

4.6 Employment and unemployment

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• structural 结构性

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **employment and unemployment** 就业与失业 — how unemployment is **measured** 衡量, the **types** 类型 (frictional, structural, cyclical), and the effects.

You must be able to:

- explain how unemployment is measured (claimant count, labour force survey)
- distinguish frictional, structural and cyclical unemployment
- analyse the effects of unemployment

1 Worked examples

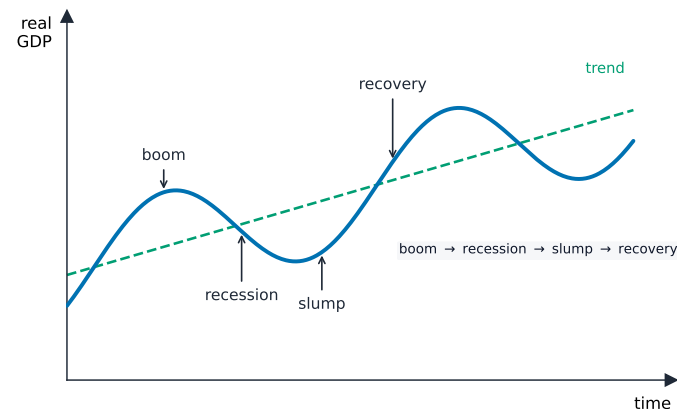
■ Types of unemployment

Frictional	Structural	Cyclical	Seasonal
short gaps between jobs	skills no longer match jobs	low demand in a recession	only certain times of year

Exam: name the type + cause — cyclical needs demand stimulus; structural needs retraining

Unemployment = people who can and want to work but cannot find a job

- **Measuring: claimant count** 失业救济申领人数 (benefit claimants) and the **labour force survey** 劳动力调查 (a survey).
- **Frictional** 摩擦性: short-term, between jobs. **Structural** 结构性: skills no longer wanted (mines close).
- **Cyclical** 周期性: low demand in a recession.
- **Effects:** lost income and skills, lost output, more benefit spending, social harm.



Cyclical unemployment rises in the recession and slump phases of the business cycle

Answer shapes: K + App + An + Ev (a justified judgement, for discuss questions).

2 Practice

2.1 Define the term *unemployment*. [2]

2.2 Identify two types of unemployment. [2]

2.3 State one way unemployment is measured. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Unemployment caused by a recession (low total demand) is: [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** frictional unemployment
 - B** structural unemployment
 - C** cyclical unemployment
 - D** seasonal unemployment

3.2 Explain the difference between **frictional** and **structural** unemployment. [4]

3.3 Analyse the effects of high unemployment on a country. [6]
