

Economy

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Economic and financial trends¹

	Annual averages						
	1952-1961	1962-1971	1972-1981	1982-1991	1998	1999	2000
National Income							
Average gross domestic product (current price, £ million)	21,229	40,549	144,786	418,574	859,805	901,269	944,724
Gross domestic product annual average growth at constant prices (percentage)	2.9	3.0	1.4	2.8	3.0	2.1	3.0
Balance of payments current account balance (£ million)	148	212	-158	-8,910	-19,091	-17,005	
Wealth as a percentage of GDP							
Household net financial assets/liabilities	--	--	--	238.3	271.4	243.9	
Corporate net financial assets/liabilities	--	--	--	-165.5	-196.5	-172.5	
Government net financial assets/liabilities	--	--	--	-41.8	-36.5	-33.8	
International investment position	--	--	--	-15.7	-14.8	-8.0	
Output - Annual average growth rates at constant prices (percentage)							
Index of manufacturing	3.7	3.1	-1.2	2.3	0.8	0.3	1.9
Services	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.9	4.5	3.0	3.8
Construction	3.9	2.4	-2.4	3.9	1.2	0.7	1.8
Demand - Annual average growth rates at constant prices (percentage)							
Households	3.1	2.4	1.4	3.5	3.7	4.3	4.1
Gross fixed capital formation	6.7	4.8	-0.7	4.2	13.2	0.9	4.9
Final consumption expenditure of general government	0.2	2.1	1.8	1.2	1.5	2.8	1.9
Trade in goods and services - total exports	3.7	5.8	4.0	3.9	3.0	5.4	10.3
Trade in goods and services - total imports	4.7	5.1	2.0	5.4	9.6	8.9	10.9
Income							
Compensation of employees (£ million)	12,517	24,071	87,150	234,701	464,258	494,186	521,968
Private non-financial corporations - gross operating surplus (£ million)	--	6,233	20,805	77,524	174,261	178,260	188,644
Bonds issued by UK monetary financial institutions (£ million)	--	905	3,787	8,360	18,436	14,701	16,481
Prices							
(percentage change)							
Retail prices index	2.9	4.7	14.7	5.7	3.4	1.5	3.0
Retail prices index excluding mortgage interest payments	--	--	--	5.3	2.6	2.3	2.1
Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices	--	--	--	--	1.6	1.3	0.8
Producer price index - materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry	--	--	--	0.4	-9.1	1.6	11.5
Producer price index - output of manufactured industries	--	--	--	4.8	0.6	1.2	2.6
Oil price (Brent Crude \$ per barrel)	--	--	--	18	23	13	28
Monetary measures²							
Bank of England base rate ³	4.8	6.0	11.3	11.5	7.2	5.3	6.0
Long term interest rate ⁴	--	--	--	6.1	4.4	4.5	4.3
Money stock M0 - percentage change	--	--	--	10.6	5.0	6.1	7.3
Money stock M3 - percentage change	--	--	--	15.2	14.0	9.8	5.6
Bank and building society lending growth	--	--	--	16.7	17.2	6.9	8.6
Consumer credit growth	--	--	--	15.1	13.0	13.0	14.1

¹ Cash figures for 1961-1991 are derived from averages over the decade, growths are derived as annual compound rates. ² Growth rates derived from constant price figures. ³ Monetary measures derived from averages over the decade, growths are derived as annual compound rates. ⁴ Average Bank of England base rate over the period. ⁵ Average yield on 20 year zero coupon over the period.

Internal purchasing power of the pound¹

(Pence)	1914	1951	1971	1991	2000
1914	100	349	721	4,785	6,052
1951	29	100	207	1,361	1,726
1971	14	48	100	658	840
1991	2	7	15	100	128
2000	2	6	12	78	100

¹ The table illustrates the erosion of the purchasing power of £1 over time, for example the value of £1 in 1914 has shrunk in value so that it is only worth the equivalent of 2 pence in 2000.

Earnings and prices

	1951	1961	1971	1981	1991	2000
Average gross weekly earnings of full time employees (£ per week) ¹	--	--	28.7	124.9	284.7	419.7
Average earnings index whole economy (1955=100)	--	--	35.2	81.8	123.8	170.3
Retail prices index (Jan 1987=100)	9.1	12.9	20.3	74.8	133.5	170.3

¹ Great Britain only. At April each year.

Cost of groceries

(Pence)	1950	1971	1991	2001
500g streaky bacon	11	25	144	--
500g beef (stew without bone)	12	58	296	321
250g cheddar cheese	3	14	86	128
500g margarine	5	7	45	80
250g butter (home produced)	6	15	62	79
Half dozen eggs (size 2)	11	11	59	86
125g loose tea	5	9	59	83
1 kg granulated sugar	5	19	66	57
800g white sliced bread	2	10	53	51
1 kg old potatoes	1	4	35	89
1 pint pasteurised milk	2	6	32	37

¹ Prices and weights are given to the nearest decimal equivalent.

Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry

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Agricultural output, land use and livestock

	1951	1971	1991	2000
Value of output (£ million)				
Total output, of which:	1,069	2,517	15,767	15,324
Farm crops (including potatoes)	201	466	4,072	3,817
Horticulture	113	291	1,798	1,945
Livestock	318	965	5,405	5,268
Livestock products	437	795	3,251	2,794
Capital formation in livestock	--	--	520	386
Agricultural land (thousand hectares)				
Land on agricultural holdings, ¹ of which:	19,505	19,586	18,487	18,304
Total crops	4,783	4,838	4,956	4,665
Crops, of which:				
Wheat	862	1,097	1,981	2,086
Barley	772	2,289	1,393	1,138
Potatoes	425	256	177	166
Grass	5,313	4,926	6,848	6,590
Set aside	--	--	--	567
Sole right rough grazing and other land including woodland ²	--	5,835	5,386	5,783
Livestock (thousands)				
Cattle and calves, of which:	10,620	14,717	12,101	11,133
Dairy	--	3,242	2,896	2,336
Beef	--	1,099	1,205	1,842
Rops	2,986	7,532	7,606	6,482
Sheep and lambs	20,430	28,270	43,588	42,261
Labour Force (thousands)	918	375	611	557

¹ 2000 and 1991 figures include estimates for minor holdings in counties where the category exists 1971 and 1951 figures exclude 'substantially significant' holdings including common rough grazing. ² Other land (including woodland) not available for 1951. ³ Excludes common rough grazing.

Commerce, Energy and Industry

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Energy

(Million tonnes oil equivalent)	1971	1981	1991	1996	1999	2000
Indigenous fuel production						
Crude oil (including condensate and petroleum gases)	--	97	100	142	150	138
Natural gas ¹	17	35	51	84	99	108
Coal	94	78	58	31	23	20
Inland energy consumption for energy use						
Total, of which:	207	198	220	230	230	232
Coal and other solid fuels	88	73	67	46	37	38
Petroleum	94	70	77	78	76	75
Natural gas ²	18	45	55	81	91	95
Nuclear electricity	7	10	17	22	22	20
Other primary electricity	--	--	2	2	2	2
Renewables and waste	--	1	2	2	2	2
Final energy consumption³						
Coal and other solid fuels	37	18	13	6	5	4
Petroleum	70	58	64	66	66	66
Natural gas ²	18	42	50	57	58	60
Electricity	17	19	24	46	38	28

¹ Includes colliery methane. ² Includes non-energy use of natural gas and town gas up to 1988. ³ Total inland energy consumption for energy use net of fuel industry own use and conversion, transmission and distribution losses.

Output of selected industries

(1995=100)	1951	1971	1991	1995	2000
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	40.6	66.3	107.1	100.0	99.9
Construction	45.1	81.9	101.6	100.0	109.7
Services industries	34.9	56.5	89.4	100.0	120.3
Production, of which:					
Electric, gas, water supply	40.1	68.8	91.0	100.0	106.0
Extraction of oil and gas	0	0	63.8	100.0	110.7
Manufacturing, of which:					
Chemical	15.2	49.8	85.8	100.0	111.8
Engineering and allied industries	53.5	83.7	90.7	100.0	120.1
Food, drink and tobacco	47.3	78.4	97.2	100.0	99.6
Textiles and textile products	29.7	134.7	101.0	100.0	78.2
Leather and leather products	144.0	170.2	98.4	100.0	79.1
Print, paper, printing and publishing	42.5	70.5	91.9	100.0	99.0

¹ Data prior to 1986 are on SIC 300 basis, from 1986 onwards data are on SIC 302.

Labour Market

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Employment and unemployment

	1986	1991	1996	2001
Men				
Employment ¹ (millions)	14.2	14.9	14.5	15.5
Working age employment rate (percentage)	77.4	79.6	76.4	79.3
Unemployment ² (millions)	1.9	1.5	1.5	0.9
ILO unemployment rate ³ (percentage)	11.6	9.2	9.6	5.3
Women				
Employment ¹ (millions)	10.4	11.5	11.8	12.6
Working age employment rate (percentage)	60.6	65.8	66.5	69.3
Unemployment ² (millions)	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.5
ILO unemployment rate ³ (percentage)	10.6	7.2	6.3	4.2
All persons				
Employment (millions)	24.5	26.4	26.3	28.1
Working age employment rate (percentage)	69.4	73.0	71.6	74.6
Unemployment ² (millions)	3.1	2.4	2.3	1.4
ILO unemployment rate ³ (percentage)	11.2	8.4	8.2	4.8
Workless households of working age⁴	--	--	3.4	3.1
Average usual hours worked per person per week⁵	38.8	38.7	38.1	37.8
Working days lost through disputes (millions)	8.0	1.4	6.0	0.5

¹ Labour Force Survey data, Spring quarters, not seasonally adjusted. ² People without a job who were available to start work in the two weeks following their interview and had either looked for work in the four weeks prior to their interview or were waiting to start a job they had already obtained. ³ Unemployed as a percentage of those either employed or ILO unemployed. ⁴ A workless household is a household that includes at least one person of working age where no one is in employment. ⁵ Excludes common rough grazing.

Regional employment and unemployment

	Employment rate ¹ (percentage)		Unemployment rate ² (percentage)	
	1996	2001	1996	2001
United Kingdom	71.6	74.6	8.3	4.9
North East	66.0	68.4	11.0	7.5
North West	69.4	72.9	8.5	5.1
Yorkshire and the Humber	71.4	73.2	8.2	5.0
East Midlands	74.3	75.5	7.6	5.0
West Midlands	71.0	74.1	9.5	5.1
East	76.0	79.7	6.2	3.6
London	68.0	71.1	11.5	6.0
South East	77.3	80.3	6.2	3.0
South West	74.9	78.9	6.5	3.5
England	72.3	75.3	8.2	4.7
Wales	67.7	68.1	8.5	5.9
Scotland	69.9	73.4	8.8	5.9
Northern Ireland	64.4	67.1	9.8	6.3

¹ Labour Force Survey data for people of working-age (men aged 16-64, women aged 16-59), Spring quarters, not seasonally adjusted.

Economic activity rates¹

Spring 2001 (percentage)	Males	Females	All
United Kingdom	83.8	72.4	78.4
North East	79.3	67.9	73.9
North West	81.4	71.7	76.8
Yorkshire and the Humber	81.5	72.1	77.1
East Midlands	84.9	73.5	79.5
West Midlands	84.0	71.5	78.1
East	88.2	76.7	82.7
London	82.6	68.0	75.6
South East	88.3	76.8	82.8
South West	86.0	77.0	81.7
England	84.4	73.0	79.0
Wales	77.5	66.7	72.4
Scotland	82.6	73.0	78.0
Northern Ireland	79.8	62.9	71.6

¹ Labour Force Survey data for people of working-age (men aged 16-64, women aged 16-59), not seasonally adjusted.

Average gross weekly earnings

(Full time employees) (£)	April 2000		
	Males	Females	All
United Kingdom	462	343	418
North East	402	307	368
North West	433	314	389
Yorkshire and the Humber	411	310	375
East Midlands	411	302	374
West Midlands	427	313	387
East	460	335	416
London	633	455	562
South East	494	357	443
South West	419	311	381
England	471	348	426
Wales	401	313	368
Scotland	427	31	

Social and Welfare

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Selected social benefits/tax credits expenditure¹

	1981-82	1986-87	1991-92	1996-97	1998-99	2000-01
Total government benefit expenditure (£ million, of which:	27,698	44,913	66,395	92,212	95,558	99,200
Child benefit	3,448	4,661	5,438	6,941	7,295	8,283
Income support	3,245	7,960	11,646	16,276	14,874	15,402
Jobseeker's allowance	1,702	1,734	1,604	920	474	459
Working families tax credit	66	161	626	2,084	2,429	2,133
Housing benefit	-	5,050	6,494	11,380	11,068	11,177
Council tax benefits	-	1,398	2,211	2,452	2,517	2,589
Incapacity benefit	2,050	2,853	5,759	7,662	7,251	6,792
Disability living allowance	-	514	1,062	4,498	5,316	5,660
Attendance allowance	-	779	1,706	2,293	2,680	2,823
Invalid care allowance	6	104	285	736	782	835
Winter fuel payments	-	-	-	-	908	1,681
Retirement pension ²	12,165	17,816	25,579	32,024	35,591	37,799
Recipients (thousands)³						
Child benefit	7,352	6,979	6,805	7,024	6,976	6,989
Income support	3,873	5,158	5,683	5,549	3,853	3,814
Jobseeker's allowance	1,206	956	570	398	1,181	1,106
Working families tax credit	143	218	347	693	767	791
Housing benefit	-	3,450	4,117	4,733	4,414	4,198
Council tax benefits	-	6,366	5,563	5,257	5,022	4,731
Incapacity benefit	1,156	1,141	1,416	1,813	1,671	1,557
Disability living allowance	-	416	659	1,729	1,996	2,061
Attendance allowance	-	608	957	1,121	1,236	1,244
Invalid care allowance	7	31	159	340	373	374
Winter fuel payments	-	-	-	-	10,112	11,123
Retirement pension ²	9,232	9,783	10,172	10,450	10,757	10,867

¹ Great Britain only. There have been a number of changes in social security benefits/credits over the last twenty years. Therefore some data relate to equivalent benefits which have been replaced by those shown here. Further information can be obtained from the Department for Work and Pensions. ² Includes recipients of UK retirement pension now living overseas. ³ Data are for calendar years.

Leisure and cultural activities

Households with (percentages)	1981	1991	1996-97	2000-01	Attendance at: (percentages) ²	1987-88	1993-94	1999-00	2000-01
Telephone	76	88	93	93	Cinema	34	50	56	55
Video	-	65	82	87	Plays	24	24	23	23
Compact disc player	-	59	77	77	Art galleries/exhibitions	21	22	22	21
Car	66	68	69	72	Classical music	12	12	12	12
Mobile phone	-	16	47	47	Ballet	6	7	6	6
Home computer	-	18	27	44	Opera	5	7	6	6
Satellite receiver	-	-	19	40	Contemporary dance	4	3	4	4
Internet connection	-	-	-	22					
Cinema attendance	1951	1971	1991	2000	¹ Great Britain only. ² Percentage of resident population aged 15 and over attending 'these days'. Data provided by the Target Group Index, BMRB International and Cinema Advertising Association.				
Total number of admissions (millions) ³	1,365	176	89	137					

Parliamentary general elections

	3 May 1979	9 June 1983	11 June 1987	9 April 1992	1 May 1997	7 June 2001
Turnout (percentages)	76.1	72.7	75.3	76.3	71.4	59.4
Votes recorded by party (percentages)						
Labour	36.9	27.6	30.8	35.2	42.2	40.7
Conservative	43.9	42.4	42.3	41.8	30.0	31.7
Liberal Democrats	13.8	13.7	12.8	17.0	16.4	18.3
Social Democratic Party	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Ireland Parties	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.8
Green Party	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.9	1.9	1.8
Natural Law Party	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7
UK Independence Party	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.6
Natural Law Party	-	-	-	0.2	0.1	0.0
Referendum Party	1.1	0.5	0.2	1.1	2.5	1.9
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
All votes recorded (=100%)(millions)	31.2	30.7	32.5	33.3	32.0	26.4

¹ The number of votes cast as a percentage of the number of people on the electoral registers in force at the time of the elections.

Health and Care

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National health service

	1977-78	1986-87	1996-97	1998-99	2000-01
Public expenditure (£ million at constant price)	7,044	19,863	43,922	48,771	54,680
Number of doctors in practice ¹ (thousands)	24.9	29.3	32.2	32.8	33.2
Average number of patients per doctor	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8
Number of General Dental Services dentists in practice ² (thousands)	11.8	14.5	16.3	17.2	18.0
Average number of persons per dentist	4.0	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.8
Prescriptions dispensed (millions) ³	309	350	487	534	561
Finished consultant episodes⁴ (thousands)	1976	1986	1996	1999	2000
Ordinary admissions	5,853	7,132	8,369	8,588	-
Day care admissions	481	1,050	2,907	3,580	-
Accident and emergency services (thousands)	1981	1986	1996-97	1999-00	2000-01
New attendances	11,321	12,663	15,191	16,035	-
Total attendances	15,957	16,606	17,308	17,938	-
Out-patient services (thousands)	1981	1986	1996-97	1999-00	2000-01
New attendances	8,619	9,495	12,431	14,578	-
Total attendances	36,160	38,822	43,602	52,031	-
Day care finished consultant episodes (thousands)	817	1,204	3,585	4,059	-
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¹ Unweighted principal and PMS contracted GPs and PMS salaried GPs. ² Great Britain only. ³ Includes principal, assistants and locational practitioners. ⁴ Dignified only. ⁵ Dispensed by community pharmacists, appliance contractors and dispensing doctors.

Care

	1986-87	1996-97	1999-00	2000-01
Personal social services (thousands)	66	51	58	58
Children looked after	254	244	244	240
Places for older people and younger physically handicapped	9	34	38	38
Places for mentally ill people	27	41	44	44
Places for people with a learning disability	-	-	-	-
Day care places for children¹ (thousands)	62	206	262	281
Day nurseries	161	402	369	353
Childminders	444	429	389	394
Playgroups	-	-	119	153
Out of school clubs	-	-	-	-

¹ England only. ² At 31 March. Includes all places in local authority and independent sector residential homes. All figures exclude places in small homes (i.e. less than 4 places). ³ Complex older people who are mentally ill and people with a mental illness. ⁴ England, Wales and Northern Ireland only.

Mortality and abortions

	1971	1981	1991	2000
Cause of death (thousands)	645	658	646	608
All causes of which:	213	223	198	156
Cancer	82	92	73	102
Heart disease	8	5	5	3
Respiratory diseases	12	11	8	9
Road accidents	17.9	11.2	7.4	5.6
Other accidents	-	-	-	-
Infant mortality (rate per 1,000 live births)	17.9	11.2	7.4	5.6
Legal abortions	95	129	167	176
Performed in England and Wales (thousands) (residents only)	-	-	-	-

Transport, Travel and Tourism

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Transport

	1961	1971	1981	1991	1999	2000
Road vehicles	9.0	14.0	19.3	24.5	28.4	28.9
Licensed road vehicles (millions)	1.3	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.8	2.9
Motor vehicles registered for the first time (millions)	29	44	45	45	44	45
Households with regular use of one car only (percentages)	69	48	40	32	28	27
Households without use of a car (percentages)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Length of network	314	325	342	360	390	392
Public roads in use (thousand kms)	0.2	1.3	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.5
of which: motorway (thousand kms)	22.0	14.5	14.4	14.3	15.0	15.0
National rail network - open to passenger traffic (thousand route kms)	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
London Underground (thousand route kms)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passenger transport (billion passenger kms)	295	419	495	681	722	721
Total, of which:	39	35	34	39	46	47
Rail ¹	1	2	3	5	7	8
Bus and coaches	255	381	458	637	668	666
Road, of which:	76	60	48	44	45	45
Cars, vans and taxis	157	313	394	582	614	613
Rail passenger journeys (millions) ²	1,700	1,487	1,288	1,606	1,967	2,061
Traffic	105	134	173	214	246	246
Goods moved all traffic (billion tonne kms)	53	86	94	130	157	158
of which: all road traffic (billion tonne kms)	122	212	277	412	466	468
Road traffic (all motor vehicles - billion vehicle kms)	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Financial years. ² National rail, London Underground, light rail and other rail and metro systems. ³ Domestic services includes Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. ⁴ Financial years from 1991/92 onwards.

International travel

	1981	1991	1996	2000
Visits to the UK by overseas residents (millions)	2.5	4.2	6.1	7.3
Business	9.0	12.9	19.1	17.9
Leisure ¹	11.5	17.1	25.2	25.2
All visits to the UK of which:	2.1	2.9	3.7	4.9
N. American residents	7.1	11.4	17.6	16.1
W. European residents	135.4	186.4	219.8	203.8
Number of nights (million)	2.7	4.8	6.9	8.9
Business	16.3	26.0	35.2	47.9
Leisure ¹	19.0	30.8	42.1	56.8
All visits abroad of which:	1.5	2.4	3.6	5.1
N. America	16.1	26.1	34.2	45.8
Europe	251.1	377.8	449.8	566.9
Number of nights (million)	2.970	7.386	12,290	12,805
Expenditure (£ million)	3,272	9,951	16,223	24,251
Expenditure in UK by overseas residents	-302	-2,565	-3,933	-11,446
Expenditure abroad by UK residents	-	-	-	-
Balance on travel account	-	-	-	-

¹ Holiday visits, visits to friends and relatives and miscellaneous visits. ² Figures for 2000 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years.

Education and Training

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	1981/82	1991/92	1996/97	1999/00	2000/01
Participation in education as percentage of age group	44	53	58	63	63
3-4 year olds in schools ¹	18	25	24	23	24
16-18 year olds in full-time education:	11	18	26	26	26
Schools	3	6	8	8	8
Further education	-	-	-	-	-
Higher education	-	-	-	-	-
People of working age in job-related training in previous					