

## Other Reading: “Strivers versus skivers”

### The mythbuster

[Guardian piece](#)

[Blog](#)

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### Other overviews

[We need fresh thinking on social security](#) (nef)

[Benefits in Britain: separating the facts from the fiction](#) (The Guardian)

[The benefits debate explained. Is it really skivers v strivers?](#) (The Guardian Datablog)

[Skivers vs strivers: the benefits debate explained - Animation](#) (The Guardian)

[We can't let 'strivers vs skivers' frame the welfare debate](#) (nef) (A critique of the above animation)

[Skivers vs strivers: the argument that pollutes people's minds](#) (The Guardian)

[Strivers vs shirkers? Ten things they don't tell you about the welfare budget](#) (Huffington Post)

[Labour's hypocrisy on 'shirkers vs workers'](#) (FT)

### There are not two distinct groups of people

['In work and in poverty' from Busting the Poverty Myths](#) (New Statesman and Webb Memorial Trust)

[The low-pay, no-pay cycle: Understanding recurrent poverty](#) (Joseph Rowntree Foundation)

### People hardly ever 'choose' to be in or out of work

[This is how people on out of work benefits actually feel](#) (The Guardian)

[The “better off on benefits than in work” claim is a complete fallacy –where's the evidence?](#) (New Statesman)

## **People in paid work are major recipients of state benefits**

[Most people eligible for benefits are in work, because benefits subsidise employers who pay low wages](#) (Ripped-Off Britons)

[Liebrary: Cutting benefits will push the work-shy into employment? Actually benefits subsidise the low wages of millions of working Britons](#) (Ripped-Off Britons)

[Liebrary: Is the top rate tax really paid by the wealthiest? In fact, the low paid have the highest marginal tax rate at 95%](#) (Ripped-Off Britons)

[Who are the people on benefits?](#) (Huffington Post)

[A survey of the UK benefit system](#) (Institute for Fiscal Studies)

## **Claiming benefits does not trap people in long-term dependency**

[The myth of the 'welfare scrounger'](#) (New Statesman)

[Who is currently claiming benefits?](#) (TUC)

## **Dependency is not passed on from one generation to the next**

[Measuring the intergeneration correlation of worklessness](#) (The Centre for Market and Public Organisation)

## **Many who are not in paid work contribute substantial value to society**

[21 hours: Why a shorter working week can help us all to flourish in the 21<sup>st</sup> century](#) (nef)

## **Why busting this myth is important!**

[Support for benefit cuts dependent on ignorance, TUC-commissioned poll finds](#) (TUC)