

# Party pledges: Welfare

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## Conservative:

No increase in benefits for working-age people for two years to save £3bn

■ **Withdraw Jobseeker's Allowance** from young people after six months unless they take part in "*community projects*"

■ **Cut housing benefits** for under 21-year-olds on Jobseeker's Allowance

■ **Benefits for pensioners, such as free bus passes, TV licences for over 75s and the winter fuel allowance protected**



■ **Labour:** Raise minimum wage from £6.50-an-hour to £8 by 2020

■ **Freeze energy prices until 2017**

■ **Extend 1% cap on child benefit rises to 2017**

■ **Repeal so-called "bedroom tax"**

■ **Increase paid paternity leave** to new fathers from two to four weeks

■ **Winter fuel allowance scrapped for wealthiest pensioners**



■ **SNP:** Oppose cuts to in-work benefits. Extend paternity leave. Protect policies such as concessionary travel for older people



Plaid Cymru

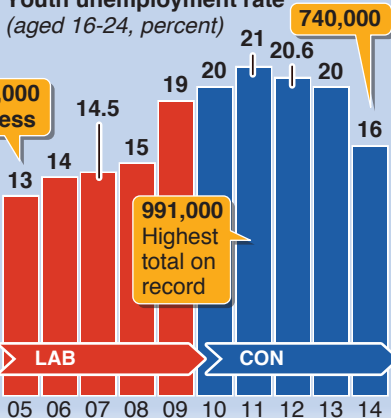
■ **Plaid Cymru:** Oppose new means testing for child-related benefits. Continue to campaign for "*living pension*" for those aged 80 and over



Green Party

■ **Greens:** "*Citizen's Income*" of £72 a week paid to all, whether in work or not. Ban "*zero hours*" contracts. Scrap "*bedroom tax*"

Youth unemployment rate (aged 16-24, percent)



## Liberal Democrats:

Freeze working-age benefits only if rich are taxed as well

■ **Cut benefits for pensioners on 40% rate of income tax**

■ **"Yellow card"** system to deal with benefit claimants breaking rules, rather than sanctions without warning



■ **UKIP:** Only pay child benefit for the first two children for new claimants

■ **Prevent anyone taking up permanent residence in Britain unless they're able to support themselves and dependents for at least five years, and stop them receiving benefits**