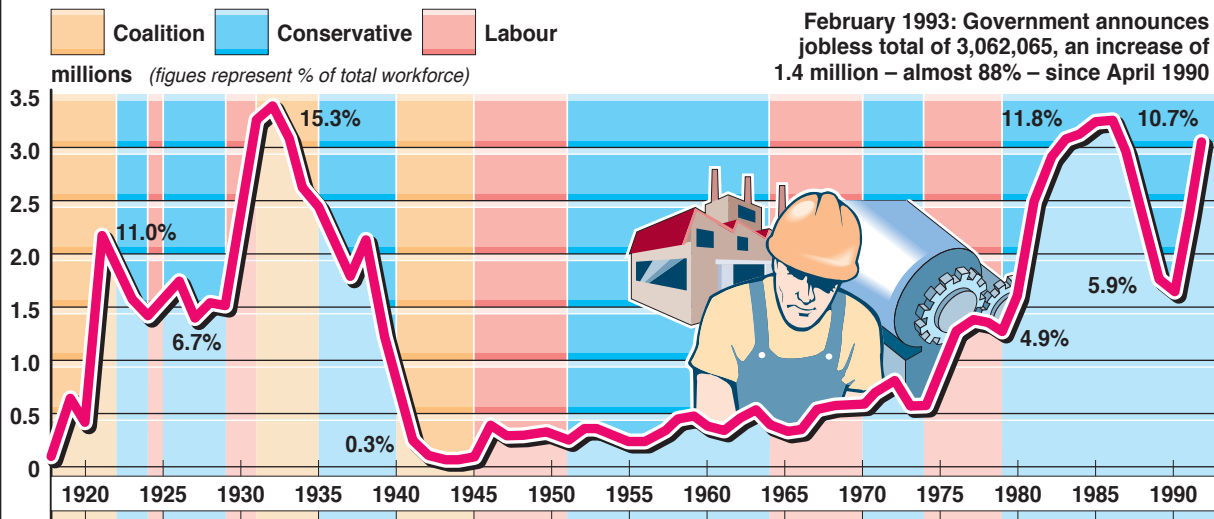


UNEMPLOYMENT

Jobless misery for three million

Britain is once again experiencing the misery of unemployment on a massive scale as for the third time this century, more than three million Britons are out of work. Experts fear that even after economic recovery, technological advances and low cost imports will ensure that underlying levels remain high



1921:
Worldwide trade restrictions following World War I push unemployment up to 2.2m between February and June

1930-33:
Unemployment peaks at 15.3% of the workforce during the worst years of the depression

1939-45:
Acute shortage of civilian manpower during World War II sends jobless figures tumbling to less than half of one per cent

1945-70:
A 25-year period of 'boom-bust' economics sees a gradual overall increase in levels of unemployment

1980:
40,000 redundancies a week announced as recession bites. Unemployment rises to more than three million by January 1982 – only falling back again in June 1987