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Male employment rate heads toward record low with 1 in 10 jobless by 2010

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The proportion of **men in work** is set to fall to a record low, the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) has warned.

The CIPD's analysis of official statistics, "Men Not At Work", finds that:

The male unemployment rate currently stands at 9% (higher than the female unemployment rate of 6.9%).

The number of men unemployed has increased by almost 50% during the recession, the number of women unemployed by 33.4%, with unemployment rates rising by 3.0 percentage points and 1.6 percentage points respectively.

Male unemployment is forecast to rise above 10% by the start of 2010 before peaking at around 11% (1.9 million). Although depressingly high, the peak in the male unemployment rate should be less than the 12.4% and 12.8% peaks following the 1980s and 1990s recessions respectively.

Dr John Philpott, CIPD's Chief Economist, said: "A focus on the relatively hard impact of the recession on men should not detract from the absolute deterioration in the labour market situation facing both sexes."

But he added: "It is important to highlight the current plight of men in the labour market, not least because once the impact of recession and a 'jobs-light' recovery is fully felt the proportion of UK men in work will probably have fallen to a record low."

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I worry that this is linked to the imbalance of achievement as between in our schools which is seeing boys performing poorly when compared to girls. Is it not time that our schools stopped being a political football and we moved to a system where what matters is a rigorous system where no one accepts second rate standards and every pupil is given the opportunity to attain the highest degree of achievement and in fact it is demanded of them.