

# 7 'Social Innovation Think Tank'



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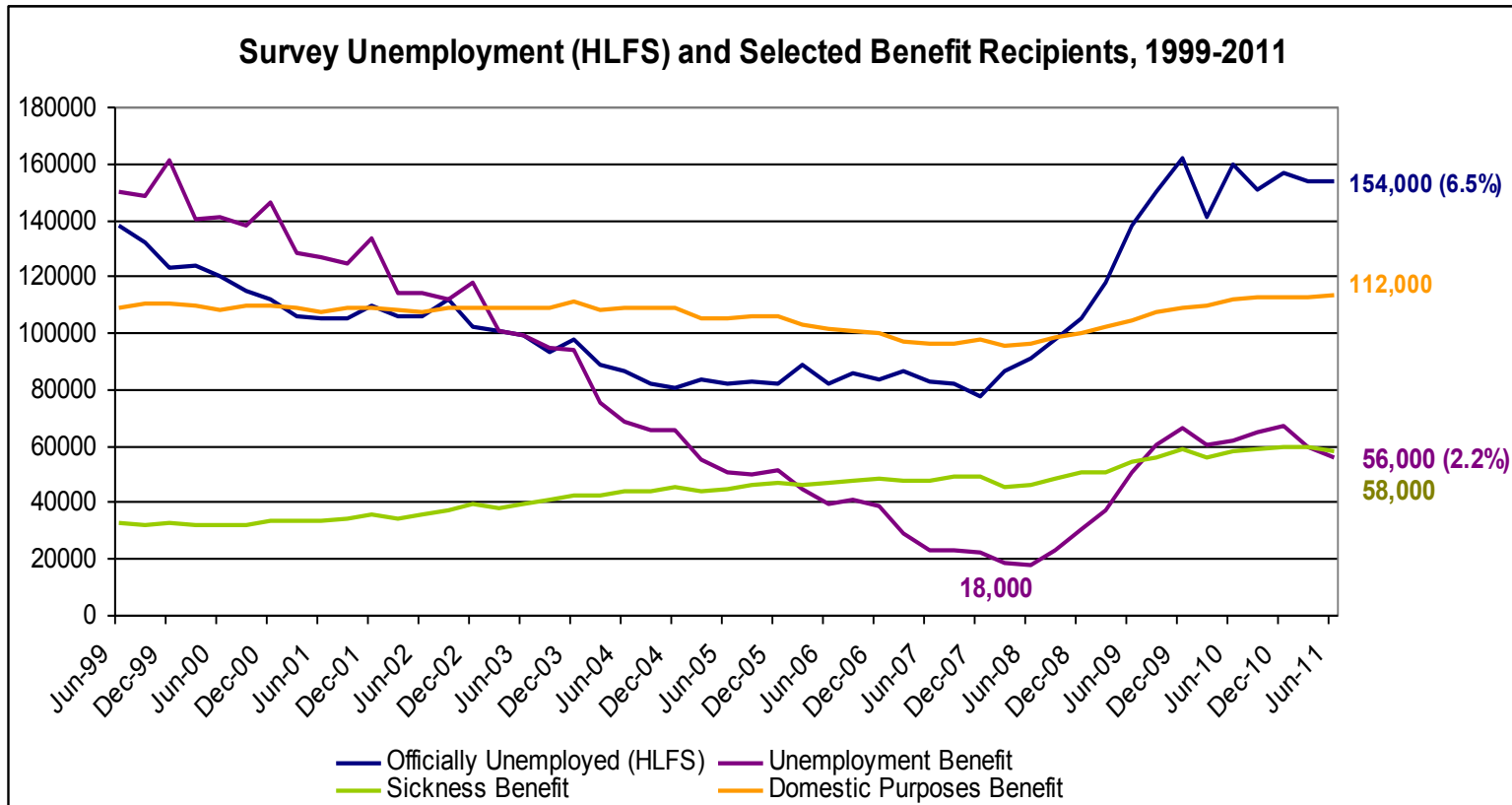


# ↗ Context

- Population
  - 4.2m, growing, ageing and more diverse
- Economy
  - annual GDP of 1.5%
  - falling unemployment rate 6.5% and high participation rate 68.4%
  - increasing benefit numbers – 328,000 people

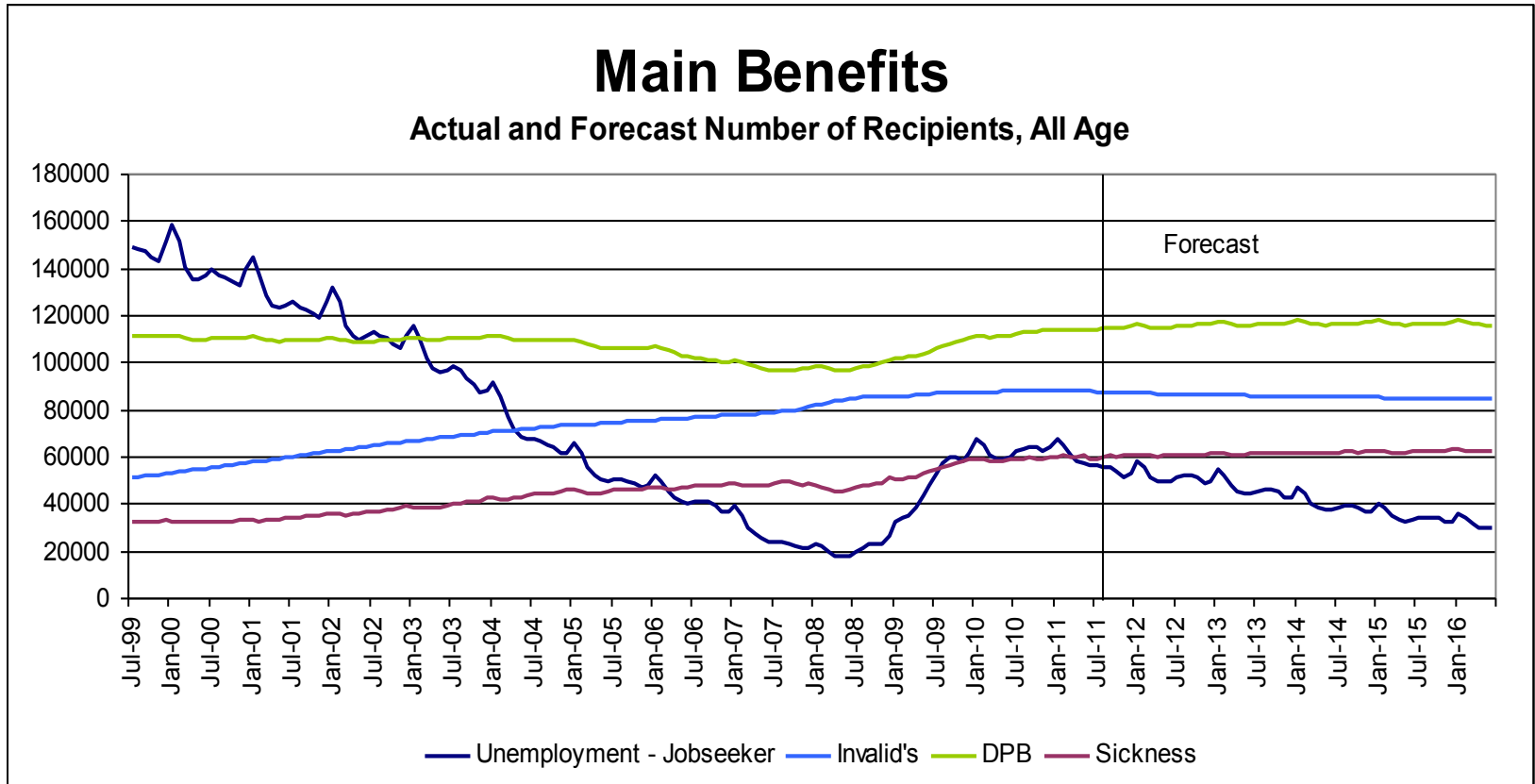


# Impact of the recession





# Economic outlook





# Operating environment – current challenges

- Long-term benefit dependency:
  - 170,000 long-term beneficiaries
  - associated poor social and economic outcomes
- Intergenerational dependency
- High risk clients - people who have multiple issues and who receive services from multiple agencies
- Youth unemployment – 15,345 18-24 year olds



# Key policy and service delivery changes

- Focus on youth unemployment
- Integrated services
- Policy settings