

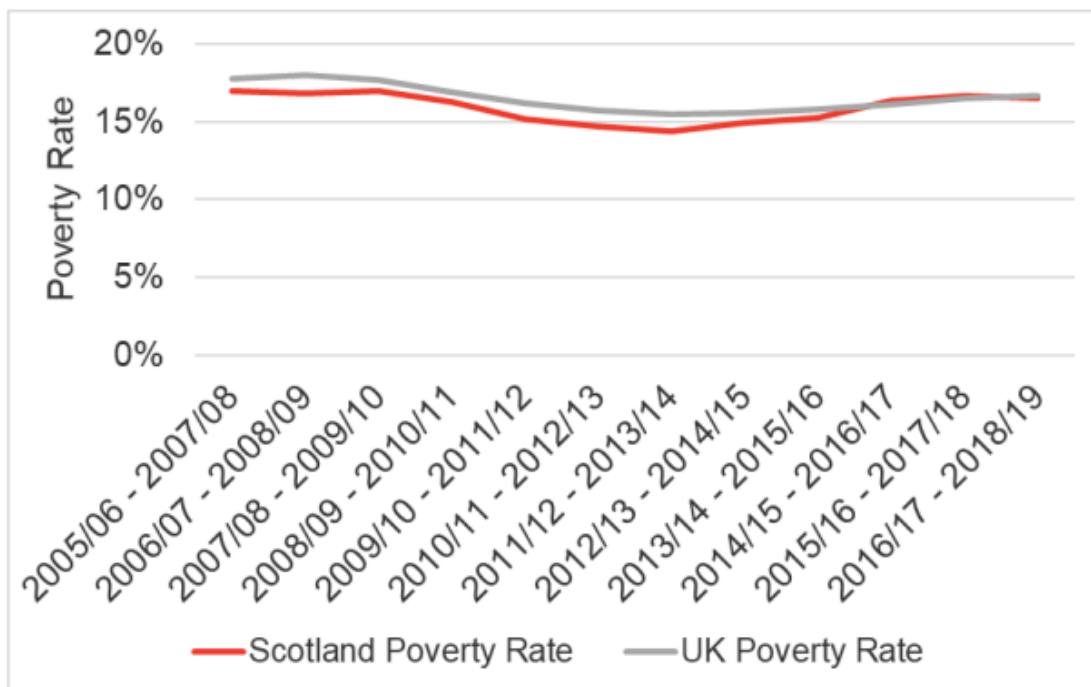
# How did we get here? The problems that COVID-19 has laid bare

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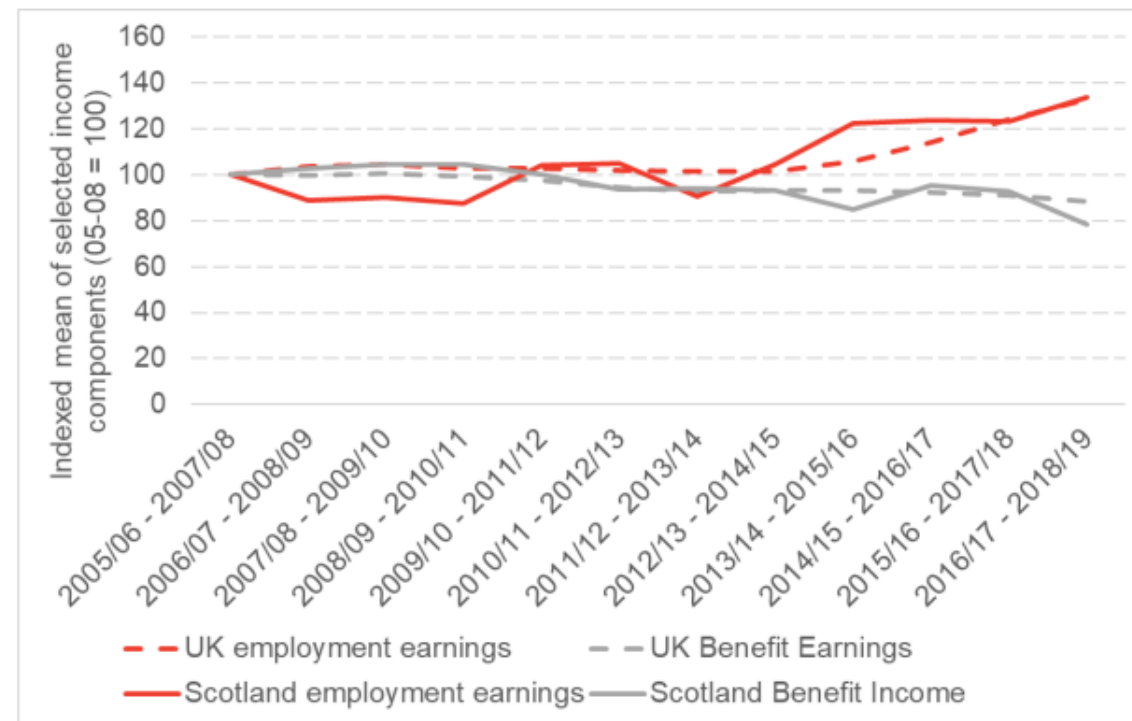
# Where were we before?

*Chart:* Poverty Rate before housing costs (BHC) in the UK and Scotland



Source: HBAI, DWP

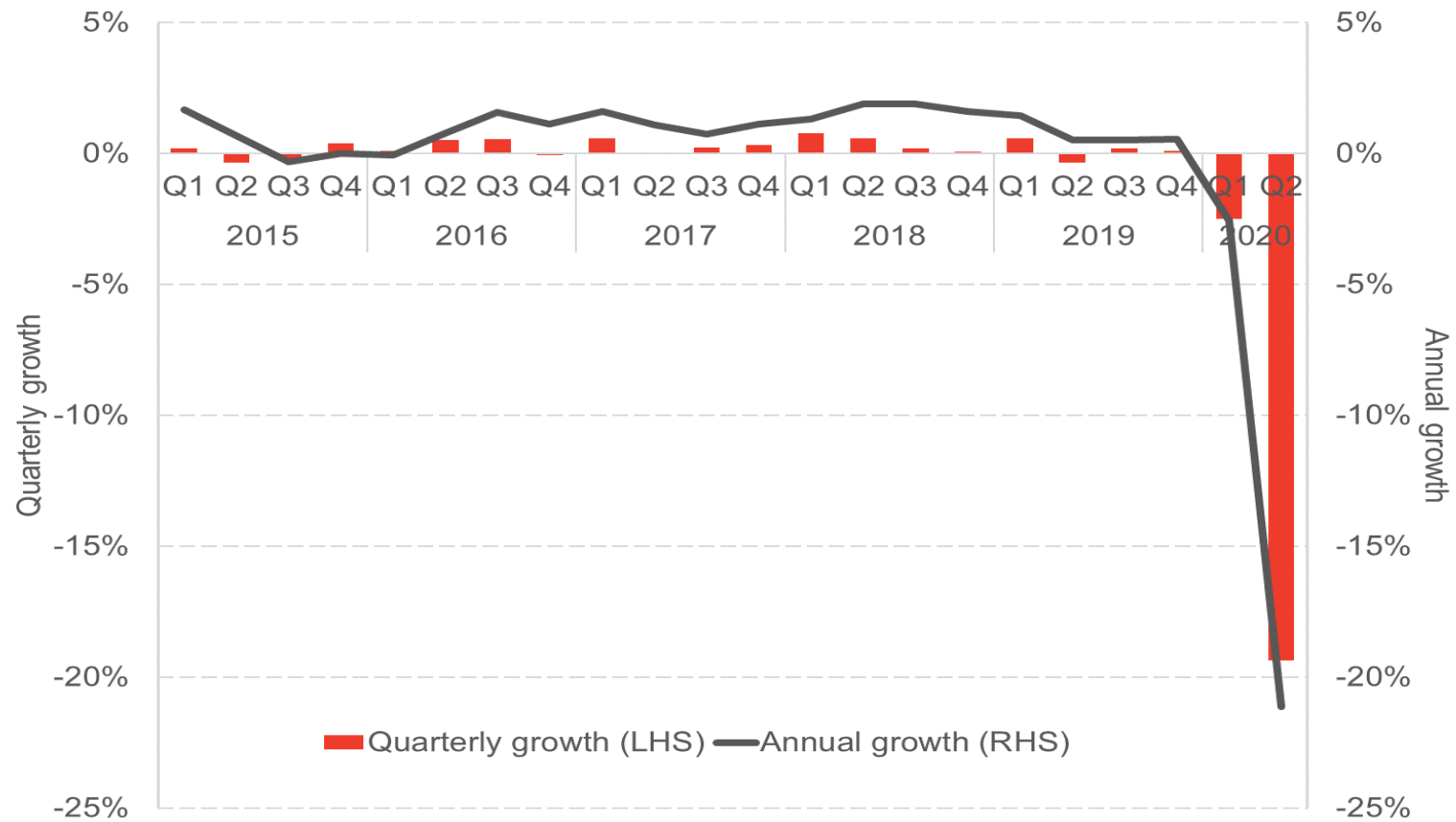
*Chart:* Trends in main components of gross income for people in poverty (2007/08 = 100)



Source: HBAI, DWP

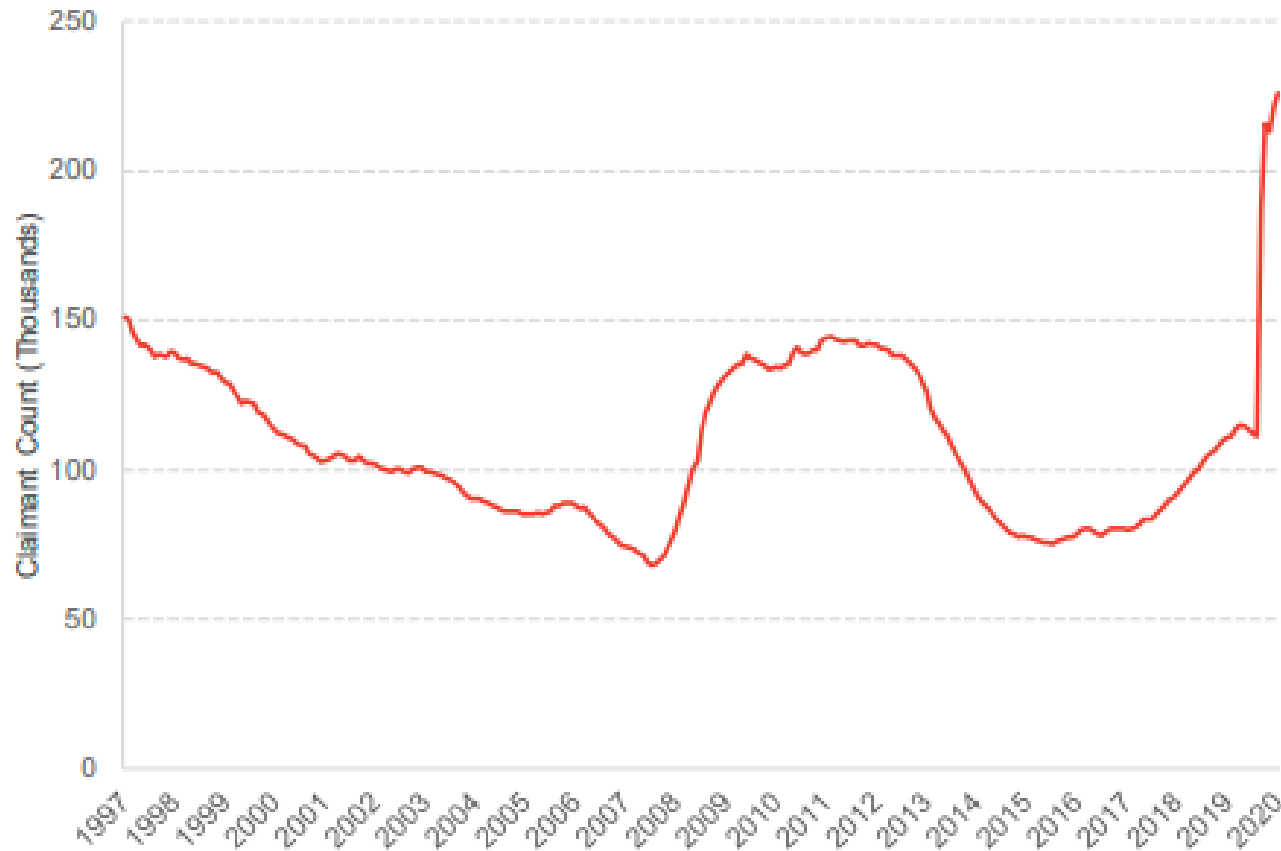
# Impact of Coronavirus on the economy

Chart: Scottish GDP, Q1 2015 – Q2 2020



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*Chart: Experimental Claimant Count (Scotland)*



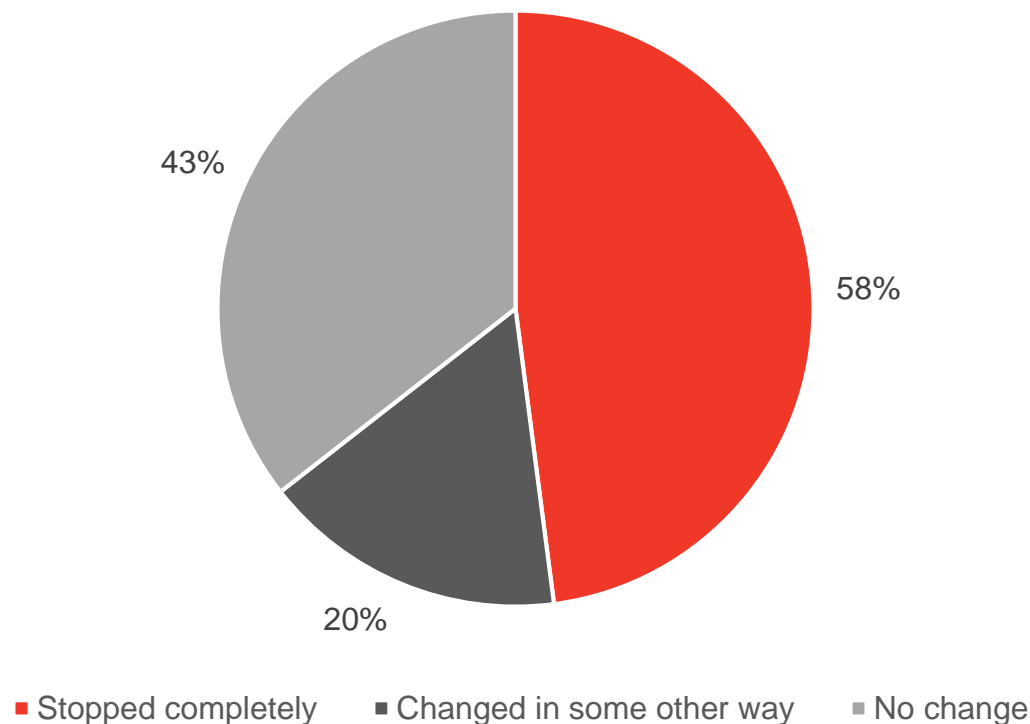
**Source: ONS**



# Under the radar?

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## › Support provided for people with learning disabilities



“Unpaid carers seem to be a group who have been left to pick up the work when services to those with learning disability is stopped.

Everyone seems to be compensated by the government but not us”

Data and quote  
from SCLD survey

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# Conclusions

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- › Fulfilling basic needs should not be beyond us – this includes additional support required for those who require it
  - › Not necessarily new and exciting – we have a lot of the right infrastructure but not always the right priorities
  - › Understanding the long run implications and preventing harm remains more important than ever
  - › Scotland does have much of its spend determined by UK Gov and limited capacity for borrowing. But it still has choices to make.
  - › Election next year gives opportunity to debate this (hopefully!)
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