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Debbie Abrahams MP, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary, commenting
on today's Labour Market Statistics, said:

"We welcome the overall increase in employment, but are deeply concerned that millions remain in low paid, insecure work.

"The Government has also failed to close the employment gap faced by women, disabled people and ethnic minority groups, who are all less likely to be in work.

"Working families face the increasing costs of basic essentials, stagnating wages and the Government slashing social

security, leaving families £1,400 a year worse off up to 2020.

"Labour would reverse cuts to in-work support that could see working families lose £2,600 a year, ban the exploitative zero-hours contracts being used on hundreds of thousands of workers, and guarantee a real Living Wage."