In the United Kingdom,

- **23%** of people aged 50–64 report two or more long term health conditions.
- **15%** of people aged 25–49 and 50+ year olds experience longer periods of unemployment.
- **52%** of economically inactive people aged 50–64 say they are not looking for work because they are long term sick or disabled.

Jobseekers aged 50 and over experience longer periods of unemployment:

- 50+ year olds: 36%
- 25–49 year olds: 29%
- 18–24 year olds: 14.6%

The percentage of people aged 65 or older who are in employment has doubled since 1998:

- 5% in 1998
- 10.4% in 2020

Workers aged 50–64 are more likely than any other age group to be juggling caring responsibilities and working.

In 2016 to 2017:

- **60%** of women
- **65%** of men aged 50–64 who were carers were also in work

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In 2016 to 2017, 36% (12 months) of men and 29% (12 months) of women aged 50–64 were carers were also in work.

Workers over the age of 50 years are most likely to say that working part-time and flexible working hours would help them delay retirement.

- 52% of people aged 50–64 say they are not looking for work because they are long term sick or disabled.