

# UK ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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### Notes

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3. The following abbreviations are used for the UK and its regions throughout the report:

E	Eastern
EM	East Midlands
ENG	England
GB	Great Britain
L	London
NE	North East
NI	Northern Ireland
NW	North West
SC	Scotland
SE	South East
SW	South West
WAL	Wales
WM	West Midland
UK	United Kingdom
Y&H	Yorkshire and the Humber

## Headline Changes

### *GDP and GVA – Tables 1-4*

- In 2007 Q1, the UK economy continued to grow at around 3%. Household expenditure growth rose to 3.1%. Trade – both imports and exports – appears to have dropped back, following rapid growth in 2005/06.
- Agriculture has been performing well in recent months – with provisional real GVA now up to 107% of 2003. The figures have been revised upwards recently due to release of latest Defra figures, and now suggest that 2005 and 2006 were “good years”. The increases have rather counter-intuitively been put down to high oil prices, which reduced the agriculture sector’s consumption level of goods from affected sectors, in particular, fertiliser and pesticides, which require relatively energy intensive production processes. It is unclear how change in farming practices and financing may have contributed to this rise in GVA.

### *Inflation and interest rates – Table 7 & 8*

- Both RPI and CPI inflation measures continued to rise in Q1. CPI inflation hit 2.9% and the RPI 4.5%. However, these rates may now have peaked, with both falling back in June to 2.4% and 4.4%, respectively. Recent increases are attributed to rises in air fares, and (for the RPI) in higher mortgage costs, with downward pressure from falling gas and electricity prices.
- The central bank’s interest rate increased in July for the third time in 2007, now 5.75%. There are increasing concerns regarding the effect that this will have for the many households with low fixed rate mortgages due to expire in the coming months.

### *Retail and expenditure*

- Despite relatively high inflation and rising interest rates, the volume of retail sales continues to rise. Q1 saw volume of sales up 4.6% on the year, compared to a 3.3% average for 2006. In particular, non-food sales volume was 5.2% higher, suggesting that consumption levels are not tailing off. Meanwhile, household expenditure statistics show durable goods up 2.8% on the year and non-durable goods and services up 5.0% and 7.8%, respectively. These figures suggest that rising interest rates have not yet begun to bite.

### *Household income and savings – Table 12*

- Gross savings are falling sharply, almost halving in Q1 compared to the previous quarter. While a rather crude proxy for savings – simply gross income minus expenditure – it is nonetheless of concern that this rate of fall is substantial, with the ratio of savings to household income down to 2.1% - from a 2006 average of 5.0% - and the lowest since 1960.
- These figures suggest that higher inflation and interest rate expectations, and the housing market, are having an effect in some parts of the economy, though not necessarily in curbing consumption (yet). Falling savings and rising consumption may suggest increasing indebtedness for some.

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## Economic Performance

**Table 1a: Summary Indicators (£m)**

	<b>Real GDP</b>	<b>Household Expenditure</b>	<b>Government Expenditure</b>	<b>Investment</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>GDP Deflator 2003=100</b>	<b>Output per worker 2003=100</b>
1999	997,295	606,648	205,853	163,039	247,289	257,809	90.9	93.6
2000	1,035,295	633,662	212,265	167,486	269,830	281,081	92.1	96.1
2001	1,059,648	653,326	217,359	171,639	277,694	294,449	94.1	97.3
2002	1,081,469	676,833	224,868	178,066	280,593	308,706	97.0	98.3
2003	1,110,296	697,160	232,699	178,751	285,397	314,842	100.0	100.0
2004	1,146,523	721,434	240,129	189,492	299,289	335,703	102.6	102.2
2005	1,168,674	731,274	247,412	195,107	322,869	359,132	104.9	103.3
2006	1,200,960	744,933	253,235	207,704	360,440	401,331	107.4	..
2003 Q1	274,119	171,828	57,099	44,934	72,662	78,836	98.8	99.2
2003 Q2	275,712	174,146	57,684	44,161	70,611	77,283	99.8	99.2
2003 Q3	278,748	175,140	58,445	43,924	70,334	78,089	100.5	100.3
2003 Q4	281,717	176,046	59,471	45,732	71,790	80,634	100.9	101.3
2004 Q1	283,725	178,197	59,969	47,256	73,389	81,648	101.1	101.4
2004 Q2	286,307	180,362	59,530	47,102	74,861	83,313	102.4	102.3
2004 Q3	287,400	181,032	60,002	47,813	75,097	84,300	103.0	102.5
2004 Q4	289,091	181,843	60,628	47,321	75,942	86,442	103.9	102.7
2005 Q1	289,945	182,197	60,908	48,106	75,533	85,591	104.1	102.8
2005 Q2	291,297	182,206	61,792	47,937	79,293	87,595	104.6	103.1
2005 Q3	292,813	182,998	62,272	49,524	82,167	91,391	104.8	103.2
2005 Q4	294,619	183,873	62,440	49,540	85,876	94,555	106.1	104.1
2006 Q1	297,004	183,907	62,705	50,616	93,903	103,587	106.1	104.5
2006 Q2	299,295	185,998	63,106	51,207	96,086	107,282	106.7	105.1
2006 Q3	301,316	186,543	63,495	52,273	85,409	95,344	108.0	105.6
2006 Q4	303,345	188,485	63,929	53,608	85,042	95,118	108.8	106.1
2007 Q1	305,519	189,559	64,200	54,519	84,491	94,556	109.5	..

Source: Economic Trends, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 1b: Summary Indicators - % Changes<sup>1</sup>**

	Real GDP		Household Expenditure		Government Expenditure		Investment		Exports		Imports		GDP Deflator 2003=100		Output per worker 2003=100	
	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q
1999	3.0	..	4.7	..	3.7	..	2.8	..	3.8	..	7.9	..	2.2	..	1.6	..
2000	3.8	..	4.5	..	3.1	..	2.7	..	9.1	..	9.0	..	1.3	..	2.6	..
2001	2.4	..	3.1	..	2.4	..	2.5	..	2.9	..	4.8	..	2.2	..	1.3	..
2002	2.1	..	3.6	..	3.5	..	3.7	..	1.0	..	4.8	..	3.1	..	1.0	..
2003	2.7	..	3.0	..	3.5	..	0.4	..	1.7	..	2.0	..	3.1	..	1.7	..
2004	3.3	..	3.5	..	3.2	..	6.0	..	4.9	..	6.6	..	2.6	..	2.2	..
2005	1.9	..	1.4	..	3.0	..	3.0	..	7.9	..	7.0	..	2.2	..	1.0	..
2006	2.8	..	1.9	..	2.4	..	6.5	..	11.6	..	11.8	..	2.4	..	..	..
2003 Q1	2.3	0.5	2.5	0.6	2.4	1.2	4.7	-3.1	4.6	6.0	4.1	2.9	2.8	1.2	1.2	0.6
2003 Q2	2.3	0.6	3.2	1.3	2.5	1.0	0.4	-1.7	-1.3	-2.8	-1.4	-2.0	3.0	1.0	1.3	0.0
2003 Q3	2.7	1.1	3.2	0.6	3.6	1.3	-1.9	-0.5	-1.0	-0.4	0.1	1.0	3.3	0.7	1.7	1.1
2003 Q4	3.3	1.1	3.1	0.5	5.5	1.8	-1.4	4.1	4.7	2.1	5.2	3.3	3.4	0.4	2.8	1.0
2004 Q1	3.5	0.7	3.7	1.2	5.0	0.8	5.2	3.3	1.0	2.2	3.6	1.3	2.3	0.2	2.2	0.1
2004 Q2	3.8	0.9	3.6	1.2	3.2	-0.7	6.7	-0.3	6.0	2.0	7.8	2.0	2.6	1.3	3.1	0.9
2004 Q3	3.1	0.4	3.4	0.4	2.7	0.8	8.9	1.5	6.8	0.3	8.0	1.2	2.5	0.6	2.2	0.2
2004 Q4	2.6	0.6	3.3	0.4	1.9	1.0	3.5	-1.0	5.8	1.1	7.2	2.5	3.0	0.9	1.4	0.2
2005 Q1	2.2	0.3	2.2	0.2	1.6	0.5	1.8	1.7	2.9	-0.5	4.8	-1.0	3.0	0.2	1.4	0.1
2005 Q2	1.7	0.5	1.0	0.0	3.8	1.5	1.8	-0.4	5.9	5.0	5.1	2.3	2.1	0.5	0.7	0.3
2005 Q3	1.9	0.5	1.1	0.4	3.8	0.8	3.6	3.3	9.4	3.6	8.4	4.3	1.7	0.2	0.7	0.1
2005 Q4	1.9	0.6	1.1	0.5	3.0	0.3	4.7	0.0	13.1	4.5	9.4	3.5	2.1	1.2	1.3	0.9
2006 Q1	2.4	0.8	0.9	0.0	3.0	0.4	5.2	2.2	24.3	9.3	21.0	9.6	1.9	0.0	1.6	0.4
2006 Q2	2.7	0.8	2.1	1.1	2.1	0.6	6.8	1.2	21.2	2.3	22.5	3.6	2.0	0.6	1.9	0.6
2006 Q3	2.9	0.7	1.9	0.3	2.0	0.6	5.6	2.1	3.9	-11.1	4.3	-11.1	3.1	1.2	2.3	0.5
2006 Q4	3.0	0.7	2.5	1.0	2.4	0.7	8.2	2.6	-1.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.2	2.5	0.7	1.9	0.5
2007 Q1	2.9	0.7	3.1	0.6	2.4	0.4	7.7	1.7	-10.0	-0.6	-8.7	-0.6	3.2	0.6	..	..

Source: Economic Trends, ONS; Data are seasonally adjusted

<sup>1</sup> Y represents annual change for yearly data and quarter on same quarter in previous year for quarterly data. Q represents percentage change from previous quarter.

**Table 2a: GDP and GVA by Industry of Output (2003=100)**

	Agriculture	Production Industries	Construction	Service Industries	Real GDP
1999	101.1	101.9	89.8	87.2	89.7
2000	100.3	103.8	90.2	91.3	93.1
2001	90.9	102.3	92.2	94.5	95.3
2002	102.1	100.3	95.5	96.9	97.3
2003	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2004	99.0	100.8	104.0	103.9	103.3
2005	103.3	98.8	105.6	106.9	105.2
2006	106.2	98.8	106.7	110.8	108.1
2001 Q1	91.6	104.0	91.5	93.7	94.9
2001 Q2	90.2	102.5	91.7	94.1	95.0
2001 Q3	89.8	102.4	92.3	94.7	95.6
2001 Q4	92.1	100.5	93.3	95.4	95.9
2002 Q1	101.0	100.5	94.8	95.9	96.4
2002 Q2	102.6	100.5	94.4	96.5	97.0
2002 Q3	102.8	100.2	95.8	97.4	97.7
2002 Q4	102.0	100.2	97.0	98.0	98.2
2003 Q1	99.7	99.9	97.0	98.6	98.8
2003 Q2	99.3	99.4	98.9	99.3	99.3
2003 Q3	100.1	100.0	101.7	100.4	100.4
2003 Q4	100.9	100.8	102.4	101.7	101.5
2004 Q1	99.1	100.9	102.8	102.5	102.2
2004 Q2	98.3	101.3	103.4	103.6	103.1
2004 Q3	99.3	100.3	104.4	104.3	103.5
2004 Q4	99.2	100.6	105.4	105.0	104.1
2005 Q1	101.3	99.6	106.0	105.6	104.4
2005 Q2	102.9	99.2	106.4	106.3	104.8
2005 Q3	103.8	98.5	105.0	107.2	105.4
2005 Q4	105.2	97.9	104.8	108.4	106.1
2006 Q1	105.6	98.8	105.9	109.2	106.9
2006 Q2	106.1	98.8	106.1	110.3	107.8
2006 Q3	106.5	98.9	106.9	111.2	108.5
2006 Q4	106.5	98.8	108.1	112.3	109.4
2007 Q1	107.4	98.7	108.8	113.4	110.1

Source: ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 2b: GDP and GVA by Industry Output - % Changes<sup>1</sup>**

	Agriculture		Production Industries		Construction		Service Industries		Real GDP	
	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q
2000	-0.8	..	1.9	..	0.4	..	4.7	..	3.8	..
2001	-9.4	..	-1.5	..	2.3	..	3.5	..	2.4	..
2002	12.3	..	-1.9	..	3.6	..	2.6	..	2.1	..
2003	-2.1	..	-0.3	..	4.7	..	3.2	..	2.7	..
2004	-1.0	..	0.8	..	4.0	..	3.9	..	3.3	..
2005	4.4	..	-2.0	..	1.5	..	2.9	..	1.9	..
2006	2.8	..	0.0	..	1.1	..	3.6	..	2.8	..
2001 Q1	-9.4	-6.5	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	1.7	4.3	1.2	2.9	0.9
2001 Q2	-10.3	-1.6	-1.5	-1.4	2.1	0.3	3.5	0.5	2.2	0.1
2001 Q3	-11.6	-0.4	-1.3	-0.1	3.9	0.6	2.9	0.6	2.3	0.6
2001 Q4	-6.0	2.5	-3.4	-1.9	3.8	1.2	3.1	0.7	2.0	0.4
2002 Q1	10.3	9.7	-3.4	0.0	3.6	1.6	2.4	0.5	1.6	0.5
2002 Q2	13.7	1.6	-2.0	0.0	2.9	-0.4	2.5	0.6	2.1	0.5
2002 Q3	14.5	0.2	-2.1	-0.2	3.8	1.5	2.8	0.9	2.2	0.7
2002 Q4	10.7	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.7	2.3	0.5
2003 Q1	-1.3	-2.3	-0.6	-0.3	2.3	0.0	2.9	0.6	2.3	0.5
2003 Q2	-3.2	-0.4	-1.1	-0.5	4.8	1.9	2.9	0.7	2.3	0.6
2003 Q3	-2.6	0.8	-0.2	0.6	6.2	2.9	3.1	1.1	2.7	1.1
2003 Q4	-1.1	0.9	0.6	0.8	5.6	0.7	3.8	1.3	3.3	1.1
2004 Q1	-0.6	-1.8	1.0	0.1	6.0	0.3	3.9	0.8	3.5	0.7
2004 Q2	-1.0	-0.8	1.9	0.4	4.6	0.6	4.3	1.1	3.8	0.9
2004 Q3	-0.8	1.0	0.3	-1.0	2.7	1.0	3.9	0.6	3.1	0.4
2004 Q4	-1.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	2.9	1.0	3.3	0.7	2.6	0.6
2005 Q1	2.2	2.1	-1.3	-1.0	3.1	0.5	3.0	0.5	2.1	0.2
2005 Q2	4.7	1.6	-2.1	-0.4	2.9	0.3	2.6	0.7	1.6	0.5
2005 Q3	4.5	0.9	-1.8	-0.7	0.6	-1.3	2.9	0.9	1.8	0.5
2005 Q4	6.0	1.3	-2.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.2	3.2	1.1	1.8	0.6
2006 Q1	4.2	0.4	-0.8	0.9	-0.1	1.1	3.4	0.8	2.4	0.8
2006 Q2	3.1	0.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.1	3.8	1.0	2.8	0.8
2006 Q3	2.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	1.8	0.8	3.7	0.8	3.0	0.7
2006 Q4	1.2	0.0	0.9	-0.2	3.1	1.1	3.6	1.1	3.1	0.8
2007 Q1	1.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.1	2.7	0.7	3.8	0.9	3.0	0.7

Source: Gross Value Added, ONS

<sup>1</sup> Y represents annual change for yearly data and quarter on same quarter in previous year for quarterly data.

Q represents percentage change from previous quarter.

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 3a: GDP and GVA by Industry of Output - Chained Volume Indices (2003=100)**

	Production					Service Industries						Real GDP
	Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing	Mining & quarrying, inc. oil & gas extraction	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas & water supply	Total	Construction	Distribution, hotels & catering; repairs	Transport, storage & communication	Business services & finance	Other services	Total	
2001	90.9	105.0	102.5	98.0	102.3	92.2	92.1	97.0	94.4	95.3	94.5	95.3
2002	102.1	105.4	99.8	98.4	100.3	95.5	96.4	98.2	96.3	97.7	96.9	97.3
2003	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2004	99.0	92.1	102.0	101.1	100.8	104.0	105.2	102.5	105.1	102.0	103.9	103.3
2005	103.3	83.7	100.8	100.7	98.8	105.6	106.4	106.9	109.7	103.8	106.9	105.2
2006	106.2	76.9	102.1	98.1	98.8	106.7	110.1	111.0	115.4	105.6	110.8	108.1
2003 Q1	99.7	105.0	99.3	98.1	99.9	97.0	98.2	99.2	98.5	98.8	98.6	98.8
2003 Q2	99.3	99.8	99.4	98.9	99.4	98.9	99.4	99.8	98.9	99.5	99.3	99.3
2003 Q3	100.1	98.9	100.0	100.6	100.0	101.7	100.6	100.3	100.4	100.3	100.4	100.4
2003 Q4	100.9	96.3	101.3	102.3	100.8	102.4	101.8	100.7	102.2	101.3	101.7	101.5
2004 Q1	99.1	94.3	101.7	102.2	100.9	102.8	103.6	100.7	103.4	101.4	102.5	102.2
2004 Q2	98.3	94.8	102.4	100.7	101.3	103.4	105.2	102.2	104.3	102.2	103.6	103.1
2004 Q3	99.3	90.9	101.6	101.0	100.3	104.4	106.0	103.1	105.6	102.0	104.3	103.5
2004 Q4	99.2	88.6	102.4	100.6	100.6	105.4	105.9	104.1	106.9	102.5	105.0	104.1
2005 Q1	101.3	86.8	101.5	99.8	99.6	106.0	105.8	105.9	107.7	102.8	105.6	104.4
2005 Q2	102.9	86.8	100.8	101.6	99.2	106.4	105.7	106.0	109.1	103.5	106.3	104.8
2005 Q3	103.8	80.5	100.9	101.0	98.5	105.0	106.4	106.8	110.3	104.3	107.2	105.4
2005 Q4	105.2	80.6	100.2	100.4	97.9	104.8	107.8	108.9	111.9	104.6	108.4	106.1
2006 Q1	105.6	80.7	101.3	100.6	98.8	105.9	108.7	109.1	113.1	105.1	109.2	106.9
2006 Q2	106.1	77.7	102.0	98.0	98.8	106.1	109.8	110.4	114.8	105.3	110.3	107.8
2006 Q3	106.5	75.0	102.6	97.9	98.9	106.9	110.1	111.2	116.3	105.7	111.2	108.5
2006 Q4	106.5	74.2	102.7	95.9	98.8	108.1	111.8	113.0	117.5	106.4	112.3	109.4
2007 Q1	107.4	75.0	102.3	97.3	98.7	108.8	112.9	114.9	118.7	106.9	113.4	110.1

Source: Gross Value Added, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 3b: GDP and GVA by Industry of Output - Annual<sup>1</sup> (Y) and Quarterly (Q) % Changes**

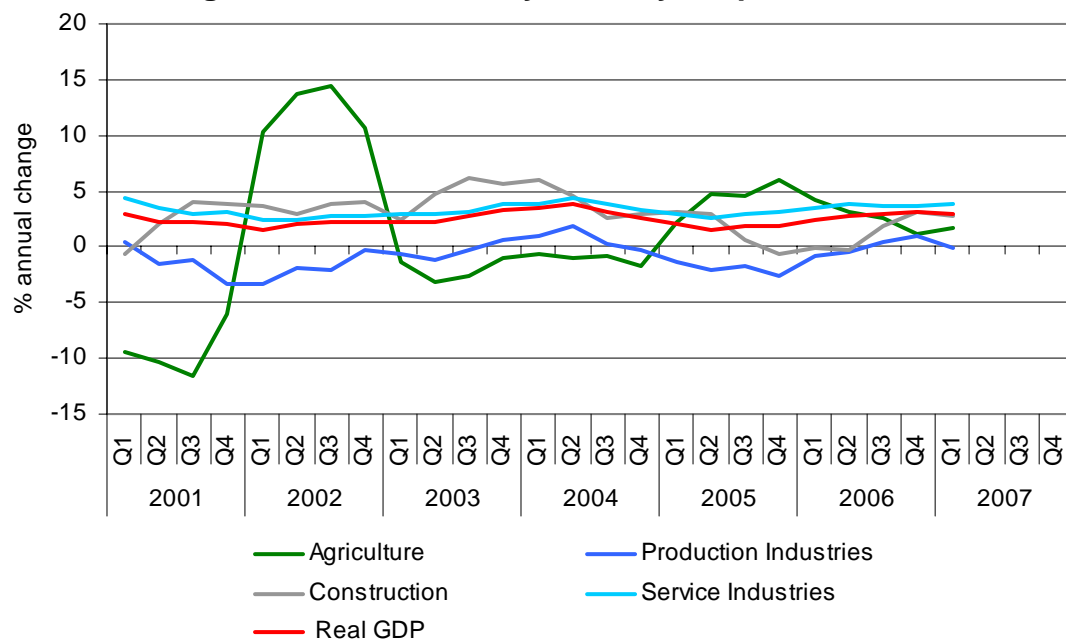
	Production										Service Industries										Real GDP			
	Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing		Mining & quarrying, inc. oil & gas extraction		Manufacturing		Electricity, gas & water supply		Total		Construction		Distribution, hotels & catering; repairs		Transport, storage & communication		Business services & finance		Other services				Total	
	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q			Y	Q
2001	-9.4	..	-5.5	..	-1.3	..	3.2	..	-1.5	..	2.3	..	3.4	..	4.5	..	4.1	..	2.3	..	3.5	..	2.4	..
2002	12.3	..	0.4	..	-2.6	..	0.4	..	-1.9	..	3.6	..	4.6	..	1.2	..	2.0	..	2.5	..	2.6	..	2.1	..
2003	-2.1	..	-5.1	..	0.2	..	1.6	..	-0.3	..	4.7	..	3.8	..	1.9	..	3.9	..	2.4	..	3.2	..	2.7	..
2004	-1.0	..	-7.9	..	2.0	..	1.1	..	0.8	..	4.0	..	5.2	..	2.5	..	5.1	..	2.0	..	3.9	..	3.3	..
2005	4.4	..	-9.2	..	-1.2	..	-0.4	..	-2.0	..	1.5	..	1.2	..	4.3	..	4.4	..	1.8	..	2.9	..	1.9	..
2006	2.8	..	-8.1	..	1.3	..	-2.6	..	0.0	..	1.1	..	3.4	..	3.8	..	5.2	..	1.8	..	3.6	..	2.8	..
2003 Q1	-1.3	-2.3	-0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-0.1	0.9	-1.5	-0.6	-0.3	2.3	0.0	3.0	0.3	1.2	-0.2	4.0	1.2	2.0	0.5	2.9	0.6	2.3	0.5
2003 Q2	-3.2	-0.4	-8.9	-4.9	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.8	-1.1	-0.5	4.8	1.9	4.1	1.2	3.0	0.7	2.9	0.4	2.1	0.7	2.9	0.7	2.3	0.6
2003 Q3	-2.6	0.8	-2.1	-0.9	-0.3	0.7	1.4	1.7	-0.2	0.6	6.2	2.9	4.0	1.2	1.9	0.5	3.5	1.5	2.5	0.8	3.1	1.1	2.7	1.1
2003 Q4	-1.1	0.9	-8.9	-2.6	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.7	0.6	0.8	5.6	0.7	3.9	1.3	1.4	0.4	5.0	1.8	3.1	1.0	3.8	1.3	3.3	1.1
2004 Q1	-0.6	-1.8	-10.2	-2.1	2.4	0.4	4.2	-0.1	1.0	0.1	6.0	0.3	5.5	1.7	1.5	0.0	5.0	1.2	2.6	0.0	3.9	0.8	3.5	0.7
2004 Q2	-1.0	-0.8	-5.0	0.5	3.0	0.7	1.8	-1.6	1.9	0.4	4.6	0.6	5.8	1.5	2.4	1.6	5.5	0.9	2.7	0.8	4.3	1.1	3.8	0.9
2004 Q3	-0.8	1.0	-8.1	-4.1	1.6	-0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	-1.0	2.7	1.0	5.4	0.8	2.8	0.9	5.2	1.2	1.7	-0.2	3.9	0.6	3.1	0.4
2004 Q4	-1.7	-0.1	-8.0	-2.6	1.1	0.7	-1.7	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	2.9	1.0	4.0	0.0	3.4	1.0	4.6	1.2	1.2	0.5	3.3	0.7	2.6	0.6
2005 Q1	2.2	2.1	-8.0	-2.0	-0.2	-0.9	-2.3	-0.8	-1.3	-1.0	3.1	0.5	2.1	-0.1	5.2	1.7	4.2	0.8	1.4	0.3	3.0	0.5	2.1	0.2
2005 Q2	4.7	1.6	-8.4	0.0	-1.6	-0.7	0.9	1.8	-2.1	-0.4	2.9	0.3	0.5	-0.1	3.7	0.0	4.6	1.3	1.3	0.6	2.6	0.7	1.6	0.5
2005 Q3	4.5	0.9	-11.4	-7.2	-0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.5	-1.8	-0.7	0.6	-1.3	0.4	0.7	3.6	0.8	4.5	1.1	2.3	0.8	2.9	0.9	1.8	0.5
2005 Q4	6.0	1.3	-9.0	0.0	-2.1	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7	-2.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.2	1.8	1.2	4.6	2.0	4.7	1.4	2.0	0.2	3.2	1.1	1.8	0.6
2006 Q1	4.2	0.4	-7.0	0.2	-0.2	1.1	0.8	0.2	-0.8	0.9	-0.1	1.1	2.7	0.9	3.0	0.2	5.0	1.1	2.2	0.5	3.4	0.8	2.4	0.8
2006 Q2	3.1	0.5	-10.5	-3.7	1.2	0.7	-3.5	-2.6	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.1	3.9	1.0	4.2	1.2	5.2	1.6	1.7	0.2	3.8	1.0	2.8	0.8
2006 Q3	2.6	0.5	-6.8	-3.5	1.7	0.6	-3.1	-0.1	0.4	0.2	1.8	0.8	3.5	0.3	4.1	0.7	5.4	1.3	1.3	0.5	3.7	0.8	3.0	0.7
2006 Q4	1.2	0.0	-7.9	-1.0	2.5	0.1	-4.5	-2.0	0.9	-0.2	3.1	1.1	3.7	1.5	3.8	1.6	5.0	1.1	1.7	0.6	3.6	1.1	3.1	0.8
2007 Q1	1.7	0.8	-7.1	1.0	1.0	-0.4	-3.3	1.5	-0.1	-0.1	2.7	0.7	3.9	1.0	5.3	1.6	5.0	1.0	1.7	0.5	3.8	0.9	3.0	0.7

<sup>1</sup> Y represents annual change for yearly data and quarter on same quarter in previous year for quarterly data. Q represents percentage change from previous quarter.

Source: Gross Value Added, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Chart 1: Change in GVA and GDP by Industry Output**



**Table 4: GVA by Region, current prices (£m)<sup>1,2</sup>**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>3</sup>
UK <sup>4</sup>	705,960	751,215	786,411	819,114	862,123	910,374	965,850	1,024,088	1,064,322
NE	25,324	26,362	27,122	27,996	29,352	30,707	32,428	34,419	35,940
NW	73,736	77,688	80,834	83,684	87,763	91,859	96,828	102,366	106,142
YH	53,892	56,680	58,538	60,637	63,758	67,221	71,187	75,260	78,079
EM	47,077	49,426	51,196	53,076	56,126	59,418	63,634	67,884	70,841
WM	59,401	62,698	65,034	67,402	70,526	73,678	77,490	81,741	84,838
E	68,541	73,417	77,338	81,432	86,247	90,541	95,811	101,145	104,918
L	109,943	119,826	127,570	133,113	139,917	151,188	162,056	173,323	180,991
SE	107,945	117,019	123,963	130,078	137,382	144,301	152,385	160,786	166,346
<b>SW</b>	<b>54,542</b>	<b>58,008</b>	<b>60,917</b>	<b>63,736</b>	<b>67,520</b>	<b>71,572</b>	<b>76,368</b>	<b>81,322</b>	<b>84,554</b>
ENG	600,401	641,124	672,511	701,153	738,592	780,485	828,186	878,247	912,651
WAL	28,543	29,683	30,595	31,744	33,416	35,024	37,115	39,316	40,867
SCO	60,653	63,032	64,993	67,113	70,050	73,917	78,331	82,952	86,324
NI	16,363	17,376	18,312	19,104	20,066	20,948	22,218	23,573	24,480

Source: Office for National Statistics

<sup>1</sup> The headline regional GVA series for this publication have been calculated using a five-period moving average.

<sup>2</sup> Estimates of regional GVA in this table are on a residence basis, where the income of commuters is allocated to where they live rather than their place of work.

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

<sup>4</sup> Excluding Extra-Region and statistical discrepancy. The GDP for Extra-Region includes the compensation of employees and gross operating surplus which cannot be assigned to regions.

**Table 5: GVA per head by Region, current prices (£)<sup>1,2</sup>**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>3</sup>
UK <sup>4</sup>	12,106	12,847	13,401	13,910	14,584	15,346	16,218	17,115	17,677
NE	9,861	10,294	10,635	11,007	11,556	12,099	12,770	13,524	14,048
NW	10,853	11,438	11,934	12,353	12,958	13,542	14,230	14,994	15,504
YH	10,871	11,433	11,811	12,229	12,811	13,463	14,211	14,936	15,419
EM	11,426	11,960	12,329	12,734	13,396	14,070	14,965	15,862	16,451
WM	11,288	11,894	12,336	12,791	13,355	13,891	14,566	15,325	15,812
E	13,013	13,847	14,486	15,150	15,970	16,698	17,538	18,419	18,933
L	15,673	16,959	17,832	18,394	19,108	20,511	21,935	23,332	24,075
SE	13,746	14,833	15,583	16,279	17,123	17,939	18,859	19,825	20,375
<b>SW</b>	<b>11,299</b>	<b>11,962</b>	<b>12,481</b>	<b>12,962</b>	<b>13,659</b>	<b>14,408</b>	<b>15,276</b>	<b>16,141</b>	<b>16,685</b>
ENG	12,337	13,132	13,716	14,241	14,936	15,721	16,612	17,532	18,097
WAL	9,860	10,237	10,548	10,920	11,482	11,980	12,633	13,316	13,813
SCO	11,932	12,415	12,814	13,256	13,832	14,623	15,488	16,334	16,944
NI	9,791	10,357	10,907	11,352	11,878	12,347	13,049	13,782	14,196

Source: Office for National Statistics

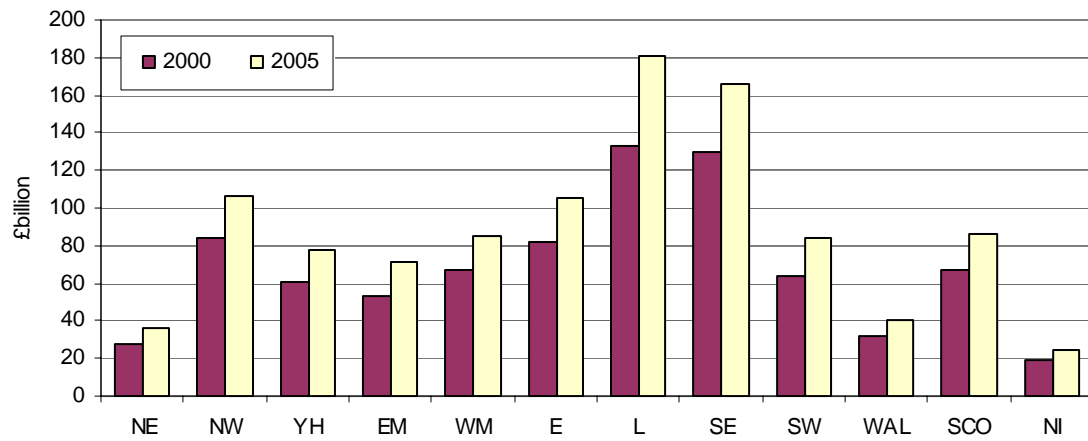
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**Chart 2: Regional GVA, 2003-2005 (£bn)**



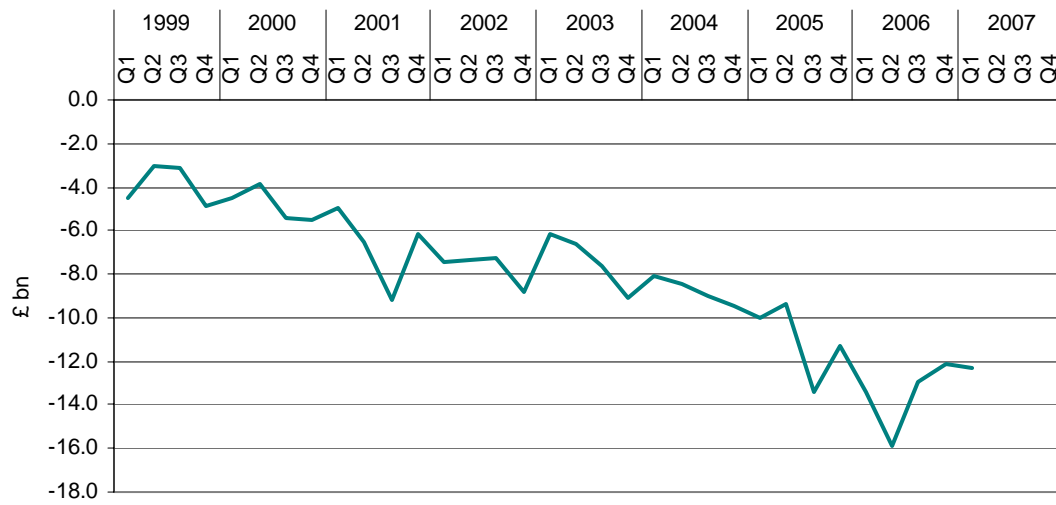
Source: Regional GVA, ONS

**Table 6: Balance of Payments (£m)**

	<b>Trade in Goods</b>	<b>Trade in Services</b>	<b>Total Trade</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>
1997	-12,342	14,106	1,764	-840
1998	-21,813	14,672	-7,141	-3,195
1999	-29,051	13,597	-15,454	-21,717
2000	-32,976	13,615	-19,361	-24,833
2001	-41,212	14,423	-26,789	-21,884
2002	-47,705	16,830	-30,875	-16,513
2003	-48,607	19,162	-29,445	-14,921
2004	-60,893	25,918	-34,975	-19,328
2005	-68,789	24,611	-44,178	-30,452
2002 Q1	-11,372	3,946	-7,426	-4,441
2002 Q2	-11,002	3,634	-7,368	-5,655
2002 Q3	-12,016	4,779	-7,237	-1,832
2002 Q4	-13,315	4,471	-8,844	-4,585
2003 Q1	-10,862	4,730	-6,132	-564
2003 Q2	-11,545	4,963	-6,582	-4,410
2003 Q3	-12,302	4,702	-7,600	-5,391
2003 Q4	-13,898	4,767	-9,131	-4,556
2004 Q1	-13,947	5,880	-8,067	-4,928
2004 Q2	-15,247	6,840	-8,407	-4,469
2004 Q3	-15,529	6,493	-9,036	-6,889
2004 Q4	-16,170	6,705	-9,465	-3,042
2005 Q1	-16,228	6,176	-10,052	-6,738
2005 Q2	-16,305	6,939	-9,366	-2,524
2005 Q3	-17,878	4,455	-13,423	-10,712
2005 Q4	-18,378	7,041	-11,337	-10,478
2006 Q1	-20,691	7,253	-13,438	-10,971
2006 Q2	-22,993	7,117	-15,876	-10,607
2006 Q3	-19,907	6,925	-12,982	-11,740
2006 Q4	-20,040	7,899	-12,141	-14,463
2007 Q1	-20,818	8,483	-12,335	-12,201

Source: *Monthly Digest of Statistics*, ONS

**Chart 3: UK Trade Balance (£bn)**



Source: Monthly Digest of Statistics, ONS

**Table 7: Inflation Rates - Annual and Quarterly % Changes<sup>1</sup>**

	RPI		RPIX		CPI		PPI			
	Y	Q	Y	Q	Y	Q	Output prices		Input prices	
							Y	Q	Y	Q
2000	3.0	..	2.1	..	0.8	..	1.5	..	7.4	..
2001	1.8	..	2.1	..	1.2	..	-0.3	..	-1.2	..
2002	1.7	..	2.2	..	1.3	..	0.1	..	-4.5	..
2003	2.9	..	2.8	..	1.4	..	1.5	..	1.4	..
2004	3.0	..	2.2	..	1.3	..	2.5	..	4.0	..
2005	2.8	..	2.3	..	2.1	..	2.8	..	11.7	..
2006	3.2	..	2.9	..	2.3	..	2.4	..	9.6	..
2000 Q1	2.3	0.4	2.1	0.1	0.8	-0.4	1.4	0.3	6.6	2.1
2000 Q2	3.1	1.9	2.1	1.3	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.9	6.8	0.4
2000 Q3	3.2	0.2	2.1	0.1	0.8	0.0	1.7	0.2	8.3	3.8
2000 Q4	3.1	0.6	2.1	0.6	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.1	7.9	1.4
2001 Q1	2.6	-0.1	1.9	-0.1	0.9	-0.5	0.5	-0.7	3.8	-1.7
2001 Q2	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.4	3.8	0.4
2001 Q3	1.8	0.1	2.4	0.2	1.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.3	-3.5	-3.5
2001 Q4	1.0	-0.1	2.0	0.2	1.0	0.1	-1.1	-0.5	-8.6	-4.0
2002 Q1	1.2	0.1	2.4	0.3	1.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.1	-6.6	0.4
2002 Q2	1.2	1.2	1.9	1.2	0.9	0.8	-0.3	0.6	-6.6	0.4
2002 Q3	1.5	0.3	2.0	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	-3.9	-0.7
2002 Q4	2.5	0.9	2.6	0.8	1.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.4
2003 Q1	3.0	0.6	2.9	0.6	1.5	0.0	1.7	0.8	1.8	2.6
2003 Q2	3.0	1.2	2.9	1.2	1.3	0.6	1.3	0.2	-0.4	-1.8
2003 Q3	2.9	0.3	2.8	0.2	1.4	0.2	1.4	0.2	1.3	1.0
2003 Q4	2.6	0.6	2.6	0.6	1.3	0.5	1.6	0.4	3.1	1.4
2004 Q1	2.6	0.5	2.3	0.3	1.3	-0.1	1.5	0.7	-0.2	-0.7
2004 Q2	2.8	1.4	2.2	1.1	1.4	0.8	2.3	1.0	3.9	2.3
2004 Q3	3.1	0.6	2.1	0.2	1.3	0.0	2.9	0.8	5.6	2.5
2004 Q4	3.4	1.0	2.3	0.7	1.4	0.7	3.3	0.9	6.7	2.5
2005 Q1	3.2	0.3	2.2	0.2	1.7	0.2	2.7	0.1	10.5	2.8
2005 Q2	3.0	1.2	2.2	1.1	2.0	1.0	2.8	1.0	9.8	1.6
2005 Q3	2.8	0.4	2.4	0.3	2.4	0.5	3.1	1.0	12.5	5.1
2005 Q4	2.4	0.6	2.3	0.6	2.1	0.4	2.5	0.3	13.6	3.4
2006 Q1	2.4	0.3	2.2	0.2	1.9	0.0	2.8	0.4	14.5	3.7
2006 Q2	3.0	1.8	2.8	1.7	2.3	1.3	3.0	1.3	13.3	0.5
2006 Q3	3.5	0.9	3.2	0.7	2.4	0.7	2.5	0.5	7.9	0.2
2006 Q4	4.0	1.1	3.5	0.8	2.7	0.8	1.9	-0.4	3.6	-0.7
2007 Q1	4.5	0.8	3.7	0.4	2.9	0.1	2.4	0.9	-0.9	-0.8

Source: Economic Trends, ONS

Data are not seasonally adjusted

<sup>1</sup> Y represents annual change for yearly data and quarter on same quarter in previous year for quarterly data. Q represents percentage change from previous quarter.

RPI - retail price index; RPIX - retail price index excl. mortgage interest payments; CPI - consumer price index; PPI - producer price index

**Table 8: Selected UK Financial Data**

	Money supply - notes & coins <sup>1</sup> (% ann. ch.)	M4 <sup>1,4</sup> (% ann. ch.)	Bank Repo Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	Inter-bank 3 month offer rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Ordinary Share Price Index <sup>3,5</sup>	Trade Balance <sup>2,6</sup> (£m)
<b>2004</b>						
January	7.6	8.7	3.75	4.10	2,216.85	-3,571
February	6.9	8.5	4.00	4.16	2,217.57	-2,346
March	6.9	7.8	4.00	4.33	2,223.00	-2,150
April	5.6	7.4	4.00	4.39	2,253.52	-2,790
May	5.4	8.3	4.25	4.59	2,210.47	-2,785
June	6.3	8.0	4.50	4.79	2,227.31	-2,832
July	5.9	8.9	4.50	4.89	2,174.71	-3,120
August	5.2	10.0	4.75	4.90	2,175.48	-3,063
September	5.9	9.1	4.75	4.86	2,265.36	-2,853
October	5.9	9.6	4.75	4.84	2,305.27	-3,348
November	5.3	9.0	4.75	4.80	2,359.54	-3,128
December	5.7	9.0	4.75	4.84	2,372.41	-2,989
<b>2005</b>						
January	5.8	9.4	4.75	4.81	2,422.06	-3,519
February	5.8	9.7	4.75	4.90	2,509.71	-3,326
March	5.2	10.5	4.75	4.93	2,491.40	-3,427
April	4.8	10.7	4.75	4.88	2,451.26	-3,638
May	4.2	11.2	4.75	4.81	2,456.72	-3,180
June	3.8	10.5	4.75	4.73	2,529.12	-2,530
July	4.6	11.1	4.75	4.56	2,615.17	-3,416
August	4.9	10.1	4.50	4.54	2,661.66	-5,987
September	3.9	11.3	4.50	4.55	2,705.65	-4,090
October	3.6	11.7	4.50	4.56	2,652.68	-3,632
November	3.8	12.4	4.50	4.58	2,744.60	-4,146
December	3.1	12.8	4.50	4.59	2,798.03	-3,583
<b>2006</b>						
January	4.1	12.2	4.50	4.54	2,894.30	-4,327
February	4.5	12.4	4.50	4.53	2,958.06	-4,971
March	5.1	12.4	4.50	4.56	3,029.00	-4,477
April	5.5	12.7	4.50	4.63	3,088.09	-4,641
May	5.4	11.7	4.50	4.68	2,983.54	-6,127
June	5.6	13.4	4.50	4.73	2,883.70	-4,622
July	5.3	13.1	4.50	4.74	2,961.23	-4,390
August	5.0	13.7	4.75	4.95	2,985.59	-4,263
September	5.1	14.4	4.75	5.05	3,010.91	-4,063
October	5.4	13.9	4.75	5.16	3,123.59	-3,800
November	5.3	13.1	5.00	5.22	3,168.89	-4,071
December	5.0	12.8	5.00	5.29	3,189.64	-4,334
<b>2007</b>						
January	4.3	13.0	5.25	5.55	3,228.90	-4,116
February	4.1	12.8	5.25	5.50	3,297.88	-4,289
March	4.1	12.9	5.25	5.58	3,224.76	-4,529
April	3.7	13.3	5.25	5.70	3,347.36	..
May	4.6	13.9	5.50	..	3,418.64	..
June	4.8	..	5.50	..	3,410.39	..
July	..	..	5.75	..	..	..

Source: <sup>1</sup> Bank of England; <sup>2</sup> Economic Trends, ONS; <sup>3</sup> London Stock Exchange

<sup>4</sup> Money supply (M4) is made up of notes and coins in circulation with the public together with all deposits with banks and building societies (denominated in sterling and held by UK private sector). <sup>5</sup> FTSE A All Share, monthly average; <sup>6</sup> Seasonally adjusted

**Table 9: Exchange Rate of Selected Major Currencies**

	US \$	EURO	JPY	Effective rates 2005=100
1998	1.6574	1.4768	216.7492	99.98
1999	1.6180	1.5192	183.9356	99.36
2000	1.5151	1.6422	163.2665	101.14
2001	1.4400	1.6087	174.8440	99.47
2002	1.5035	1.5909	187.8696	100.55
2003	1.6353	1.4456	189.3222	96.88
2004	1.8323	1.4739	198.1007	101.59
2005	1.8189	1.4629	200.1584	100.46
2006	1.8430	1.4670	214.3255	101.16
2001 Q1	1.4586	1.5814	172.3701	98.53
2001 Q2	1.4203	1.6280	174.0834	99.66
2001 Q3	1.4371	1.6152	174.7080	99.68
2001 Q4	1.4430	1.6111	178.1787	100.04
2002 Q1	1.4262	1.6263	188.8342	100.57
2002 Q2	1.4618	1.5923	185.3810	99.56
2002 Q3	1.5496	1.5747	184.8054	100.78
2002 Q4	1.5713	1.5716	192.4193	101.22
2003 Q1	1.6031	1.4937	190.6703	98.42
2003 Q2	1.6201	1.4256	191.9755	95.83
2003 Q3	1.6114	1.4300	189.1885	95.80
2003 Q4	1.7059	1.4334	185.6021	97.40
2004 Q1	1.8383	1.4708	197.0714	101.64
2004 Q2	1.8062	1.4992	198.2300	102.40
2004 Q3	1.8188	1.4877	199.9364	102.12
2004 Q4	1.8647	1.4388	197.1425	100.25
2005 Q1	1.8907	1.4424	197.5748	100.68
2005 Q2	1.8553	1.4744	199.5592	101.66
2005 Q3	1.7850	1.4635	198.4809	99.86
2005 Q4	1.7479	1.4706	204.9898	99.64
2006 Q1	1.7526	1.4570	204.8289	98.90
2006 Q2	1.8303	1.4540	209.0878	100.25
2006 Q3	1.8749	1.4713	217.9074	102.13
2006 Q4	1.9147	1.4854	225.4054	103.52
2007 Q1	1.9545	1.4916	233.3291	104.58
2007 Q2	1.9869	1.4732	240.1081	104.15

Annual and quarterly averages; 3.14625 DM:£ and 10.55207 FRF:£ in 2001

Source: Bank of England

**Table 10: Volume of Retail Sales (2000=100)**

	All retailers		Predominantly food stores		Predominantly non-food stores	
	Index	% change <sup>1</sup>	Index	% change <sup>1</sup>	Index	% change <sup>1</sup>
1999	95.7	3.5	97.2	1.8	94.3	4.9
2000	100.0	4.5	100.0	2.9	100.0	6.0
2001	106.1	6.1	104.1	4.1	108.5	8.5
2002	112.2	5.7	108.2	3.9	116.2	7.1
2003	116.3	3.7	111.9	3.4	121.3	4.4
2004	123.3	6.0	116.5	4.1	129.6	6.8
2005	125.8	2.0	119.7	2.7	131.9	1.8
2006	129.9	3.3	122.7	2.5	136.6	3.6
2003 Q1	114.4	3.5	109.9	3.0	119.5	4.2
2003 Q2	115.8	3.2	111.6	3.4	120.5	3.3
2003 Q3	117.1	3.4	112.6	3.4	122.1	4.4
2003 Q4	119.2	3.4	113.4	2.3	125.1	4.7
2004 Q1	121.8	6.5	114.6	4.3	128.9	7.9
2004 Q2	123.7	6.8	116.1	4.0	130.6	8.4
2004 Q3	125.0	6.7	117.3	4.2	132.2	8.3
2004 Q4	124.4	4.4	117.5	3.6	130.7	4.5
2005 Q1	125.2	2.8	118.8	3.7	131.1	1.7
2005 Q2	125.5	1.5	119.0	2.5	131.5	0.7
2005 Q3	126.1	0.9	119.6	2.0	132.7	0.4
2005 Q4	127.7	2.7	121.1	3.1	134.4	2.8
2006 Q1	127.4	1.8	121.4	2.2	133.5	1.8
2006 Q2	129.8	3.4	122.3	2.8	137.0	4.2
2006 Q3	130.8	3.7	123.5	3.3	137.3	3.5
2006 Q4	132.6	3.8	123.6	2.1	140.2	4.3
2007 Q1	133.2	4.6	124.1	2.2	140.5	5.2
Jan-06	127.0	1.1	120.8	0.9	133.3	1.7
Feb-06	127.1	1.6	121.4	2.4	133.1	1.8
Mar-06	127.9	2.4	121.8	3.0	133.9	1.9
Apr-06	128.8	2.7	121.7	2.4	135.9	3.7
May-06	129.7	4.0	121.5	2.2	137.4	5.4
Jun-06	130.6	3.5	123.5	3.5	137.5	3.5
Jul-06	130.7	4.1	124.4	4.1	136.8	3.9
Aug-06	131.2	4.3	122.5	2.9	138.5	4.6
Sep-06	130.5	3.0	123.5	2.9	136.8	2.2
Oct-06	131.9	4.0	123.4	2.3	139.3	4.7
Nov-06	132.0	3.2	123.2	1.5	139.4	3.6
Dec-06	133.5	4.0	124.0	2.2	141.4	4.4
Jan-07	131.5	3.5	123.9	2.6	137.4	3.1
Feb-07	133.6	5.1	124.0	2.1	141.2	6.1
Mar-07	134.3	5.0	124.2	2.0	142.5	6.4
Apr-07	134.2	4.2	124.4	2.2	141.8	4.3

Source: Monthly Digest of Statistics, ONS

Seasonally adjusted

<sup>1</sup> % change on year for annual data, on same quarter in previous year for quarterly data, and on same month in previous year for monthly data

**Table 11: Household Consumption Expenditure<sup>1</sup> (£m)**

	Durable	Non-Durable	
	Goods	Goods	Services
1997	61,720	139,094	241,347
1998	65,154	142,673	260,924
1999	68,507	149,062	277,816
2000	72,176	153,973	296,105
2001	77,604	157,005	313,055
2002	80,774	161,537	330,068
2003	85,061	168,169	344,663
2004	88,653	176,668	363,338
2005	88,472	182,952	384,924
2006	90,723	192,214	403,378
2001 Q1	19,088	38,942	76,545
2001 Q2	18,893	39,123	77,814
2001 Q3	19,633	39,237	79,087
2001 Q4	19,990	39,703	79,609
2002 Q1	19,818	39,689	81,338
2002 Q2	20,286	40,034	82,093
2002 Q3	20,203	40,594	82,861
2002 Q4	20,467	41,220	83,776
2003 Q1	20,662	41,479	84,471
2003 Q2	21,430	42,127	85,391
2003 Q3	21,530	42,167	86,886
2003 Q4	21,439	42,396	87,915
2004 Q1	22,076	43,379	89,100
2004 Q2	22,077	43,956	90,545
2004 Q3	22,383	44,202	91,264
2004 Q4	22,117	45,131	92,429
2005 Q1	22,028	45,061	94,409
2005 Q2	21,946	45,549	95,491
2005 Q3	22,183	45,667	96,877
2005 Q4	22,315	46,675	98,147
2006 Q1	22,411	46,497	99,142
2006 Q2	22,744	47,676	100,092
2006 Q3	22,699	48,719	101,235
2006 Q4	22,869	49,322	102,909
2007 Q1	23,037	49,891	104,124

Source: ONS, Consumer Trends

<sup>1</sup> Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 12: Household Disposable Income & Gross Savings<sup>1</sup>**

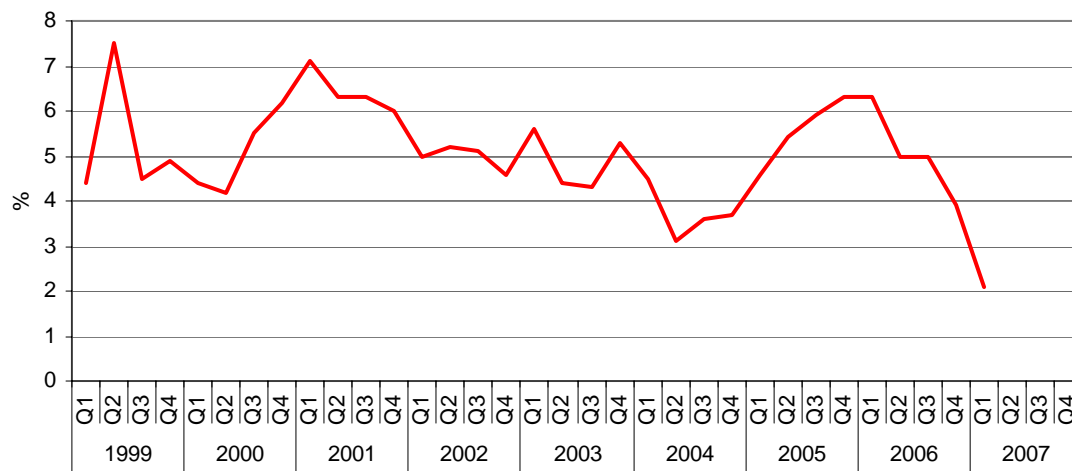
	Gross Disposable Income			Gross Savings			Savings Ratio
	£ million	% Y	% Q	£ million	% Y	% Q	%
1999	608,988	4.5	..	33,136	-20.8	..	5.3
2000	643,415	5.7	..	33,584	1.4	..	5.1
2001	686,312	6.7	..	45,137	34.4	..	6.4
2002	709,048	3.3	..	36,301	-19.6	..	5.0
2003	740,389	4.4	..	37,421	3.1	..	4.9
2004	765,683	3.4	..	29,307	-21.7	..	3.7
2005	807,989	5.5	..	46,745	59.5	..	5.6
2006	836,201	3.5	..	43,840	-6.2	..	5.0
2001 Q1	169,413	7.2	2.8	12,340	71.7	17.5	7.1
2001 Q2	170,291	7.5	0.5	10,924	62.1	-11.5	6.3
2001 Q3	173,056	6.8	1.6	11,146	21.7	2.0	6.3
2001 Q4	173,552	5.3	0.3	10,727	2.2	-3.8	6.0
2002 Q1	175,164	3.4	0.9	9,047	-26.7	-15.7	5.0
2002 Q2	177,166	4.0	1.1	9,379	-14.1	3.7	5.2
2002 Q3	177,826	2.8	0.4	9,381	-15.8	0.0	5.1
2002 Q4	178,892	3.1	0.6	8,494	-20.8	-9.5	4.6
2003 Q1	183,076	4.5	2.3	10,567	16.8	24.4	5.6
2003 Q2	184,564	4.2	0.8	8,313	-11.4	-21.3	4.4
2003 Q3	184,502	3.8	0.0	8,249	-12.1	-0.8	4.3
2003 Q4	188,247	5.2	2.0	10,292	21.2	24.8	5.3
2004 Q1	189,655	3.6	0.7	8,770	-17.0	-14.8	4.5
2004 Q2	190,116	3.0	0.2	6,100	-26.6	-30.4	3.1
2004 Q3	192,615	4.4	1.3	7,097	-14.0	16.3	3.6
2004 Q4	193,297	2.7	0.4	7,340	-28.7	3.4	3.7
2005 Q1	197,435	4.1	2.1	9,501	8.3	29.4	4.6
2005 Q2	200,407	5.4	1.5	11,179	83.3	17.7	5.4
2005 Q3	203,488	5.6	1.5	12,495	76.1	11.8	5.9
2005 Q4	206,659	6.9	1.6	13,570	84.9	8.6	6.3
2006 Q1	206,326	4.5	-0.2	13,614	43.3	0.3	6.3
2006 Q2	207,911	3.7	0.8	10,783	-3.5	-20.8	5.0
2006 Q3	210,687	3.5	1.3	10,974	-12.2	1.8	5.0
2006 Q4	211,277	2.2	0.3	8,469	-37.6	-22.8	3.9
2007 Q1	211,578	2.5	0.1	4,644	-65.9	-45.2	2.1

Source: Household Sector: Use of Disposable Income Account, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

<sup>1</sup> Y represents annual change for yearly data and quarter on same quarter in previous year for quarterly data. Q represents percentage change from previous quarter.

**Chart 4: Household Savings Ratio (%)**



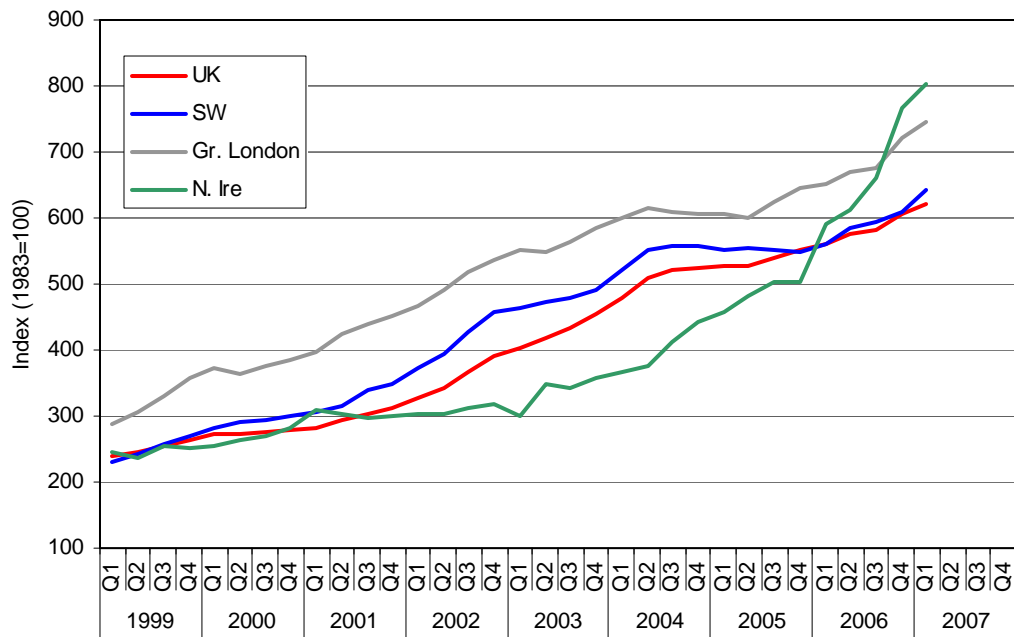
Source: Monthly Digest of Statistics, ONS

**Table 13: Regional Standardised Indices of House Prices<sup>1</sup> (1983=100)**

	SW	% annual change	UK	% annual change	NE	NW	YH	EM	WM	E	L	SE	WAL	SCO	NI
1999	248.8	9.9	250.5	7.2	220.1	231.0	236.5	244.8	254.7	241.1	317.9	271.2	232.3	212.8	248.8
2000	291.0	17.0	275.1	9.8	221.9	242.6	243.9	265.0	282.2	279.7	373.6	318.3	245.0	214.2	264.4
2001	327.8	12.6	298.6	8.5	234.0	255.7	257.5	287.3	301.5	322.6	428.3	354.7	263.8	220.0	296.8
2002	403.4	23.1	350.6	17.4	271.4	292.8	297.7	361.7	363.7	386.0	499.4	413.7	299.8	238.5	307.4
2003	477.7	18.4	429.1	22.4	370.6	366.3	395.6	457.5	460.7	465.0	563.3	483.8	397.2	274.5	340.3
2004	545.4	14.2	507.6	18.3	490.3	472.8	495.0	541.4	540.5	522.3	608.5	528.8	516.3	330.6	397.9
2005	552.6	1.3	536.6	5.7	533.3	523.7	549.3	564.9	565.4	536.0	621.4	537.0	553.7	375.7	486.0
2006	587.5	6.3	581.3	8.3	567.3	565.1	602.4	599.4	602.8	581.1	680.9	571.2	589.7	421.7	644.4
2003 Q1	464.3	24.8	403.8	23.4	331.3	336.0	359.4	436.3	425.4	450.5	551.3	478.2	358.7	252.7	298.7
Q2	471.5	20.1	419.0	21.9	358.3	354.2	384.9	445.7	450.3	456.0	550.0	475.2	378.3	269.1	349.2
Q3	477.4	12.1	434.5	18.7	375.1	374.4	407.6	461.6	470.6	464.6	564.4	486.2	399.3	282.4	342.1
Q4	492.4	7.7	455.3	16.1	413.1	396.5	427.6	481.8	488.0	483.0	584.4	494.2	446.6	291.5	357.0
2004 Q1	520.8	12.2	480.3	18.9	451.6	439.4	461.4	505.8	510.5	496.1	601.3	514.0	484.1	296.2	365.5
Q2	551.1	16.9	508.4	21.3	486.5	472.7	492.8	552.3	541.5	518.8	614.9	533.9	512.2	330.1	376.2
Q3	559.0	17.1	522.0	20.1	514.4	487.5	513.9	559.9	559.0	542.5	610.0	538.0	548.6	344.8	412.3
Q4	558.8	13.5	523.5	15.0	515.9	504.6	523.4	558.6	558.8	541.9	605.5	530.4	525.2	340.9	441.5
2005 Q1	550.5	5.7	526.9	9.7	517.5	505.9	532.3	566.7	560.7	534.5	606.2	536.0	534.3	367.8	456.9
Q2	554.9	0.7	526.8	3.6	511.7	511.1	536.6	562.1	561.2	527.6	599.8	528.8	556.9	367.7	481.4
Q3	550.5	-1.5	538.7	3.2	545.1	532.7	556.0	558.2	565.6	538.4	623.4	533.3	571.6	370.2	502.9
Q4	549.3	-1.7	551.0	5.3	562.3	542.3	569.2	570.6	571.4	538.0	645.9	545.8	556.5	391.0	504.2
2006 Q1	562.0	2.1	561.1	6.5	555.7	553.7	583.7	589.1	588.4	558.8	651.7	548.1	581.2	397.5	591.8
Q2	584.0	5.2	576.4	9.4	563.0	555.9	603.4	597.2	601.4	579.5	668.2	564.8	577.8	420.8	610.7
Q3	593.8	7.9	580.9	7.8	571.7	567.2	598.8	592.2	604.5	582.5	676.7	574.9	585.7	424.9	660.5
Q4	607.7	10.6	605.1	9.8	576.7	585.2	626.2	619.5	613.4	606.7	721.2	592.8	615.4	437.8	765.6
2007 Q1	642.0	14.2	622.4	10.9	587.2	591.7	629.8	621.7	641.4	622.9	746.2	611.6	650.3	479.3	803.0
Q2	639.4	9.5	636.0	10.3	615.0	596.2	645.5	634.6	634.1	640.5	786.4	640.3	631.1	484.9	889.7

Source: Halifax House Price Index

**Chart 5: Halifax House Price Index (1983=100)**



Source: Halifax House Price Index

**Table 14: Consensus Forecasts<sup>1</sup>**

	2007	2008
GDP Growth (%)	2.7	2.3
Inflation rate (Q4: %)		
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)	2.1	2.0
- Headline inflation (all items RPI)	3.7	2.6
Unemployment (Q4, million)	0.91	0.94
Current Account (£ bn)	-44.3	-44.9
PSNB <sup>1</sup> (£ bn)	35.2	33.7

Source: HM Treasury

<sup>1</sup> Average of forecasts received between 1st and 14th June 2007.

<sup>2</sup> PSNB: Public Sector Net Borrowing

## Labour Market

**Table 15: UK Workforce Jobs by Industry ('000s)**

	Total		Agriculture & fishing		Mining, gas & water		Manufacturing		Construction		Distribution, hotels & restaurants		Transport & communication		Banking, finance & insurance		Public admin, education & health		Other services	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2001	29,918	1.1	475	-8.7	219	4.3	4,078	-4.1	1,914	0.9	6,846	1.6	1,840	4.6	5,753	4.2	7,000	1.2	1,794	0.3
2002	30,071	0.5	438	-7.8	211	-3.7	3,883	-4.8	1,942	1.5	6,950	1.5	1,837	-0.2	5,766	0.2	7,165	2.4	1,878	4.7
2003	30,366	1.0	423	-3.4	196	-7.1	3,689	-5.0	1,991	2.5	6,992	0.6	1,854	0.9	5,902	2.4	7,430	3.7	1,889	0.6
2004	30,690	1.1	424	0.2	177	-9.7	3,547	-3.8	2,069	3.9	7,082	1.3	1,836	-1.0	6,011	1.8	7,645	2.9	1,898	0.5
2005	31,042	1.1	450	6.1	167	-5.6	3,366	-5.1	2,120	2.5	7,100	0.3	1,850	0.8	6,240	3.8	7,813	2.2	1,936	2.0
2006	31,409	1.2	440	-2.2	170	1.8	3,287	-2.3	2,177	2.7	7,063	-0.5	1,883	1.8	6,392	2.4	7,990	2.3	2,006	3.6
2004 Q1	30,636	1.3	417	-0.7	183	-8.0	3,563	-5.0	2,051	4.0	7,095	2.0	1,840	-0.6	5,959	1.9	7,610	3.3	1,917	1.6
2004 Q2	30,690	1.1	424	0.2	177	-9.7	3,547	-3.8	2,069	3.9	7,082	1.3	1,836	-1.0	6,011	1.8	7,645	2.9	1,898	0.5
2004 Q3	30,689	0.7	432	-1.8	176	-8.8	3,489	-4.6	2,057	2.0	7,074	0.7	1,829	-1.4	6,057	2.5	7,693	2.9	1,882	-1.6
2004 Q4	30,868	1.0	448	3.2	170	-9.6	3,456	-4.0	2,099	3.6	7,140	1.1	1,829	-1.0	6,076	2.4	7,740	2.4	1,911	-0.5
2005 Q1	31,007	1.2	456	9.4	168	-8.2	3,416	-4.1	2,132	3.9	7,117	0.3	1,839	-0.1	6,170	3.5	7,788	2.3	1,920	0.2
2005 Q2	31,042	1.1	450	6.1	167	-5.6	3,366	-5.1	2,120	2.5	7,100	0.3	1,850	0.8	6,240	3.8	7,813	2.2	1,936	2.0
2005 Q3	31,142	1.5	443	2.5	167	-5.1	3,328	-4.6	2,152	4.6	7,101	0.4	1,859	1.6	6,294	3.9	7,859	2.2	1,939	3.0
2005 Q4	31,277	1.3	454	1.3	166	-2.4	3,314	-4.1	2,147	2.3	7,078	-0.9	1,868	2.1	6,380	5.0	7,906	2.1	1,963	2.7
2006 Q1	31,322	1.0	447	-2.0	164	-2.4	3,293	-3.6	2,153	1.0	7,058	-0.8	1,885	2.5	6,380	3.4	7,963	2.2	1,979	3.1
2006 Q2	31,409	1.2	440	-2.2	170	1.8	3,287	-2.3	2,177	2.7	7,063	-0.5	1,883	1.8	6,392	2.4	7,990	2.3	2,006	3.6
2006 Q3	31,494	1.1	443	0.0	173	3.6	3,283	-1.4	2,211	2.7	7,052	-0.7	1,879	1.1	6,425	2.1	7,997	1.8	2,032	4.8
2006 Q4	31,608	1.1	451	-0.7	176	6.0	3,266	-1.4	2,234	4.1	7,075	0.0	1,882	0.7	6,474	1.5	8,026	1.5	2,025	3.2
2007 Q1	31,587	0.8	429	-4.0	179	9.1	3,250	-1.3	2,229	3.5	7,087	0.4	1,862	-1.2	6,505	2.0	8,026	0.8	2,020	2.1

Source: Labour Market Statistics, ONS

% represents annual change for yearly data and quarter on same quarter in previous year for quarterly data.

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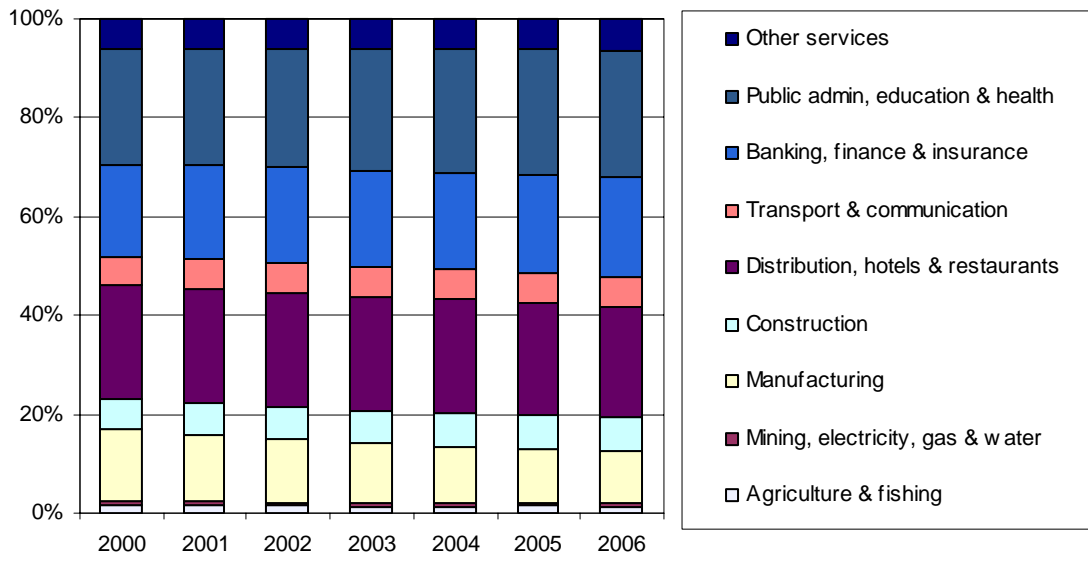
**Table 16: Industry Share of UK workforce Jobs (%)**

	Total (000s)	Agriculture & fishing	Mining, gas & electricity, water	Manufacturing	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & communication	Banking, finance & insurance	Public admin, education & health	Other services
2001	29,918	1.59	0.73	13.63	6.40	22.88	6.15	19.23	23.40	6.00
2002	30,071	1.46	0.70	12.91	6.46	23.11	6.11	19.17	23.83	6.25
2003	30,366	1.39	0.65	12.15	6.56	23.03	6.11	19.44	24.47	6.22
2004	30,690	1.38	0.58	11.56	6.74	23.08	5.98	19.59	24.91	6.18
2005	31,042	1.45	0.54	10.84	6.83	22.87	5.96	20.10	25.17	6.24
2006	31,409	1.40	0.54	10.47	6.93	22.49	6.00	20.35	25.44	6.39
2003 Q1	30,248	1.39	0.66	12.39	6.52	23.00	6.12	19.33	24.36	6.24
2003 Q2	30,366	1.39	0.65	12.15	6.56	23.03	6.11	19.44	24.47	6.22
2003 Q3	30,486	1.44	0.63	12.00	6.62	23.04	6.08	19.39	24.53	6.27
2003 Q4	30,574	1.42	0.61	11.77	6.63	23.10	6.04	19.41	24.73	6.28
2004 Q1	30,636	1.36	0.60	11.63	6.69	23.16	6.01	19.45	24.84	6.26
2004 Q2	30,690	1.38	0.58	11.56	6.74	23.08	5.98	19.59	24.91	6.18
2004 Q3	30,689	1.41	0.57	11.37	6.70	23.05	5.96	19.74	25.07	6.13
2004 Q4	30,868	1.45	0.55	11.20	6.80	23.13	5.93	19.68	25.07	6.19
2005 Q1	31,007	1.47	0.54	11.02	6.88	22.95	5.93	19.90	25.12	6.19
2005 Q2	31,042	1.45	0.54	10.84	6.83	22.87	5.96	20.10	25.17	6.24
2005 Q3	31,142	1.42	0.54	10.69	6.91	22.80	5.97	20.21	25.24	6.23
2005 Q4	31,277	1.45	0.53	10.60	6.86	22.63	5.97	20.40	25.28	6.28
2006 Q1	31,322	1.43	0.52	10.51	6.87	22.53	6.02	20.37	25.42	6.32
2006 Q2	31,409	1.40	0.54	10.47	6.93	22.49	6.00	20.35	25.44	6.39
2006 Q3	31,494	1.41	0.55	10.42	7.02	22.39	5.97	20.40	25.39	6.45
2006 Q4	31,608	1.43	0.56	10.33	7.07	22.38	5.95	20.48	25.39	6.41
2007 Q1	31,587	1.36	0.57	10.29	7.06	22.44	5.89	20.59	25.41	6.40

Source: Labour Market Statistics, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Chart 6: Industry Share of UK Workforce Jobs (%)**



Source: Labour Market Statistics, ONS

**Table 17: Employment Rate (%)**

	UK	NE	NW	YH	EM	WM	E	L	SE	SW	ENG	WAL	SCO	NI
2001 Q1	74.6	68.1	72.5	73.5	75.7	73.9	79.8	71.4	80.0	<b>78.7</b>	75.2	69.1	73.8	74.6
2001 Q2	74.5	68.4	73.0	73.1	75.5	73.7	79.2	71.6	80.1	<b>79.0</b>	75.2	68.1	73.5	74.5
2001 Q3	74.4	68.3	71.6	73.4	76.1	73.9	78.8	71.3	80.1	<b>78.8</b>	75.0	68.2	73.1	74.4
2001 Q4	74.4	68.3	72.0	73.3	76.2	74.3	79.2	70.8	80.0	<b>79.0</b>	75.1	68.3	73.0	74.4
2002 Q1	74.3	68.7	72.1	73.3	76.0	74.2	79.3	70.7	80.1	<b>78.5</b>	75.0	68.2	72.9	74.3
2002 Q2	74.5	68.6	72.2	73.1	76.6	74.4	79.1	70.9	79.9	<b>79.2</b>	75.2	69.2	73.4	74.5
2002 Q3	74.4	68.7	72.0	73.2	76.9	74.1	78.9	70.4	79.4	<b>79.1</b>	74.9	70.2	73.7	74.4
2002 Q4	74.7	67.5	73.5	73.6	76.3	74.5	78.3	70.8	79.5	<b>79.0</b>	75.1	71.6	74.4	74.7
2003 Q1	74.6	67.8	73.3	73.9	76.3	74.1	77.8	69.9	79.5	<b>78.5</b>	74.8	71.9	74.4	74.6
2003 Q2	74.8	68.3	73.6	74.2	76.2	73.8	78.6	70.0	79.2	<b>78.9</b>	75.0	73.0	74.8	74.8
2003 Q3	74.6	68.5	73.5	74.3	75.6	73.3	78.4	70.4	79.1	<b>78.7</b>	74.9	72.9	74.2	74.6
2003 Q4	74.6	69.5	73.4	74.1	76.1	73.4	79.7	69.8	78.9	<b>79.1</b>	75.1	72.1	73.9	74.6
2004 Q1	74.8	69.8	73.9	74.2	76.4	73.9	79.6	70.2	78.6	<b>79.3</b>	75.2	72.6	74.4	74.8
2004 Q2	74.7	69.8	73.8	74.1	76.3	73.9	79.0	70.1	78.7	<b>78.1</b>	75.0	72.6	74.7	74.7
2004 Q3	74.7	70.1	73.5	74.3	75.6	75.1	78.9	69.4	79.0	<b>78.7</b>	75.1	71.3	75.0	74.7
2004 Q4	74.9	69.8	74.1	74.5	76.1	74.9	78.8	69.3	79.1	<b>78.7</b>	75.2	72.3	75.1	74.9
2005 Q1	74.9	70.3	73.3	74.5	76.4	74.7	78.8	69.8	78.9	<b>78.8</b>	75.1	71.7	75.3	74.9
2005 Q2	74.7	70.2	73.3	74.3	76.5	74.4	78.7	69.3	79.0	<b>78.8</b>	75.0	71.4	75.0	74.7
2005 Q3	74.8	69.7	73.5	74.7	77.2	74.0	78.5	69.5	78.9	<b>78.3</b>	75.0	72.3	75.2	74.8
2005 Q4	74.5	70.1	72.9	74.4	77.2	73.4	77.5	69.3	78.8	<b>77.8</b>	74.6	71.8	75.4	74.5
2006 Q1	74.6	70.9	73.4	74.2	77.0	73.8	77.4	69.9	78.8	<b>78.1</b>	74.9	71.5	75.3	74.6
2006 Q2	74.6	71.7	73.3	74.1	76.9	73.8	76.9	69.5	79.0	<b>78.4</b>	74.8	71.5	74.8	74.6
2006 Q3	74.5	70.9	73.5	73.5	77.1	73.9	77.0	69.5	78.9	<b>77.8</b>	74.7	72.1	75.2	74.5
2006 Q4	74.5	71.2	73.0	73.8	76.5	73.2	77.1	69.7	78.7	<b>78.4</b>	74.6	71.8	76.1	74.5
2007 Q1	74.3	70.9	72.5	72.7	76.0	72.7	77.4	69.9	78.2	<b>78.0</b>	74.3	71.7	76.6	74.3

Source: Labour Force Statistics, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 18: Unemployment Rate (%)**

	UK	NE	NW	YH	EM	WM	E	L	SE	SW	ENG	WAL	SCO	NI
2001 Q1	5.1	7.6	5.2	5.4	4.7	5.6	3.5	6.5	3.4	<b>3.9</b>	4.9	6.0	5.9	5.1
2001 Q2	5.0	7.4	5.3	5.5	5.0	5.5	3.6	6.2	3.2	<b>3.6</b>	4.8	6.1	6.3	5.0
2001 Q3	5.1	7.1	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.4	4.0	6.6	3.4	<b>3.6</b>	4.9	5.5	6.6	5.1
2001 Q4	5.2	7.2	5.4	5.1	4.5	5.5	3.9	7.4	3.4	<b>3.6</b>	5.0	5.8	6.7	5.2
2002 Q1	5.2	7.3	5.4	5.1	4.7	5.6	3.7	6.9	3.6	<b>3.5</b>	5.0	5.7	6.6	5.2
2002 Q2	5.2	6.5	5.5	5.3	4.6	5.7	3.7	6.8	3.8	<b>3.7</b>	5.0	5.7	6.3	5.2
2002 Q3	5.3	6.2	5.5	5.6	4.7	5.9	3.9	7.1	4.0	<b>4.0</b>	5.2	5.2	6.4	5.3
2002 Q4	5.1	7.3	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.7	4.0	6.6	4.0	<b>4.0</b>	5.0	5.1	6.1	5.1
2003 Q1	5.1	6.7	4.9	5.3	4.0	6.0	4.6	7.0	3.9	<b>3.8</b>	5.1	4.9	5.9	5.1
2003 Q2	4.9	6.1	5.0	5.1	4.3	5.6	3.9	7.2	3.9	<b>3.4</b>	4.9	4.5	5.3	4.9
2003 Q3	5.1	6.6	5.0	4.9	4.6	5.9	4.0	7.2	3.9	<b>3.3</b>	5.0	4.7	5.9	5.1
2003 Q4	4.9	6.3	4.7	4.9	4.5	5.7	3.4	7.0	3.8	<b>3.0</b>	4.8	4.8	5.8	4.9
2004 Q1	4.8	5.6	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.5	3.4	7.0	3.8	<b>3.0</b>	4.7	4.6	5.8	4.8
2004 Q2	4.8	5.5	4.4	4.6	4.2	5.5	3.8	7.0	3.7	<b>3.7</b>	4.7	4.2	6.0	4.8
2004 Q3	4.7	5.9	4.5	4.6	4.1	5.0	3.6	7.2	3.6	<b>3.3</b>	4.6	4.9	5.3	4.7
2004 Q4	4.7	6.4	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.7	3.8	7.2	3.5	<b>3.3</b>	4.6	4.2	5.7	4.7
2005 Q1	4.7	5.8	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.7	3.8	6.7	3.7	<b>3.6</b>	4.6	4.6	5.5	4.7
2005 Q2	4.8	6.8	4.4	4.8	4.2	4.7	3.9	7.2	3.8	<b>3.2</b>	4.7	4.6	5.4	4.8
2005 Q3	4.8	6.7	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.1	6.7	4.0	<b>3.7</b>	4.8	4.6	5.5	4.8
2005 Q4	5.1	6.5	4.9	5.4	4.6	5.3	4.5	7.4	4.2	<b>3.9</b>	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.1
2006 Q1	5.2	6.6	4.9	5.4	5.0	5.2	4.8	7.7	4.5	<b>3.6</b>	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.2
2006 Q2	5.5	6.1	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.7	5.0	7.9	4.7	<b>3.7</b>	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.5
2006 Q3	5.6	6.9	5.6	6.0	5.3	6.1	5.0	8.0	4.5	<b>3.9</b>	5.7	5.4	5.0	5.6
2006 Q4	5.5	6.5	5.3	6.0	5.8	6.5	4.5	7.9	4.3	<b>3.8</b>	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.5
2007 Q1	5.5	6.8	5.7	6.2	5.5	6.4	4.7	7.3	4.6	<b>3.9</b>	5.7	5.5	4.9	5.5

Source: Labour Market Statistics, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 19: UK Monthly Claimant Count Rate (%), 1999-2006**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
January	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.9
February	4.3	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.8
March	4.3	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.8
April	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.8
May	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7
June	4.2	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.0	
July	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	3.0	
August	4.0	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.9	
September	4.0	3.4	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.7	3.0	
October	4.0	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.8	3.0	
November	3.9	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.9	
December	3.8	3.4	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.9	

*Source: Labour Market Statistics, ONS*

*Data are seasonally adjusted*

**Table 20: Monthly Claimant Count by Region (%)**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
UK	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9
NE	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
NW	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
YH	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
EM	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7
WM	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7
E	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
L	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
SE	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
<b>SW</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>
ENG	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8
WAL	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2
SCO	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
NI	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
<b>2006</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
UK	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9
NE	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
NW	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
YH	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
EM	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8
WM	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
E	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
L	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
SE	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
<b>SW</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>
ENG	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
WAL	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
SCO	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
NI	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1
<b>2007</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
UK	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7							
NE	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.0							
NW	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2							
YH	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1							
EM	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7							
WM	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7							
E	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2							
L	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1							
SE	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6							
<b>SW</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>							
ENG	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7							
WAL	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8							
SCO	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8							
NI	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9							

Source: Labour Market Statistics, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted

**Table 21: Annual Claimant Count Rate by Region (%)**

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
UK	5.3	4.5	4.1	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9
NE	7.9	7.0	6.9	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.1
NW	5.7	5.0	4.6	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.3
YH	6.0	5.4	5.0	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.3	2.8	2.9	3.3
EM	5.2	4.5	4.4	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.9
WM	7.9	7.0	6.9	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.9	4.1
E	4.0	3.2	2.9	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3
L	6.2	5.1	4.4	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4
SE	3.3	2.6	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.8
<b>SW</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>
ENG	5.1	4.3	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.9
WAL	6.1	5.4	5.0	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.1
SCO	5.9	5.3	5.0	4.5	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.2
NI	8.0	7.3	6.3	5.3	4.9	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.2

Source: Labour Market Statistics, ONS

Data are seasonally adjusted.

**Table 22: Average Earnings Index<sup>1</sup> (2000=100)**

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Index	% Change <sup>2</sup>	Index	% Change <sup>2</sup>	Index	% Change <sup>2</sup>	Index	% Change <sup>2</sup>	Index	% Change <sup>2</sup>
Jan	109.5	3.1	116.3	6.2	120.9	4.0	124.3	2.8	130.0	4.6
Feb	109.7	2.7	113.6	3.6	119.8	5.4	125.1	4.4	131.7	5.2
Mar	110.7	4.2	115.4	4.3	120.0	4.0	125.4	4.5	129.9	3.5
Apr	110.7	2.5	115.7	4.5	120.6	4.2	125.4	4.0	129.5	3.3
May	111.3	3.1	115.9	4.1	120.6	4.1	125.9	4.4		
Jun	111.6	3.2	116.2	4.1	120.6	3.8	126.6	4.9		
Jul	112.5	3.7	116.4	3.4	121.7	4.6	126.5	3.9		
Aug	112.5	3.5	117.3	4.2	122.1	4.1	126.8	3.8		
Sep	113.2	3.9	117.8	4.0	122.3	3.8	127.3	4.1		
Oct	113.5	3.9	118.6	4.5	122.5	3.2	127.6	4.2		
Nov	113.8	3.3	119.0	4.6	123.3	3.6	128.2	4.0		
Dec	114.2	4.4	119.0	4.2	124.2	4.3	129.0	3.9		

Source: Monthly Digest of Statistic, ONS

<sup>1</sup> All employees; data are seasonally adjusted

<sup>2</sup> % change, year on year

**Table: 23 Average Gross Weekly Earnings of Full-Time Employees (£)**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All industries	449.8	472.2	487.1	506.1	516.5	537.4
Agriculture, hunting & forestry	302.6	336.1	340.5	362.5	364.7	386.6
Fishing	397.7	350.7	392.7	419.0	440.6	466.8
Mining & quarrying	581.1	591.7	657.0	633.5	657.9	782.0
Manufacturing	439.9	455.6	476.5	493.1	508.0	528.4
Electricity, gas & water supply	532.1	543.0	561.5	591.9	612.2	632.7
Construction	445.6	466.4	489.8	509.4	524.6	548.0
Wholesale & retail trade	386.8	403.6	414.6	433.3	425.2	447.4
Hotels & restaurants	283.1	295.9	311.3	323.8	323.5	333.4
Transport, storage & communication	443.0	462.3	476.3	504.3	508.0	527.6
Financial intermediation	628.8	671.0	660.6	696.3	701.3	720.2
Real estate, renting & bus.activities	533.1	564.4	568.5	590.6	589.3	616.6
Public admin & defence	437.9	456.7	469.9	496.6	525.0	544.3
Education	438.8	459.6	481.6	493.6	518.6	533.7
Health & social work	407.7	427.7	446.8	474.9	503.2	516.7
Other services	424.0	468.4	486.8	515.4	503.8	527.1

Source: ONS

Data are not seasonally adjusted

**Table 24: Annual Growth in Average Gross Weekly Earnings (%)**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All industries	3.9	4.2	5.8	5.0	3.2	3.9	2.1	4.0
Agriculture, hunting & forestry	4.5	0.1	4.6	11.1	1.3	6.5	0.6	6.0
Fishing	-2.0	2.8	6.3	-11.8	12.0	6.7	5.2	5.9
Mining & quarrying	-2.6	6.8	8.0	1.8	11.0	-3.6	3.9	18.9
Manufacturing	2.6	3.6	5.4	3.6	4.6	3.5	3.0	4.0
Electricity, gas & water supply	5.5	4.2	2.2	2.0	3.4	5.4	3.4	3.3
Construction	5.3	6.1	5.9	4.7	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.5
Wholesale & retail trade	3.9	3.2	5.1	4.3	2.7	4.5	-1.9	5.2
Hotels & restaurants	4.4	3.9	3.6	4.5	5.2	4.0	-0.1	3.1
Transport, storage & communication	4.3	3.3	3.1	4.4	3.0	5.9	0.7	3.9
Financial intermediation	4.2	5.2	7.0	6.7	-1.5	5.4	0.7	2.7
Real estate, renting & business activities	3.8	5.1	8.9	5.9	0.7	3.9	-0.2	4.6
Public admin & defence	3.8	2.8	4.5	4.3	2.9	5.7	5.7	3.7
Education	3.9	3.0	4.6	4.7	4.8	2.5	5.1	2.9
Health & social work	5.6	5.5	7.0	4.9	4.5	6.3	6.0	2.7
Other services	5.4	5.0	4.0	10.5	3.9	5.9	-2.3	4.6

Source: ONS

Data are not seasonally adjusted

**Table 25: Average Weekly Earnings, Full-Time Employees (£)**

	All industries	Agriculture, hunting & forestry	Fishing	Mining & quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas & water supply	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade	Hotels & restaurants	Transport, storage & communication	Financial intermediation	Real estate, renting & business activities	Public admin & defence	Education	Health & social work	Other services
<b>Men</b>																
1998	438.3	288.7	378.7	539.3	423.1	504.6	387.2	386.2	286.0	419.8	684.2	506.1	436.3	431.7	448.0	415.8
1999	453.5	300.9	366.0	523.6	431.7	536.1	404.8	402.9	294.9	436.2	713.2	523.0	452.3	449.2	471.9	431.3
2000	471.8	299.7	375.7	559.1	445.6	552.8	429.8	413.5	307.5	451.1	745.5	549.4	463.7	460.4	495.6	463.9
2001	498.6	312.4	..	601.4	469.5	568.9	456.4	431.7	320.8	463.9	794.1	601.0	488.4	480.8	532.8	482.4
2002	523.4	350.5	353.4	608.8	482.9	584.7	478.5	453.7	332.9	480.4	855.9	635.3	506.0	504.3	549.9	536.3
2003	539.3	356.2	391.4	671.2	503.2	595.7	503.8	464.4	351.9	493.5	832.1	636.7	522.5	528.8	581.1	562.2
2004	557.4	375.4	433.2	653.7	519.4	626.1	521.5	483.2	352.5	522.0	869.2	652.5	547.9	539.3	614.8	593.1
2005	568.1	381.9	445.7	675.4	533.8	647.3	537.6	469.5	357.2	527.7	872.4	654.9	583.6	568.4	669.5	563.6
2006	591.6	402.2	450.4	804.2	554.9	669.1	563.3	493.6	365.3	545.0	881.9	685.5	599.4	586.7	693.0	585.4
<b>Women</b>																
1998	315.2	214.8	333.6	362.8	283.7	368.9	281.8	261.1	213.3	325.1	374.8	346.5	326.7	363.1	303.2	301.5
1999	331.2	231.9	..	378.1	299.3	373.6	311.0	270.6	225.7	346.3	391.0	365.3	337.7	377.1	320.0	327.7
2000	344.9	242.0	..	376.4	312.1	395.4	324.5	280.2	231.7	355.3	406.6	381.6	349.0	389.6	337.2	328.4
2001	367.1	253.5	..	437.6	332.2	410.9	343.9	297.2	238.5	372.9	440.5	414.6	357.7	407.1	359.9	343.1
2002	386.8	272.3	..	478.6	350.8	405.1	356.9	310.1	249.8	402.9	463.7	436.3	377.6	425.7	380.1	375.7
2003	400.7	270.8	..	566.5	372.8	426.0	370.8	321.6	262.2	410.0	463.7	446.4	390.9	445.9	394.0	379.1
2004	422.1	297.5	..	511.0	388.1	453.0	403.8	339.3	287.2	439.0	492.5	474.5	418.9	460.2	417.9	405.7
2005	435.7	287.6	..	552.5	404.3	490.2	411.5	343.2	282.4	432.8	500.0	472.8	440.2	484.0	440.3	417.9
2006	453.6	321.7	..	668.8	422.6	505.9	416.8	363.1	293.8	464.4	526.3	492.7	463.4	498.3	451.1	441.3

Source: ONS

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