

Practice Test 13

The bar chart below shows the percentage of unemployed graduates, aged 20-24, in one European country over two years.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparisons where relevant.

Sample Answer

Firstly, generally speaking, graduate unemployment rose for both groups from 2008 to 2009. Although women's unemployment levels were the same for April 2008, July 2008 and April 2009, all other figures rose. Secondly, there was generally more unemployment for both genders during the autumn and winter months, with figures for both genders peaking in October (e.g. for males: 16 percent in October 2008 and 22 percent October 2009).

Perhaps the most striking trend, though, is for a greater percentage of male than female graduates to be out of work at all times of the year. Also, there is the greater seasonal variation for men than women: the gender difference is much more marked in October of both years and this reaches a peak in October 2009, where there is an eight percent difference between women and men.

Finally, the employment of women graduates is relatively stable throughout the whole two-year period. It only varies by eight percent (six percent in April 2008, to 14 percent in October 2009). By contrast, men's unemployment fluctuates more noticeably, with a range of eight to 22 percent.

Vocabulary

- Women's unemployment levels
- Peak
- The most striking trend
- The greater seasonal variation
- Be relatively stable
- Fluctuate



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