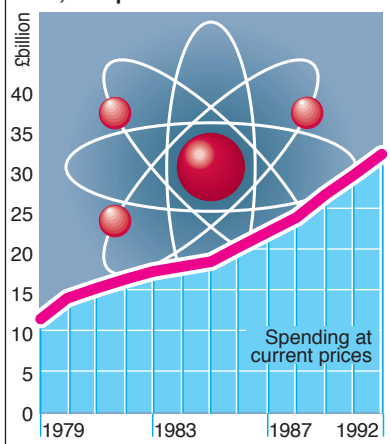
Defence

Defence costs for 1992 are estimated at £22.9bn, compared to £9.2bn in 1979



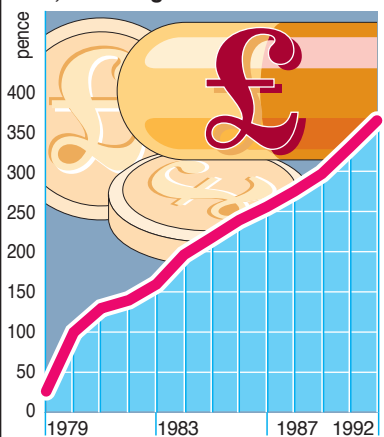
Education & Science

The budget for Education and Science is estimated at £31bn for 1992, compared with £11.2bn in 1979



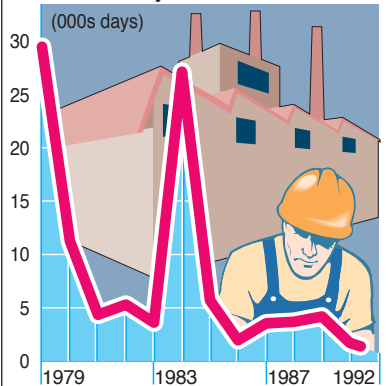
Prescription charges

Prescription charges rose in 1979 from 20p to 45p. Rising twice in 1980, the charge now stands at £3.75



Industrial action

The number of working days lost to strike action has dropped as the unions have become less influential. From 29,474 days lost in 1979, the number fell to just 759 in 1991



Home repossessions

Home repossessions reached record levels in 1991 with 75,540 properties – almost 1% – being reclaimed.

