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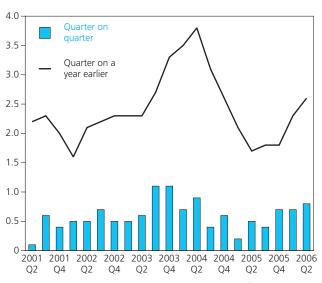
in brief

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GDP

GDP, chained volume measure

Quarterly growth (per cent)



GDP grew by 0.8 per cent in the second quarter of 2006, up from growth of 0.7 per cent in the first quarter. The level of GDP is now 2.6 per cent higher than the second quarter of 2005.

The output of the production industries fell by 0.2 per cent in the latest quarter, following growth of 0.8 per cent in the previous quarter. While output of manufacturing industries grew by 0.6 per cent, this was more than offset by a 4.0 per cent decline in mining and quarrying and a 3.0 per cent fall in the output of utilities.

Growth in the service sector accelerated to 1.0 per cent in the second quarter, from 0.7 per cent in the previous quarter. Output of the distribution sector grew by 0.8 per cent, with a rebound in retailing partly offset by weaker growth in hotels and restaurants.

Construction output rose by 0.5 per cent in the second quarter of 2006.

Household expenditure rose 1.0 per cent in the second quarter, with strong growth in durable and semi-durable goods, reflecting the sharp rise in retail sales.

Government final consumption expenditure rose by 1.0 per cent in the latest quarter and is now 2.0 per cent above the level seen in the second quarter of 2005.

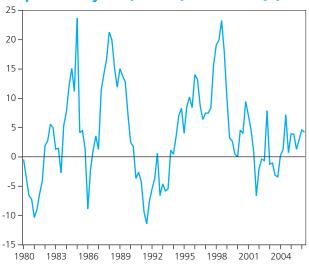
A rise in the trade deficit in real terms acted as a drag on GDP in the second quarter.

Compensation of employees, measured at current prices, rose by 0.8 per cent and is now 6.1 per cent above the level seen in the second quarter of 2005.

Released: 25 August 2006

Business investment

Total business investment percentage change, quarter on corresponding quarter of previous year (1980 Q1 to 2006 Q2)



The provisional estimate of business investment for the second quarter of 2006 is estimated to be 4.2 per cent higher compared with the same period of last year, and 1.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

The quarterly rise in business investment is due to increased capital spending by industries classified as private and public sector non-manufacturing.

Within private sector non-manufacturing there was increased investment within distribution services (up 15.1 per cent), other services (up 1.5 per cent) and other production (up 3.9 per cent), but reduced investment within construction (down 3.8 per cent). This increase is partly offset by reduced capital spending by industries classified within private sector manufacturing.

The quarterly fall in private sector manufacturing investment was from lower capital expenditure in the chemicals and man-made fibres industries (down 7.4 per cent), engineering and vehicles industries (down 35.8 per cent), food, drink and tobacco industries (down 9.2 per cent) and other manufacturing industries (down 0.8 per cent). These were partially offset by higher investment within solid and nuclear fuels and oil refining industries, metals and metal goods industries, and textiles and clothing industries.

By asset, the fall in private sector manufacturing investment was driven by lower capital expenditure on new building work (down 23.4 per cent) and other capital equipment (down 11.3 per cent).

Compared with the second quarter of 2005, total manufacturing investment fell by 8.0 per cent, construction and other production rose by 11.6 per cent, and services rose by 5.5 per cent. Public corporations' non-manufacturing showed a fall of 5.4 per cent compared with the second quarter of 2005.

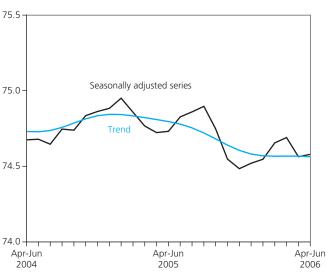
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Employment

Working age employment rate

Sampling variability ± 0.3 per cent

Percentage of working age



The trend in the employment rate is broadly flat while the trend in the unemployment rate continues to increase. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance benefit and the number of job vacancies have both increased. Growth in average earnings, both excluding and including bonuses, has increased.

The employment rate for people of working age was 74.6 per cent for the three months ending in June 2006, down 0.1 over the quarter and down 0.2 over the year.

The number of people in employment for the three months ending in June 2006 was 28.94 million, up 42,000 over the quarter and up 240,000 over the year. Total hours worked per week were 926.9 million, up 2.3 million over the quarter and up 8.8 million over the year. These figures for total employment and hours worked are the highest since comparable records began in 1971.

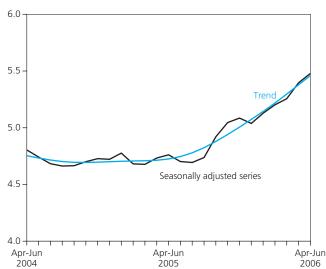
The unemployment rate was 5.5 per cent, up 0.3 over the quarter and up 0.7 over the year. The number of unemployed people increased by 92,000 over the quarter and by 243,000 over the year, to reach 1.68 million.

The claimant count was 957,000 in July 2006, up 2,000 on the previous month and up 90,900 on the year.

Unemployment rate

Sampling variability ± 0.2 per cent

Percentage of all economically active



The inactivity rate for people of working age was 21.0 per cent for the three months ending in June 2006, down 0.2 over the quarter and down 0.4 over the year. The last time the rate was lower was in the three months to May 1992. The number of economically inactive people of working age fell by 46,000 over the quarter to reach 7.82 million.

The annual rate of growth in average earnings (the AEI), excluding bonuses, was 3.9 per cent in June 2006, up 0.1 from the previous month. Including bonuses it was 4.3 per cent, up 0.2 from the previous month.

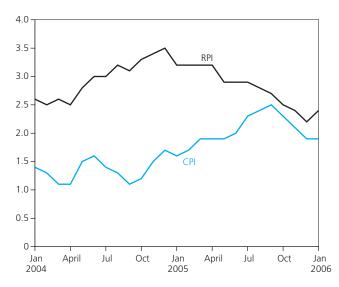
The average number of job vacancies for the three months to July 2006 was 603,900. This was up 7,600 on the previous quarter but down 21,900 over the year. The sector showing the largest increase over the quarter was Finance and Business Services which increased by 10,700.

The redundancy rate for the three months to June 2006 was 5.6 per 1,000 employees. This is down from 5.8 for the previous quarter.

Released: 16 August 2006

Inflation

Annual inflation rates – 12 month percentage change



CPI annual inflation – the Government's target measure – fell to 2.4 per cent in July down from 2.5 per cent in June.

The largest downward effect came from household equipment and routine maintenance, due to special offers in July for furniture and furnishings being greater than a year ago, particularly for some items of bedroom and lounge furniture, following larger than usual price increases in June.

There were also large downward effects from:

 miscellaneous goods and services, largely due to financial services, where increases seen a year ago were not repeated this July

- transport, where there were downward effects from air fares, petrol prices, which rose by less than last year, and other transport services, due to road tolls, where increases last July were not repeated this
- clothing and footwear, where special offers on a wide range of clothing in July were greater than last year

A small downward effect came from alcoholic drinks and tobacco.

The only large upward contribution to the change in the CPI annual rate came from price changes for food and non-alcoholic beverages due to upward effects from:

- fruit, where prices for some items fell by less than a year ago
- milk, cheese and eggs, where shop-bought milk prices rose in July following cuts earlier in the year
- meat, where prices rose in July, especially for beef

Small upward effects came from housing and household services, due to increased gas and electricity bills, and recreation and culture.

RPI inflation remained unchanged in July at 3.3 per cent. The main factors influencing it were similar to those affecting the CPI although differences in expenditure weights between the indices meant that the RPI remained unchanged.

RPIX inflation – the all items RPI excluding mortgage interest payments – was 3.1 per cent in July, unchanged from June.

As an internationally comparable measure of inflation, the CPI shows that the UK inflation rate is around the average for the European Union as a whole. The provisional inflation rate for the EU 25 in June was 2.4 per cent, compared with the UK figure for the same month of 2.5 per cent.

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Economic update September 2006

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Overview

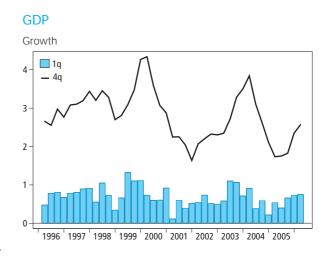
- GDP growth in the second quarter of 2006 was 0.8 per cent, up from 0.7 per cent in the previous quarter.
- Growth in 2006 quarter two was mainly driven by services, led by growth in retail sales. This was offset in part by negative growth in industrial production.
- From the demand perspective; consumer and government expenditure rebounded in 2006 quarter two. Business investment rose in 2006 quarter two, continuing the trend from quarter one.
- Public sector net debt continued to rise in 2006 quarter two.
- The UK trade deficit narrowed in 2006 quarter two.
- The labour market showed a mixed but overall weak picture in the three months to June 2006. The employment rate fell whilst the unemployment rate increased; the claimant count increased; vacancies rose; average earnings rose slightly but overall remain subdued.
- Producer output price inflation and input price inflation fell in July.
- Consumer price inflation fell in July but remains above the Government's two per cent target.

GDP activity - overview

GDP growth for the second quarter of 2006 is estimated to have grown by 0.8 per cent, unchanged from the preliminary estimate. This is up from 0.7 per cent growth in the previous quarter. The annual rate of growth rose by 2.6 per cent, up from 2.3 per cent in the previous quarter (Figure 1). The latest release contains more information than that contained in the preliminary one. It gives first estimates for the main expenditure categories and more complete information on the output side. It is still, however, based on as yet incomplete information.

The growth rate in the UK economy in 2006 quarter two was led by an acceleration in services sector output. This was offset partially by a fall in industrial production. Construction output saw slower growth compared to quarter one. Leading the growth on the demand side was household expenditure, which rose strongly on the quarter.

Preliminary data for 2006 quarter two are available for the other major OECD economies. Data for quarter two shows a mixed picture of the world economy. US GDP growth for



the second quarter of 2006 showed a somewhat weakening picture. Growth was 0.6 per cent, a marked deceleration from a growth rate of 1.4 per cent in quarter one. The slowdown in growth was mainly due to a fall in domestic demand. There was also a fall in government spending and business capital investment. Japan's growth also showed a significant fall in quarter two. Growth was 0.2 per cent compared to 0.7 per cent in the 2006 quarter one. The lower growth was mainly due to lower growth in exports and a sharp contraction in public spending.

In contrast, growth in the two biggest mainland EU economies - Germany and France - showed a strengthening picture. German GDP growth was 0.9 per cent in 2006 quarter two, an acceleration from 0.7 per cent growth in quarter one. Investment was the main driver of growth. However, this was offset by a fall in private consumption expenditure. Net trade made a neutral contribution to growth. French GDP growth accelerated markedly in 2006 quarter two, rising by 1.1 per cent, up from 0.5 per cent in quarter one. Private consumption expenditure was the main engine of growth. There was a rebound in investment growth following weak growth in the previous quarter. Net trade on the other hand made a negative contribution to growth. Italy in contrast recorded a modest growth rate of 0.5 per cent, down from 0.7 per cent in the previous quarter. The breakdown of growth is not yet available.

Financial Market activity

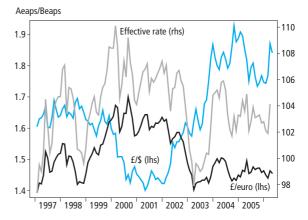
Equity performance has been fairly weak in 2006 quarter two following robust growth in quarter one. The FTSE All -Share index fell by around 8 per cent in the quarter, in contrast to an increase of around 8 per cent in the previous quarter. This may be partly due to the concerns about the prospect of higher global interest rates in response to potential inflationary pressures in major world economies, particularly fuelled by higher energy prices and partly as a result of higher global economic growth. This has coincided with an increase in long term interest rates. Higher interest rates increase the cost of borrowing and might therefore affect firms profits and investment plans. Another factor could be due to a cautious approach taken by investors in light of weaker global growth particularly in emerging economies. In July 2006, there appears to be signs of a rally with the index rising by about 14 per cent. However, it remains to be seen whether this can be sustained as share prices have been volatile of late.

As for currency markets, 2006 quarter two saw sterling's average value appreciate against the dollar by around 4.0 per cent following flat growth in the previous quarter. Against the euro, sterling 's value remained broadly flat after depreciating by around 1.0 per cent in quarter one. Overall, the quarterly effective exchange appreciated by about 1.0 per cent following depreciation of about 1.0 per cent in 2006 quarter one (Figure 2). The latest figures for July shows a continuation of the trend from quarter two.

The recent movements in the exchange rate might be linked to a number of factors. Firstly, exchange rate movements

Figure 2 Exchange rates

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can be related to the perceptions of the relative strengths of the US and UK economy. The appreciation of the pound against the dollar in 2006 quarter two may be partly linked to perceptions of stronger UK economic growth. Secondly, another factor may be due to the current account deficit which is generally perceived as a weakness for the US economy. The dollar may have fallen recently in response to a readjustment process, with the intended consequence of making exports cheaper and imports dearer- thus in theory leading to switch in expenditure to home produced goods and ultimately leading to a narrowing in the deficit. The sterling movements against the euro likewise can also be partly attributed to the relative performances of the UK and euro-zone economy. The euro-zone economy has been seen by the European Central Bank (ECB) to be growing fairly strongly and this is perceived as leading to higher inflation. Therefore, the possibility of higher interest rates might have resulted in the higher euro exchange rate. Indeed, the ECB raised interest rates further in August by 0.25 per cent to 3.00 per cent and there are expectations of further rate rises. UK interest rates rose by 0.25% in August to stand currently at 4.75%.

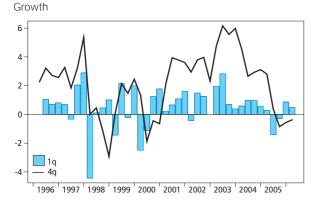
Output

GDP growth in 2006 quarter two was estimated at 0.8 per cent, up slightly from growth of 0.7 per cent in the previous quarter. On an annual basis, it was 2.6 per cent, up from 2.3 per cent in 2006 quarter one.

Construction is estimated to have grown by 0.5 per cent following growth of 0.9 per cent in the previous quarter. Comparing the quarter on the quarter a year ago, construction output fell by 0.4 per cent after falling by 0.6 per cent in the previous quarter (Figure 3).

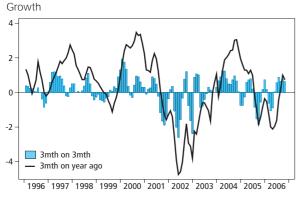
As for external surveys of construction, the CIPS survey echoes the subdued growth in 2006 quarter two with the average growth of the headline index at 52.4. The latest figures for July rose to 53.2, which was fuelled by new business. The RICS survey reports that construction market activity accelerated in 2006 quarter two for the third successive quarter. The workload balance was plus 24, up from plus 23 in the previous quarter.

Figure 3 Construction output



Total output from the production industries fell by 0.2 per cent in 2006 quarter two, reversing the expansion of 0.8 per cent in the previous quarter. The output of the electricity, gas and water supply industries fell by 3.0 per cent after virtually flat growth in the previous quarter. Mining and quarrying (including oil & gas extraction) contracted by 4.0 per cent following growth of 0.5 per cent in the previous quarter, which was due to maintenance shutdowns. This was offset by modest growth in output of the manufacturing sector, which grew by 0.6 per cent, compared to growth of 0.9 per cent in the previous quarter (Figure 4). It is worth noting that production growth in the mining and quarrying industries and electricity, gas and water supply industries has been volatile in recent quarters. The output of the agriculture, forestry and fishing industries fell by 1.2 per cent after growth of 0.7 per cent in 2006 quarter one.

Figure 4 Manufacturing output

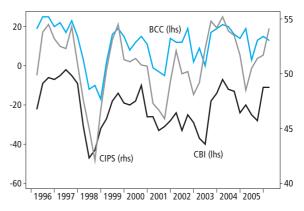


External surveys of manufacturing for 2006 quarter two (Figure 5) shows a generally mixed picture. It is not unusual for the path of business indicators and official data to diverge over the short term. These differences happen partly because the series are not measuring exactly the same thing. External surveys measure the direction rather than the magnitude of a change in output and often inquire into expectations rather than actual activity.

The CIPS average headline index for manufacturing was 54.2 in 2006 quarter two, up from 51.7 in quarter one. The latest figure for July continued to record relatively robust growth with the headline index at 53.8. The BCC and CBI

Figure 5 **External manufacturing**

Balances



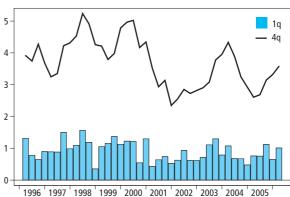
report a mixed but an overall weak picture in 2006 quarter two. The BCC report in their 2006 quarter two survey improvements in confidence, home sales and investment balances. However, this was offset by weakening in export orders, sales balances and off home sales. The CBI report weak domestic balances but improving export balances in quarter two. The CBI in its latest August Industrial Trends survey report that manufacturers order books were at their best for 20 months, led by improving domestic demand. Despite the negative balance, the orders index improved to minus 8 from minus 11 in July.

Overall, the service sector, by far the largest part of the UK economy and the main driver of UK growth recently, accelerated in 2006 quarter two. Growth was 1.0 per cent compared to 0.7 per cent in the previous quarter (Figure 6). Within the sector, growth was broad based. Business services and finance continued to grow strongly. Growth was 1.3 per cent in 2006 quarter two compared to 1.0 per cent in the previous quarter. The output of the distribution, hotels and catering industries also saw rapid growth during this period with a growth rate of 0.8 per cent, a jump from 0.5 per cent in the previous quarter.

The external surveys on services showed a mixed picture in 2006 quarter two. The CIPS survey echoes the official picture with the headline index signalling strengthening

Figure 6
Services output

Growth



growth in 2006 quarter two. The headline index was at 60.3, up from 58.1 in the previous quarter. It should be noted that the CIPS survey has a narrow coverage of the distribution and government sectors. According to the latest CIPS survey UK service sector activity remained strong in July with the headline balance at 57.9. The CBI and BCC report a mixed picture of service sector output (Figure 7). The CBI make a distinction between professional & business services and consumer services, particularly leisure and personal care. According to the latest May 2006 service sector survey, the CBI reported that consumer services firms saw rising business volumes for the first time in six months with the level of business volumes for the past three months at plus 27 compared to minus 10 in the previous survey. In contrast, business and professional services firms saw growth in business volumes at a slower rate than in previous quarters with business volume at plus 9 compared to plus 44 in the previous survey. The BCC reported an improvement in domestic balances but a worsening in export balances.

Figure 7
External services

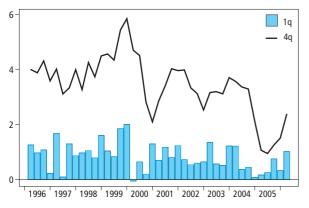
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Expenditure

Household consumption expenditure growth strengthened in 2006 quarter two. Growth was 1.0 per cent compared with 0.3 per cent in the previous quarter. Growth compared with the same quarter a year ago was 2.4 per cent, up from 1.5 per cent in the previous quarter (Figure 8).

Figure 8 Household demand

Growth

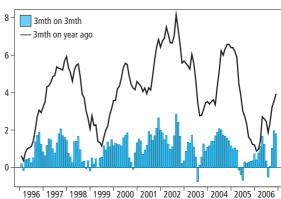


Growth has generally been subdued since the last quarter of 2004, partly due to weak retail sales. However, the bounce-back in the latest quarter appears mainly to be related to buoyant retail sales conditions, partly due to the effects of the World Cup. The increase in expenditure is due to sharp increases in expenditure on both durable and semi-durable goods which rose by 3.8 per cent and 3.2 per cent respectively in 2006 quarter two. It remains to be seen whether household expenditure can maintain its upward momentum given the drop out of the World Cup factor.

Retail sales figures are published on a monthly basis and the latest available figures for July show a continued robustness despite a slight fall from June (Figure 9). According to the latest figures, the volume of retail sales in the three months to July 2006 was 1.8 per cent higher than the previous three months. This followed growth of 2.0 per cent in the three months to June. On an annual basis, retail sales grew by 3.9 per cent in the three months to July compared to 3.6 per cent in the three months to June compared to a year ago.

Figure 9
Retail sales

Growth



At a disaggregated level, growth during the three months to the end of July was driven by predominantly the non-food sector. Growth was 2.2 per cent in the three months to July compared to 2.8 per cent in the three months to June. The main contribution to the growth in this sector came from the household goods sector which rose by 2.9 per cent compared to 4.7 per cent in the three months to June.

This may suggest that the effect of the World Cup may be beginning to wane with lower sales of World Cup related merchandise (e.g TV plasma screens). The relatively hot weather may also be a factor. On the other hand the pick up in the housing market may be sustaining household goods expenditure. Sales in predominantly food stores was 1.2 per cent in the three months to July, up from the 0.9 per cent growth in the three months to June.

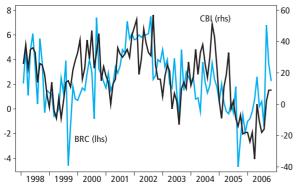
External surveys for retail sales echo the official picture. The CBI in its quarterly Distributive Trades survey report in August that retailers achieved their fastest year-on-year growth rate for twenty months. The sales balance was plus 12.

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) also report a similar story. They report that like-for-like retail sales increased by

3.4 per cent in July compared to 2.3 per cent in June. However, this was against a weak July 2005 comparative due to it being a quiet month as a result of the London bombings. The underlying picture according the the BRC remains tough (Figure 10).

Figure 10 **External retailing**

Balances, 3 month moving average



Indicators for consumer expenditure appear to be uncertain for 2006 quarter three but may be tending towards the downside. As mentioned earlier household consumption rose strongly in 2006 quarter two, buoyed by retails sales growth. As noted, with the passing of the World Cup and lower retail sales figures in July, it remains to be seen whether the consumption uplift in the second quarter was a temporary phenomena. Oil and petrol prices are still hovering at relatively high levels and this may be lead to a displacement of expenditure on consumption goods. The labour market shows a mixed but overall weakening picture with subdued wage growth. Indices of consumer confidence such as MORI and GfK generally report a negative picture in the second quarters of 2006 and in the beginning of the third quarter. The effects of actual and potential increases in utility and council tax bills may decrease real disposable income, thereby dampening household expenditure.

However, the main impact on consumer expenditure may come from the August increase in interest rates from the Bank of England which rose by 0.25 percentage points to 4.75%. The rise in interest rate implies an increase in borrowing costs for both secured and unsecured borrowing. This could have an effect on expenditure in either two ways.

Firstly, household consumption has risen faster than disposable income in recent years as the household sector has become a considerable net borrower and therefore accumulated high debt levels. It is possible, that the rise in interest rates will discourage borrowing in view of the higher re-financing costs and subsequently lower consumption expenditure. Indeed, the latest date for July appears to show a slowdown in M4 lending (i.e bank cash deposits) compared to June.

Secondly, a major part of personal debt is tied up in secured lending (i.e. mortgage and equity release). A rise in interest rates could increase mortgage borrowing costs. This may discourage house purchases and consequently dampen house price inflation. In recent months, increasing house prices has

led to boost in equity release which has provided a source of consumption expenditure. With higher mortgage borrowing costs and a lower level of equity release, this could reduce expenditure, particularly related to household items.

It should be noted that any changes in interest rates could take time to feed through to households, so there may not be an immediate noticeable impact on expenditure. However, expenditure partly derives from perceptions of the economy and the rise in interest rate in itself may cause a pause in expenditure due to the negative outlook it creates.

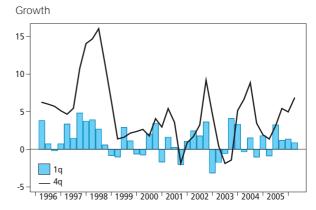
Conversely on the upside, house prices may continue to grow moderately, although there have been some signs of a slowdown lately, and this may outweigh any concerns about increase in mortgage borrowing costs. Also, mortgage borrowing has been relatively strong in recent months. The growth of secured lending may reflect households just choosing to incorporate some of their unsecured debts into their secured borrowing to lower the cost of financing and/or could be greater confidence in house price growth seen by households.

Business demand

Total investment on an annual basis accelerated in 2006 quarter two, to 6.8 per cent from 5.0 per cent in the previous quarter (Figure 11). Business investment for the second quarter of 2006 has somewhat continued the momentum from the previous quarter, showing a strengthening picture. Business investment for 2006 quarter two was 1.7 per cent, with growth being the same as in the previous quarter. On an annual basis it was 4.2 per cent, down from 4.6 per cent in the previous quarter. The annual growth was broadly driven, led by an increase in dwellings investment. The data suggests an improving climate for business investment. However, businesses appear still to be taking a cautious approach.

Figure 11

Total investment

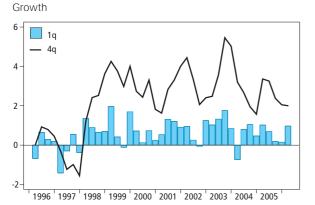


Evidence on investment intentions from the latest BCC and CBI surveys show a somewhat weak picture. According to the quarterly BCC survey, the balance of manufacturing and services firms investment in plant and machinery rose by just one point to plus 16. The CBI in its 2006 quarter two Industrial Survey report a weakening in investment with the balance at minus 10.

Government demand

Government final consumption expenditure accelerated in 2006 quarter two to 1.0 per cent, from 0.1 per cent in the previous quarter. Growth quarter on quarter a year ago was 2.0 per cent, slightly down from 2.1 per cent in the previous quarter (Figure 12).

Figure 12 **Government spending**



The latest figures on the public sector finances report in the current financial year to July 2006 and show an improvement. Over the financial year April to July 2006/7, the current budget was in deficit by £4.4 billion compared to a deficit of £5.7 billion for financial year April to July 2005/6. Over the financial year to July 2006/7, net borrowing was 10.0 billion. This compares with net borrowing of £10.3 billion than in the same period of 2005/6. The improving public sector finance situation in July mainly reflects increase in tax revenues, particularly from corporation capital gains tax and petroleum revenue tax exceeding central government expenditure, through timing effects.

Since net borrowing became positive in 2002, following the current budget moving from surplus into deficit, net debt as a proportion of annual GDP has risen steadily. Public sector net debt by the end of July 2006 was 36.5 per cent of GDP; up from 34.6 per cent of GDP at the end of July 2005 and also up from 36.1 per cent of GDP over the financial year 2005/6.

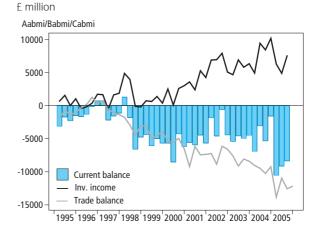
Trade and the Balance of Payments

The publication of the latest quarterly Balance of Payments shows that the current account deficit narrowed in 2006 quarter one to £8.3 billion from a deficit of £9.1 billion in the previous quarter (Figure 13). As a proportion of GDP, the deficit fell to 2.6 per cent of GDP from 2.9 per cent in 2005 quarter four. The narrowing of the deficit was accounted for by a higher surplus on investment income , partially offset by a higher deficit on trade in goods.

There could be a number of reasons for the higher surplus on investment income. Firstly, higher direct investment income has mainly come from higher earnings of privatenon financial corporations. This may be due in part simply to new investment undertaken by UK companies overseas. This could be linked to the higher profits generated by these companies given the buoyant growth and demand conditions in the world economy, particularly in the US and

Figure 13

Balance of payments



China. Higher interest rates in some other major economies may also be a factor in terms of the appreciation of these currencies relative to sterling resulting in a higher value of UK capital and therefore of UK repatriated income.

Overall, the persistence of the current account deficit has led to the deterioration in the UK's international investment position (IIP) with the rest of the world. The net asset/liability was negative to the tune of £180.0 billion at the end of the first quarter of 2006 compared with net external liabilities of £168.9 billion at the end of 2005.

The UK continues to have a large trade deficit in goods with imports rising faster than exports.

The deficit in the trade of goods narrowed to £12.2 billion in 2006 quarter two from £12.6 billion in the previous quarter. Exports rose by £7.7 billion while imports rose by £5.1 billion. In terms of growth, exports in the trade of goods increased by 7.0 per cent on the quarter and imports by 6.2 per cent.

The deficit with the EU was £8.9 billion, compared with £9.5 billion in 2006 quarter one. Exports to EU countries rose by 12.8 per cent and imports from EU countries rose by 9.7 per cent in 2006 quarter two. The deficit with non-EU countries was £10.1 billion in the second quarter of 2006, unchanged from the previous quarter. In growth terms, exports to non-EU countries fell by 2.0 per cent whilst imports rose by 1.4 per cent.

However, these figures need to be treated with caution because as much as half of the growth reflects distributions by VAT Missing Trader Intra- Community (MTIC) Fraud. Changes to the pattern of trading associated with VAT MTIC fraud make it difficult to analyse trade figures as increases inflate both imports and exports. EU import figures for trade in goods include adjustments made by ONS to allow for the impact of VAT MTIC fraud.

External surveys on exports show a mixed but overall modest picture. The BCC reported that the export sales net balance fell by 4 points to plus 19 in 2006 quarter two. The CBI quarterly Industrial Trends Survey reports that the balance for export orders rose to plus seven. However, the latest CBI August Industrial Trends Survey reports a somewhat negative picture with the balance of export orders at minus six.

The run of current account deficits since 1998 reflects the sustained deterioration in the trade balance. The UK has traditionally run a surplus on the trade in services and complemented by a surplus in investment income, but this has been more than offset by the growing deficit in trade in goods partly due to the UK sucking in cheaper imports.

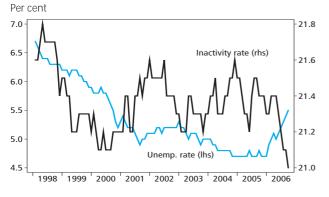
In 2006 quarter two, the narrowing in the trade deficit may partly reflect conditions in the EU where there appears to be a pick up in GDP growth, thus providing favourable export opportunities for UK firms. But again, this needs to be treated with cauation due to MTIC considerations.

Labour Market

In recent years the strength of the UK economy has been clearly reflected in the labour market statistics. The latest figures from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) pertain to the three-month period up to June 2006 and show a mixed picture. The unemployment and claimant count rate both increased. Average earnings picked up slightly but overall remain subdued. On the upside, the employment level increased. However, the employment rate decreased. Vacancies increased. The concurrent increase in the employment and unemployment rate can be explained by the fall in the inactivity rate with those classified as looking after the family/home, the long term sick, the retired and students entering the job market. It may also be explained by increased migration levels (Figure 14).

The current working age employment rate is 74.6 per cent, in the three months to June 2006, down 0.1 percentage point from the three months to March 2006 and down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of people in employment increased by 42,000 over the quarter to leave the employment level standing at 28.94 million. The unemployment rate was 5.5 per cent, up 0.3 percentage points from the three months to March 2006 (Figure 14).

Figure 14
Unemployment and economically inactive



The number of unemployed rose by 92,000 in the three months to June 2006 to stand at 1.68 million. The claimant count measures the number of people receiving the jobseekers allowance. The latest figures for July show the claimant count level at 957,000, up 2,000 on the month and up 90,900 on a year earlier.

According to the LFS, in the period April to June 2006, 42,000 jobs were gained. In the same reference period,

employee jobs rose by 65,000 while self-employed jobs fell by 29,000 continuing the trend from the previous quarter. From another perspective, full-time employee jobs increased by 79,000 whilst part-time jobs fell by 13,000.

The industry disaggregation from 'workforce jobs' is available for the three months to March 2006. There were 30.97 million workforce jobs in March, up 52,000 over the quarter and up 146,000 on a year earlier. Services employment growth led the increase. Within services, the largest rise came from education, health and public services which grew by 51,000 followed by finance & business services with employment increasing by 24,000. This was offset by a continued decrease in manufacturing sector jobs which fell by 32,000 in the three months to March 2006.

Average earnings growth showed moderate but stable growth in the latest reference period. Average earnings growth, excluding bonuses, was 3.9 per cent in June, up 0.1 percentage points from the previous month. Average earnings growth, including bonuses, grew by a rate of 4.3 per cent, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. The latter is mainly due to higher city bonuses.

In terms of the public and private sector split, the gap in earnings growth excluding bonuses shows further signs of widening in June 2006 from May 2006. The widening was due to slower growth in public sector wages which grew by 2.7 per cent, down from 3.0 per cent in the previous month. This compares with growth of 4.2 per cent in private sector wages, up from 4.0 per cent in the previous month.

Overall, the numbers point to a weaker labour market than in previous years, with unemployment and claimant count level increasing, which is consistent with subdued wage growth.

Prices

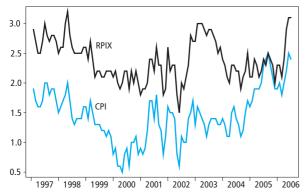
The divergence between input and output price inflation for producers has continued in 2006 quarter three from 2006 quarter two but has narrowed compared to June 2006. Input price grew by 9.7 per cent in the year to July, down from 11.2 per cent in June. The main driver of growth remains energy, particularly oil prices although prices eased further in July, contributing partly to the slowdown in input prices. Gas prices, although easing lately, have also contributed to to the increase. Producer output inflation, which has been considerably lower, rose by 2.8 per cent in July, down from 3.4 per cent in June. On the core measure, output prices increased by 2.5 per cent in July, down from 2.9 per cent in June.

Growth in the consumer price index (CPI) – the Government's target measure of inflation – fell to 2.4 per cent in July, down from 2.5 per cent in June, but still continued to exceed the Government's 2.0 per cent inflation target.

The largest downward effect came from household equipment and routine maintenance, due to special offers in July for furniture and furnishings being greater than a year ago, particularly for some items of bedroom and lounge furniture, following larger than usual price increases in June. There were also large downward effects from air fares and petrol prices which rose less than last year. A downward effect was also provided by clothing and footwear, where special

offers on a wide range of clothing in July were greater than last year. The only large upward contribution to the CPI annual rate came from price changes for food and non-alcoholic beverages due to upward effects from fruit, dairy products and meat. The RPI remained unchanged in July at 3.3 per cent. The RPIX was 3.1 per cent in July, unchanged from June (Figure 15).

Figure 15
Inflation
Growth, month on month a year ago



Forecasts for the UK economy

A comparison of independent forecasts, August 2006

The tables below are extracted from HM Treasury's Forecasts for the UK Economy and summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2006 and 2007, updated monthly.

Independent fored	asts for 20	06	
	Average	Lowest	Highest
GDP growth (per cent)	2.5	2.0	2.8
Inflation rate (Q4 per cent) CPI RPI	2.3 3.1	1.4 1.7	2.9 3.9
Claimant unemployment (Q4, million)	0.99	0.90	1.17
Current account (£ billion)	-33.4	-41.6	-24.0
Public Sector Net Borrowing (2006–07, £ billion)	37.9	34.5	44.0

Independent fored	asts for 20	07	
	Average	Lowest	Highest
GDP growth (per cent)	2.4	-0.3	3.2
Inflation rate (Q4 per cent) CPI RPI	2.0 2.5	1.4 1.3	3.1 3.7
Claimant unemployment (Q4, million)	1.03	0.88	1.40
Current account (£ billion)	-34.3	-53.7	-20.0
Public Sector Net Borrowing (2007–08, £ billion)	37.0	29.0	51.0

NOTE Forecasts for the UK Economy gives more detailed forecasts, covering 27 variables and is published monthly by HM Treasury, available on annual subscription, price £75. Subscription enquiries should be addressed to Claire Coast-Smith, Public Enquiry Unit 2/S2, HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ (Tel 020 7270 4558). It is also available at the Treasury's internet site: http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk under 'Economic Data and Tools'.

*PSNB: Public Sector Net Borrowing.

Corporate services price index (experimental) Quarter 2 2006

What is the CSPI?

The experimental Corporate Services Price Index (CSPI) measures movements in prices charged for services supplied by businesses to other businesses, local and national government. The data produced are used internally by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) as a deflator for the Index of Services and the quarterly measurement of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It is also used by HM Treasury and the Bank of England to help monitor inflation in the economy.

Results for quarter 2, 2006

Prices of business-to-business services rose by 3.5 per cent in the year to the second quarter of 2006. This is based on a comparison of the change in the top-level CSPI on the *net* sector basis.

Figure 1 shows how the percentage change for the top-level CSPI (net sector) compares with the Retail Prices Index (RPI) and the Producer Price Index (PPI) for all manufactured goods (net sector).

The top-level results, on both gross and net sector bases, are shown in Table 1. In 2006 Q2, the top-level CSPI (net sector) rose by 1.3 per cent compared with the previous quarter.

Figure 1

Experimental top-level CSPI compared with the Retail Prices Index (RPI) for services and the Producer Price Index (PPI)

Percentage change on the same quarter a year ago

United Kingdom

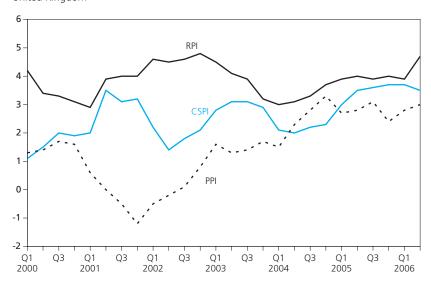


Table 1

CSPI results

	CSPI quarterly inde	x values 2000=100	Percentage change in previous ye	
	Gross sector	Net sector	Gross sector	Net sector
2001 Q1	100.9	101.5	1.0	2.0
Q2	102.8	103.2	2.9	3.5
Q3	103.1	103.3	3.0	3.1
Q4	103.5	103.7	3.4	3.2
2002 Q1	103.5	103.7	2.6	2.2
Q2	104.6	104.7	1.8	1.4
Q3	105.2	105.2	2.0	1.8
Q4	105.6	105.9	2.0	2.1
2003 Q1	105.8	106.6	2.2	2.8
Q2	107.1	107.9	2.4	3.1
Q3	107.6	108.4	2.3	3.1
Q4	108.0	108.9	2.3	2.9
2004 Q1	107.8	108.9	1.9	2.1
Q2	109.0	110.1	1.8	2.0
Q3	109.7	110.8	1.9	2.2
Q4	110.2	111.4	2.0	2.3
2005 Q1	110.7	112.1	2.7	3.0
Q2	112.1	113.9	2.8	3.5
Q3	113.1	114.8	3.1	3.6
Q4	113.8	115.6	3.3	3.7
2006 Q1	114.5	116.3	3.5	3.7
Q2	116.0	117.9	3.5	3.5

Figure 2 depicts the CSPI annual growths for both the net and gross sector time series. The annual growth for the CSPI net sector fell to 3.5 per cent for 2006 Q2, down from 3.7 per cent for 2006 Q1. The annual growth for the CSPI gross series remained at 3.5 per cent in 2006 Q2, the same as in Q1. There is no difference in the annual growth between the gross sector and net sector CSPI this quarter.

Industry-specific indices

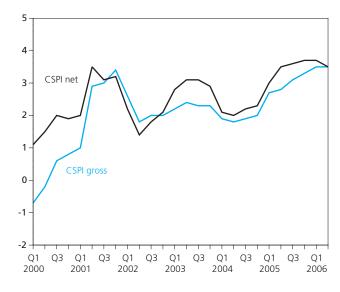
The tables attached at the end of this article contain the data for the 32 industries for which indices of corporate services prices are currently available. The weights for each industry index are shown at both gross and net sector levels. Comparing 2006 Q2 with 2005 Q2, some key points to note are:

- banking services prices rose by 18.2 per cent, generated by the underlying interest on outstanding loan balances, as reported by the Bank of England
- property rental prices rose by 3.0 per cent, following general increases across the industry, as reported by the Investment Property Databank

Figure 2

Experimental top-level CSPI (gross and net sector)

Percentage change on the same quarter in previous year United Kingdom



- *freight transport by road* prices rose by 1.9 per cent, following general increases in the cost of fuel
- sewerage services prices rose by 13.3 per cent, following the setting of new price limits by Ofwat
- advertising placement prices rose by 2.5 per cent, following general rises throughout the industry
- computer services prices rose by 0.4 per cent
- hotel services prices fell by 0.2 per cent, where competitive market conditions are having an effect within the industry

Background notes

- 1. The experimental Corporate Services Price Index (CSPI) measures movements in prices charged for services supplied by businesses to other businesses, local and national government. It is not classified as a National Statistic.
- 2. Unless otherwise stated, index numbers shown in the main text of this experimental release are on a net sector basis. These relate only to transactions between the corporate services sector and other sectors. Detailed tables also contain gross sector indices which include transactions within the corporate services.
- 3. Indices relate to average prices per quarter. The full effect of a price change occurring within a quarter will only be reflected in the index for the following quarter. All index numbers exclude VAT and are not seasonally adjusted.
- 4. CSPI inflation is the percentage change in the net sector index for the latest quarter compared with the corresponding quarter in the previous year.
- Grants from the European Commission helped ONS to begin developing the CSPI. Funding of approximately 600,000 euros was awarded between 2002 and 2005. This has now ceased.
- 6. A number of external data sources are currently used in the compilation of the CSPI, as follows:
- Bank of England banking services
- Investment Property Database (IPD) property rental payments
- Office of Communications (Ofcom) business telecommunications
- Office of Water Services (Ofwat) sewerage services
- Parcelforce national post parcels
- Strategic Rail Authority (SRA) business rail fares
- The business telecommunications index is currently under review and has been temporarily suppressed. Following consultation with Ofcom, a modernised index is due for inclusion next quarter.
- 8. The banking services industry has been revised back to 2004 Q1 to take account of updated information from the industry.

- This CSPI release incorporates changes to the weighting methodology which improves the way in which the index is calculated.
- 10. This CSPI release includes additional indices for advertising placement services and elements of computer services. The advertising placement index covers television and printed media. The computer services index covers IT consultancy services, system maintenance and support, and computer facilities management and data processing.
- 11. ONS is consulting on changing the name of CSPI to SPPI (Services Producer Price Index). The name change would align UK terminology with Europe and the rest of the world. Users are invited to comment on this issue via contact details below.

Next results

The next set of CSPI results will be issued on 10 November 2006 via the National Statistics website www.statistics.gov.uk/cspi

Further information

- Articles on the methodology and impact of rebasing the CSPI, the redevelopment of an index for business telecommunications and the introduction of an index for banking services (together with more general information on the CSPI) are available at www.statistics.gov.uk/cspi
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Table 2
Corporate Services Price Indices (Experimental) (2000=100)

	Hotels	Canteens and catering	National post parcels	Courier services	Property rental payments	Real estate agency	Sewerage services	Waste disposal
SIC(2003)	55.10	55.50	64.11	64.12	70.20	70.30	90.00/1	90.00/2
2000 weights (per cent)								
Gross sector	3.30	2.71	3.11	2.16	7.05	3.32	2.03	1.28
Net sector	3.88	3.19	1.73	1.20	11.73	1.49	3.80	2.40
Annual								
2001	104.4	105.1	103.1	102.6	106.5	101.7	98.3	104.8
2002	102.4	105.9	107.1	106.7	111.0	102.5	99.1	110.2
2003	106.7	107.3	113.3	109.0	115.6	105.2	102.7	115.4
2004	110.7	108.1	119.5	113.3	120.2	112.1	108.8	122.0
2005	113.6	109.5	123.2	118.0	124.1	121.4	121.4	137.9
Percentage change, latest year or	n previous year							
2001	4.4	5.1	3.1	2.6	6.5	1.7	-1.7	4.8
2002	-1.9	0.7	3.9	4.0	4.3	0.8	0.8	5.1
2003	4.2	1.4	5.9	2.2	4.1	2.6	3.7	4.7
2004	3.7	0.8	5.4	4.0	4.0	6.6	5.9	5.7
2005	2.7	1.2	3.1	4.1	3.2	8.3	11.6	13.0
Quarterly results (not seasonally a	adjusted)							
2001 Q1	103.2	104.1	101.2	100.0	104.1	101.7	96.5	101.9
2001 Q1 Q2	105.2	105.5	101.2	100.0	104.1	101.7	98.9	101.3
Q2 Q3	103.0	105.5	103.7	101.3	103.7	101.7	98.9	104.2
Q4	104.9	105.5	103.7	104.7	108.8	101.6	98.9	107.1
2002 Q1	102.1	105.5	103.7	105.7	109.6	101.5	98.9	107.3
Q2	101.6	105.9	108.2	106.3	110.7	102.0	99.1	110.7
Q3	101.7	106.0	108.2	107.2	111.3	102.9	99.1	111.1
Q4	104.1	106.0	108.2	107.5	112.5	103.7	99.1	111.8
2003 Q1	105.2	107.0	108.2	108.1	113.4	103.7	99.1	112.5
Q2	104.7	107.0	115.0	108.9	115.5	104.6	104.0	116.6
Q3	107.5	107.7	115.0	109.5	116.3	105.8	104.0	116.3
Q4	109.5	107.6	115.0	109.5	117.1	106.6	104.0	116.3
2004 Q1	109.8	107.7	115.0	110.5	118.3	108.1	104.0	116.8
Q2	111.5	107.7	121.0	112.7	119.4	110.9	110.4	123.2
Q2 Q3	110.7	108.2	121.0		120.9	113.3	110.4	123.2
				114.4				
Q4	110.8	108.4	121.0	115.7	122.2	116.0	110.4	124.7
2005 Q1	113.7	108.5	121.0	116.4	122.5	117.3	110.4	124.9
Q2	113.3	108.7	124.0	117.4	123.8	119.5	125.1	139.2
Q3	113.1	110.3	124.0	119.1	124.4	122.5	125.1	143.4
Q4	114.4	110.4	124.0	119.0	125.5	126.5	125.1	144.1
2006 Q1	112.0	111.6	124.0	119.4	126.4	130.8	125.1	145.2
Q2	113.1	114.5	128.3	120.5	127.5	135.8	135.5	147.7

Table 2 - continued

	Hosp	itality	Post and	d courier	Prope	rty	Wa	ste
	Hotels	Canteens and catering	National post parcels	Courier services	Property rental payments	Real estate agency	Sewerage services	Waste disposal
SIC(2003)	55.10	55.50	64.11	64.12	70.20	70.30	90.00/1	90.00/2
Percentage change, latest quart	ter on previous au	ıarter						
2001 Q1	2.6	3.8	0.0	-1.7	1.9	0.4	0.0	1.9
Q2	1.7	1.3	2.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	2.5	2.3
Q3	-0.5	0.0	0.0	2.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	1.9
Q4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.4	1.5	-0.1	0.0	0.9
2002 Q1	-2.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Q2	-0.5	0.4	4.4	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.2	3.2
Q3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.3
Q4	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.6
2003 Q1	1.1	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.6
Q2	-0.5	0.0	6.3	0.8	1.8	0.8	4.9	3.7
Q3	2.7	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.7	1.2	0.0	-0.3
Q4	1.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
2004 Q1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.9	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.4
Q2	1.6	0.4	5.1	2.1	1.0	2.6	6.2	5.5
Q3	-0.8	0.1	0.0	1.5	1.3	2.2	0.0	0.1
Q4	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	2.4	0.0	1.1
2005 Q1	2.7	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.2
Q2	-0.3	0.3	2.5	0.9	1.1	1.9	13.3	11.4
Q3	-0.2	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.5	2.5	0.0	3.0
Q4	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	3.3	0.0	0.5
2006 Q1	-2.1	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.7	3.4	0.0	0.7
Q2	1.0	2.6	3.5	0.9	0.9	3.9	8.3	1.7
Percentage change, latest quart	ter on correspond	ing guarter of pr	evious vear					
2001 Q1	4.6	4.4	4.8	1.3	6.3	3.2	-12.5	2.5
Q2	4.9	5.4	2.5	2.3	6.5	2.0	2.5	3.8
Q3	3.8	5.4	2.5	4.0	6.6	1.2	2.5	5.9
Q4	4.3	5.3	2.5	2.9	6.5	0.4	2.5	7.1
2002 Q1	-1.1	1.4	2.5	5.7	5.3	-0.2	2.5	5.3
Q2	-3.2	0.4	4.4	4.7	4.7	0.3	0.2	6.2
Q3	-2.7	0.6	4.4	2.9	3.8	1.2	0.2	4.6
Q4	-0.7	0.5	4.4	2.6	3.4	2.0	0.2	4.4
2003 Q1	3.0	1.4	4.4	2.3	3.5	2.2	0.2	4.9
Q2	3.0	1.0	6.3	2.4	4.3	2.5	4.9	5.4
Q3	5.7	1.6	6.3	2.1	4.6	2.8	4.9	4.7
Q4	5.2	1.5	6.3	1.9	4.1	2.8	4.9	4.1
2004 Q1	4.3	0.7	6.3	2.2	4.3	4.2	4.9	3.8
2004 Q1 Q2	6.5	1.1	5.1	3.5	4.5 3.4	6.0	6.2	5.6
Q2 Q3	2.9	0.5	5.1	4.5	4.0	7.1	6.2	6.0
Q3 Q4	1.1	0.7	5.1	5.7	4.4	8.9	6.2	7.2
2005 Q1	3.6	0.7	5.1	5.4	3.6	8.5	6.2	7.0
2003 Q1 Q2	3.6 1.6	0.7	2.5	3.4 4.2	3.0 3.7	6.5 7.7	13.3	13.0
Q2 Q3	2.2	1.8	2.5 2.5	4.2	2.9	8.1	13.3	16.3
Q4	3.2	1.9	2.5	2.9	2.7	9.0	13.3	15.6
2006-04	1 -	2.0	2 5	3.6	2.2	11 5	12.2	163
2006 Q1	-1.5 0.2	2.9	2.5	2.6	3.2	11.5 13.6	13.3	16.2
Q2	-0.2	5.3	3.5	2.6	3.0	13.6	8.3	6.1

Table 2 – *continued* **Corporate Services Price Indices (Experimental) (2000=100)**

			Freight t	ransport			
	Rail freight	Freight tr	ansport by road	Commercial vehicle	Sea and coastal	Freight forwarding	
		Total	International component	ferries	water freight		
SIC(2003)	60.10/9	60.24/9		61.10/1	61.10/2	63.40	
2000 weights (per cent)							
Gross sector	0.55	11.37		0.26	0.65	6.69	
Net sector	0.98	20.12		0.35	0.87	5.90	
Annual							
2001	100.5	102.3	100.0	98.5	102.0	100.2	
2002	102.1	103.3	100.5	100.6	93.0	99.9	
2003	103.5	105.9	102.3	102.8	93.5	104.4	
2004	104.1	107.8	103.2	102.6	91.7	107.7	
2005	106.3	112.7	109.1	104.8	91.7	112.8	
Percentage change, latest year on pr	evious vear						
2001	0.5	2.3	0.0	-1.5	2.0	0.2	
2002	1.6	0.9	0.5	2.2	-8.9	-0.2	
2003	1.4	2.5	1.8	2.2	0.6	4.4	
2004	0.6	1.8	0.9	-0.2	-1.9	3.2	
2005	2.1	4.6	5.7	2.1	0.0	4.7	
Quarterly results (not seasonally adju	ustad)						
2001 Q1	100.3	102.2	100.2	101.6	103.9	102.5	
Q2	101.1	102.6	100.0	98.8	104.0	100.5	
Q3	100.5	102.4	99.8	96.6	102.3	98.9	
Q4	100.1	102.2	100.0	96.9	97.8	98.8	
2002 Q1	101.3	102.1	100.4	101.7	96.1	98.8	
Q2	102.1	102.8	100.5	100.5	91.2	99.8	
Q3	102.4	103.7	101.0	100.6	92.1	100.5	
Q4	102.5	104.6	100.1	99.6	92.4	100.7	
2003 Q1	102.7	105.5	102.6	102.7	94.9	102.6	
Q2	103.4	105.9	102.4	102.9	94.0	104.0	
Q3	103.6	105.8	102.4	102.9	93.4	105.4	
Q4	104.2	106.3	102.0	102.9	91.6	105.5	
2004 Q1	103.7	106.5	102.0	102.6	92.1	105.2	
Q2	104.1	107.1	102.4	102.6	91.2	107.5	
Q3	104.3	108.1	104.1	102.6	91.0	109.1	
Q4	104.5	109.4	104.4	102.7	92.8	109.1	
2005 Q1	105.6	111.1	107.2	104.8	88.6	110.4	
2003 Q1 Q2	105.8	111.1	107.2	104.7	89.8	110.4	
Q2 Q3	106.6	113.6	110.3	104.7	93.7	113.9	
Q3 Q4	107.2	113.0	110.3	104.8	94.9	114.9	
2006 Q1	109.0	114.1	110.6	104.9	92.7	113.5	
Q2	110.5	114.3	109.7	105.0	92.8	114.1	

Table 2 – *continued*

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SIC(2003) 60.109 60.249 61.101 61.102 Percentage change, latest quarter on previous quarter 2001 01 0.9 0.8 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0.8 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.6 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4 0.4		Rail freight	Freight tr	ansport by road			Freigh
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2001 Q1	SIC(2003)	60.10/9	60.24/9		61.10/1	61.10/2	63.4
2001 01	Percentage change, latest guarter on	previous quarter					
Q3	2001 Q1		0.8				1.
Q4							-1.
2002 Q1							-1.
Q2	Q4	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.4	-4.4	- 0.
Q2	2002 01	1 2	_0 1	0.3	<i>A</i> 9	_1 7	0.
Q3							1.
Q4							0.
Q2							0.
Q2							
Q3							1.
Q4							1.
2004 Q1							1.
Q2	Q4	0.5	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-1.9	0.
Q3				0.0			-0.
Q4	Q2			0.4			2.
2005 Q1	Q3		0.9	1.7	0.0		1
Q2	Q4	0.2	1.2	0.3	0.1	2.0	0
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Q3							1.
Q4							1.
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Table 2 – *continued* **Corporate Services Price Indices (Experimental) (2000=100)**

	Pas	senger transpo	rt					
	Business rail fares	Bus and coach hire	Business air fares	Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	Business telecoms services	Banking services	Construction plant hire	Computer services
SIC(2003)	60.10/1	60.23/1	62.10/1	50.20	64.20	65.121	71.32	72.00
2000 weights (per cent)								
Gross sector	0.28	0.11	2.94	2.62	10.59	2.59	2.13	11.26
Net sector	0.15	0.19	1.51	1.98	5.13	3.07	5.41	6.81
Annual								
2001	103.1	106.9	115.0	102.9	92.6	108.2	104.2	101.1
2002	106.1	117.5	122.5	106.1	90.6	116.5	101.9	101.4
2003	109.8	124.7	126.4	110.2	87.8	125.6	108.2	100.0
2004	114.4	128.3	128.7	115.2	85.6	123.1	107.7	99.5
2005	120.0	133.3	133.2	119.8	83.4	127.1	107.5	100.3
Percentage change, latest y	ear on previous	vear						
2001	3.1	6.9	15.0	2.9	-7.4	8.2	4.2	1.1
2002	2.9	9.9	6.5	3.1	-2.2	7.7	-2.1	0.3
2003	3.5	6.1	3.2	3.9	-3.0	7.8	6.1	-1.4
2004	4.2	2.9	1.8	4.5	-2.5	-2.0	-0.4	-0.5
2005	4.9	3.9	3.5	4.0	-2.6	3.3	-0.2	0.8
Quarterly results (not seaso	nally adjusted)							
2001 Q1	103.1	103.4	112.0	102.0	93.1	101.4	101.8	99.7
Q2	103.1	104.5	113.1	102.8	92.8	109.0	108.0	102.1
Q2 Q3	103.1		116.6	102.8	93.7	109.0	105.0	102.1
		107.9						
Q4	103.1	112.0	118.2	103.3	90.8	115.7	101.9	101.3
2002 Q1	106.1	114.0	120.4	104.9	88.3	113.6	100.3	101.0
Q2	106.1	115.6	121.9	105.5	89.5	117.8	101.4	102.4
Q3	106.1	119.6	123.1	106.6	93.0	113.4	102.9	100.9
Q4	106.1	121.0	124.4	107.4	91.4	121.3	103.2	101.3
2003 Q1	109.8	122.7	124.5	108.9	88.2	122.5	107.4	99.7
Q2	109.8	124.6	126.5	109.8	87.3	125.8	108.3	100.1
Q3	109.8	125.4	127.2	110.4	88.2	125.7	108.7	100.2
Q4	109.8	126.0	127.3	111.7	87.6	128.4	108.2	100.0
2004-01	114.4	126.2	1202	112.2	86.1	125.0	107.2	99.7
2004 Q1		126.3	128.2	113.3 114.6	85.8		107.3 108.7	99.7
Q2	114.4	127.4	128.5			115.0		
Q3	114.4	129.2	128.6	115.9	85.6	126.6	107.2	99.7
Q4	114.4	130.4	129.4	116.8	85.0	125.7	107.8	99.6
2005 Q1	120.0	131.0	131.3	118.9	83.4	124.2	107.6	100.5
Q2	120.0	132.6	132.5	119.0	82.7	127.0	107.7	100.4
Q3	120.0	132.9	133.8	119.8	83.7	123.8	108.0	100.3
Q4	120.0	136.9	135.1	121.5	83.6	133.5	106.6	100.0
2006 Q1	127.7	138.3	137.3	122.7		143.3	107.3	100.3
Q2	127.7	140.7	137.5	123.9		150.1	108.6	100.3
Q2	127.7	140.7	130.1	123.9		130.1	100.0	100.8

Table 2 – *continued*

	Pas	senger transpo	rt					
	Business rail fares	Bus and coach hire	Business air fares	Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	Business telecoms services	Banking services	Construction plant hire	Computer services
SIC(2003)	60.10/1	60.23/1	62.10/1	50.20	64.20	65.121	71.32	72.00
Percentage change, latest c								
2001 Q1	3.1	1.9	5.7	0.8	-1.3	-0.5	0.9	1.2
Q2	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	-0.3	7.4	6.1	2.4
Q3	0.0	3.3	3.1	0.6	1.0	-2.1	-2.7	-0.6
Q4	0.0	3.9	1.4	-0.2	-3.2	8.5	-3.0	-0.1
2002 Q1	2.9	1.7	1.9	1.5	-2.7	-1.8	-1.5	-0.3
Q2	0.0	1.4	1.2	0.6	1.3	3.6	1.0	1.4
Q3	0.0	3.5	1.0	1.0	4.0	-3.7	1.6	-1.4
Q4	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.8	-1.8	6.9	0.2	0.3
2002.01	2.5	1.4	0.1	1.5	2.5	1.0	4.1	1.5
2003 Q1	3.5	1.4	0.1	1.5	-3.5 1.0	1.0	4.1	-1.5
Q2	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.8	-1.0 1.0	2.7		0.3
Q3	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.0	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Q4	0.0	0.5	0.1	1.2	-0.6	2.2	-0.4	-0.2
2004 Q1	4.2	0.2	0.7	1.4	-1.7	-2.7	-0.9	-0.3
Q2	0.0	0.9	0.2	1.1	-0.4	-8.0		-0.6
Q3	0.0	1.4	0.1	1.2	-0.2	10.0	-1.4	0.6
Q4	0.0	1.0	0.6	0.7	-0.7	-0.7		-0.1
2005.04	4.0	0.4	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.4	0.0
2005 Q1	4.9	0.4	1.5	1.8	-1.8	-1.2		0.8
Q2	0.0	1.2	0.9	0.1	-0.8	2.2		-0.1
Q3 Q4	0.0 0.0	0.3 3.0	1.0 1.0	0.7 1.3	1.2 -0.1	-2.5 7.8	0.3 -1.3	-0.1 -0.3
Q+	0.0	5.0	7.0	1.5	0.1	7.0	1.5	0.5
2006 Q1	6.4	1.1	1.6	1.1		7.4	0.7	0.3
Q2	0.0	1.7	0.6	0.9		4.7	1.2	0.5
Percentage change, latest c	uarter on corres	ponding quarter	of previous ye	ar				
2001 Q1	3.1	6.1	16.5	2.9	-13.0	6.9	5.4	-1.5
Q2	3.1	4.2	15.5	3.2	-6.9	9.7	7.1	1.2
Q3	3.1	6.9	16.7	3.3	-5.4	2.8	3.3	2.0
Q4	3.1	10.4	11.6	2.1	-3.8	13.5	1.0	2.8
2002 Q1	2.9	10.2	7.5	2.8	-5.1	12.0	-1.4	1 :
	2.9	10.2	7.5 7.7	2.6	-3.1 -3.6	12.0 8.1	-1.4 -6.1	1.3
Q2 Q3	2.9	10.6	7.7 5.5	2.0 3.0	-3.0 -0.7	6.3		0.3 -0.5
Q3 Q4	2.9	8.0	5.2	3.0 3.9	-0.7 0.7	6.3 4.8	–2.0 1.3	0.0
ζ.		5.5	5.2	5.5	•			0.0
2003 Q1	3.5	7.6	3.4	3.9	-0.1	7.8		-1.2
Q2	3.5	7.8	3.8	4.0	-2.4	6.8		-2.3
Q3	3.5	4.8	3.3	3.6	-5.2	10.8	5.6	-0.8
Q4	3.5	4.1	2.3	4.1	-4.1	5.9	4.9	-1.2
2004 Q1	4.2	2.9	2.9	4.0	-2.4	2.0	-0.1	0.0
Q2	4.2	2.3	1.6	4.4	-2. 4 -1.8	-8.5		-1.0
Q2 Q3	4.2	2.5 3.1	1.1	5.0	-1.8 -3.0	0.7		-0.5
Q3 Q4	4.2 4.2	3.1 3.5	1.1	3.0 4.5	-3.0 -3.0	-2.1	-1.4 -0.4	-0.5 -0.4
2005 Q1	4.9	3.7	2.4	4.9	-3.1	-0.6	0.3	0.8
Q2	4.9	4.0	3.1	3.8	-3.5	10.4		1.4
Q3	4.9	2.9	4.1	3.4	-2.2 1.6	-2.2		0.6
Q4	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.0	-1.6	6.2	-1.1	0.3
2006 Q1	6.4	5.6	4.6	3.2		15.4	-0.3	-0.2
Q2	6.4	6.1	4.2	4.1		18.2	0.8	0.4

Table 2 – *continued* **Corporate Services Price Indices (Experimental) (2000=100)**

	Market research	Technical testing	Advertising	Employment agencies	Security services	Industrial cleaning	Commercial film processing
SIC(2003)	74.13	74.30	74.40	74.50	74.60	74.70	74.82
2000 weights (per cent)							
Gross sector	1.03	0.69	1.56	12.88	1.77	2.10	0.14
Net sector	0.94	0.92	1.46	6.27	2.36	2.25	0.19
Annual							
2001	103.1	103.7	100.2	107.2	104.5	101.4	100.1
2002		107.1	103.6	114.3	108.5	103.6	100.4
2003		111.8	104.2	117.0	115.1	105.1	104.9
2004		113.9	109.2	119.0	120.0	106.4	108.7
2005		115.3	113.6	122.3	123.6	107.8	106.4
Percentage change, latest year on previ	ous vear						
2001	•	3.7	0.2	7.2	4.5	1.4	0.1
2002		3.3	3.3	6.6	3.8	2.2	0.3
2003		4.4	0.6	2.4	6.1	1.4	4.5
2004		1.9	4.8	1.7	4.3	1.3	3.6
2005		1.2	4.0	2.8	3.0	1.2	-2.1
Quarterly results (not seasonally adjuste	ad)						
2001 Q1	102.6	101.8	96.5	101.2	102.6	99.9	100.1
Q2		104.0	100.7	107.1	103.6	100.9	100.2
Q3		104.1	101.2	109.0	105.2	101.2	100.1
Q4		104.9	102.5	111.6	106.3	103.5	100.1
2002 Q1	107.3	106.0	98.4	113.7	107.5	103.1	100.4
Q2		106.2	107.1	114.0	107.9	103.5	100.4
Q3		107.1	104.1	115.1	108.4	103.6	100.4
Q4		109.2	104.7	114.3	110.0	104.1	100.4
2003 Q1	110.7	110.4	98.9	115.3	112.4	104.4	100.7
Q2		111.3	107.1	117.4	114.1	104.5	102.0
Q3		112.6	105.0	117.5	115.6	105.5	107.7
Q4		112.9	105.9	117.8	118.2	105.8	109.2
2004 Q1	112.9	113.7	99.5	117.2	118.8	105.9	109.9
Q2		113.6	114.0	119.7	120.1	106.5	108.3
Q3		114.1	110.2	119.2	120.1	106.6	108.3
Q4		114.4	113.3	120.0	120.7	106.8	108.2
2005 Q1	114.5	114.5	109.3	120.3	121.8	107.4	106.3
Q2		114.7	114.2	121.5	122.6	107.7	106.5
Q3		115.7	114.2	121.3	124.4	107.7	106.5
Q4		116.2	116.8	123.9	125.6	107.7	106.5
2006 Q1	118.7	116.6	108.9	125.2	128.5	109.6	106.5

Table 2 – *continued*

	Market research	Technical testing	Advertising	Employment agencies	Security services	Industrial cleaning	Commercial film processing
SIC(2003)	74.13	74.30	74.40	74.50	74.60	74.70	74.82
Percentage change, latest quarter on previo	us quarter						
2001 Q1	2.6	0.8	-4.4	0.7	1.7	-0.3	0.0
Q2	0.2	2.2	4.3	5.8	1.0	1.0	0.1
Q3	0.2	0.1	0.5	1.8	1.5	0.3	-0.1
Q4	0.5	0.7	1.3	2.4	1.1	2.3	0.0
2002 Q1	3.5	1.1	-4.0	1.8	1.1	-0.4	0.3
Q2	0.1	0.1	8.9		0.4	0.3	0.0
Q3	0.3	0.9	-2.8		0.5	0.1	0.0
Q4	1.8	1.9	0.6		1.5	0.6	0.0
2002.04	0.0	1.1	F. C	0.0	2.2	0.3	0.3
2003 Q1	0.9	1.1	-5.6		2.2	0.2	0.3
Q2	0.1	0.8	8.3		1.5	0.2	1.3
Q3	1.3	1.2	-2.0		1.3	0.9	5.6
Q4	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.3	2.3	0.3	1.4
2004 Q1	0.4	0.7	-6.0	-0.6	0.5	0.0	0.7
Q2	-0.3	-0.1	14.6	2.1	1.1	0.6	-1.5
Q3	0.1	0.5	-3.3	-0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0
Q4	-0.5	0.3	2.8		0.3	0.2	-0.1
2005 Q1	2.0	0.0	2 5	0.2	0.9	0.5	1 0
	2.0 1.3		–3.5 4.5		0.9		-1.8
Q2		0.2			1.5	0.3	0.2
Q3	0.2	0.8	-0.2			0.0	0.0
Q4	0.2	0.4	2.4	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.0
2006 Q1	2.0	0.4	-6.8	1.1	2.3	1.3	0.0
Q2	0.8	2.7	7.5	0.6	3.2	0.1	2.2
Percentage change, latest quarter on corres	nonding guarter (of previous vea	ır				
2001 Q1	3.0	2.5	 2.3	1.9	3.6	0.1	0.2
Q2	3.0	4.5	-3.9		4.0	0.9	0.2
Q3	2.7	4.1	1.3		4.8	1.1	0.0
Q4	3.7	3.8	1.5		5.4	3.3	0.0
				45.5			
2002 Q1	4.6	4.1	1.9		4.8	3.3	0.3
Q2	4.4	2.0	6.3		4.1	2.6	0.2
Q3	4.5	2.9	2.9		3.0	2.4	0.3
Q4	5.8	4.1	2.2	2.4	3.4	0.6	0.3
2003 Q1	3.2	4.1	0.5	1.4	4.6	1.2	0.3
Q2	3.1	4.8	0.0		5.7	1.0	1.6
Q3	4.2	5.1	0.9		6.6	1.8	7.3
Q4	2.5	3.4	1.1		7.5	1.6	8.8
2004.01	2.0	2.0	0.0	1 7	F.C	1.4	0.2
2004 Q1	2.0	2.9	0.6		5.6	1.4	9.2
Q2	1.6	2.0	6.4		5.3	1.9	6.2
Q3 Q4	0.4 -0.2	1.3 1.3	4.9 7.0		4.2 2.1	1.0 0.9	0.6 -0.9
		5				5.5	3.3
2005 Q1	1.4	0.7			2.5	1.4	-3.3
Q2	3.0	1.0	0.2		2.1	1.2	-1.7
Q3	3.0	1.4	3.5		3.3	1.1	-1.7
Q4	3.7	1.5	3.1	3.2	4.1	1.3	-1.6
2006 Q1	3.6	1.9	-0.4	4.1	5.5	2.0	0.2
Q2	3.1	4.4	2.5		8.2	1.8	2.3

Table 2 – *continued* **Corporate Services Price Indices (Experimental) (2000=100)**

	Contract packaging	Direct marketing	Transalation and	Adult education	Commercial washing	Top-level CS	SPI .
	packaging	secretarial	interpretation services	education	and dry cleaning	Gross sector	Ne secto
SIC(2003)	74.82	74.83(pt)	74.83(pt)	80.42	93.01		
2000 weights (per cent))						
Gross sector	0.53	0.30	0.04	1.37	0.60	100	
Net sector	1.26	0.32	0.04	1.46	0.64		100
Annual							
2001	100.2	99.5	99.4	103.0	101.3	102.6	102.9
2002	101.8	98.5	100.3	105.4	102.1	104.7	104.8
2003	107.0	100.1	101.7	108.9	102.9	107.2	108.0
2004	109.1	101.6	102.4	112.5	105.7	109.2	110.3
2005	114.5	104.3	102.1	114.0	106.3	112.4	114.1
Davaantawa ahanwa lata							
Percentage change, late 2001	est year on previou 0.2	–0.5	-0.6	3.0	1.3	2.6	2.9
2002	1.5	-0.5 -1.0	0.9	2.4	0.8	2.1	1.9
2002	7.5 5.1	-1.0 1.6	1.4	3.3	0.8	2.1	3.0
2004	2.0	1.6	0.7	3.3	2.7	1.9	2.2
2005	5.0	2.7	-0.3	1.4	0.5	2.9	3.4
Quarterly results (not se	easonally adjusted)						
2001 Q1	99.7	99.2	99.5	100.9	100.3	100.9	101.5
Q2	100.0	99.7	99.5	103.2	101.3	102.8	103.2
Q3	100.5	99.7	99.2	103.8	101.5	103.1	103.3
Q4	100.7	99.6	99.4	104.0	102.2	103.5	103.7
2002 Q1	100.7	98.5	100.2	104.6	102.5	103.5	103.7
Q2	101.1	98.4	100.3	104.8	102.4	104.6	104.7
Q3	102.1	98.5	100.3	105.9	102.6	105.2	105.2
Q4	103.1	98.7	100.5	106.3	101.0	105.6	105.9
2002.01	103.9	98.9	101.5	107.0	102.7	105.8	106.6
2003 Q1	106.6	99.0	101.8	107.6	102.7	103.8	
Q2							107.9
Q3 Q4	108.3 109.1	100.9 101.5	101.8 101.8	109.0 112.0	103.0 103.4	107.6 108.0	108.4 108.9
Ų4	109.1	101.5	101.6	112.0	105.4	100.0	100.5
2004 Q1	109.4	101.3	102.8	112.5	106.1	107.8	108.9
Q2	109.1	101.8	102.8	112.5	106.1	109.0	110.1
Q3	108.8	101.7	102.1	112.5	105.1	109.7	110.8
Q4	109.1	101.7	102.1	112.6	105.6	110.2	111.4
2005 Q1	113.9	101.0	102.1	112.5	105.8	110.7	112.1
Q2	114.1	104.8	102.1	113.0	106.2	112.1	113.9
Q2 Q3	115.1	105.7	102.1	113.0	106.3	113.1	114.8
Q3 Q4			102.1				
Ų4	115.1	105.8	102.1	117.4	106.8	113.8	115.6
2006 Q1	116.3	109.0	102.5	117.6	107.4	114.5	116.3
Q2	116.5	109.1	103.0	117.7	108.3	116.0	117.9

Table 2 – *continued*

	Contract	Direct	Transalation	Adult	Commercial	Top-level CS	SPI .
	packaging	marketing secretarial	and interpretation services	education	washing and dry cleaning	Gross sector	Net sector
SIC(2003)	74.82	74.83(pt)	74.83(pt)	80.42	93.01		
Percentage change, lat							
2001 Q1	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.0
Q2	0.2	0.5	0.0	2.2	1.0	1.8	1.7
Q3	0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.1
Q4	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.4
2002 Q1	0.0	-1.1	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.0	-0.1
Q2	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.0	1.0
Q3	0.9	0.1	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.5
Q4	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	-1.5	0.4	0.7
2003 Q1	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.6	1.7	0.2	0.6
Q2	2.6	0.1	0.3	0.6	-0.2	1.2	1.3
Q3	1.6	1.9	0.0	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Q4	0.7	0.6	0.0	2.8	0.4	0.4	0.5
2004 Q1	0.3	-0.2	1.0	0.4	2.6	-0.2	-0.1
Q2	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1
Q3	-0.3	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.9	0.6	0.7
Q4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.6
2005 Q1	4.4	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.6
Q2	0.2	3.7	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.6
Q3	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.9	0.8
Q4	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.7	0.4	0.7	0.7
2006 Q1	1.1	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6
Q2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.9	1.3	1.4
Percentage change, lat	est quarter on corre	esponding quarter	of previous year				
2001 Q1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.8	1.5	0.7	1.0	2.0
Q2	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	3.7	1.1	2.9	3.5
Q3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	3.4	1.2	3.0	3.1
Q4	0.9	-0.4	-0.1	3.4	2.4	3.4	3.2
2002 Q1	1.0	-0.7	0.6	3.7	2.2	2.6	2.2
Q2	1.2	-1.3	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.4
Q3	1.5	-1.2	1.1	2.1	1.0	2.0	1.8
Q4	2.4	-1.0	1.1	2.2	-1.2	2.0	2.1
2003 Q1	3.2	0.4	1.3	2.3	0.2	2.2	2.8
Q2	5.4	0.6	1.5	2.7	0.2	2.4	3.1
Q3	6.1	2.4	1.5	2.9	0.5	2.3	3.1
Q4	5.8	2.9	1.3	5.4	2.4	2.3	2.9
2004 Q1	5.3	2.4	1.3	5.1	3.3	1.9	2.1
Q2	2.3	2.8	1.0	4.5	3.4	1.8	2.0
Q3	0.4	0.8	0.3	3.3	2.0	1.9	2.2
Q4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.5	2.1	2.0	2.3
2005 Q1	4.1	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.3	2.7	3.0
Q2	4.6	3.0	-0.6	0.5	0.1	2.8	3.5
Q3	5.8	3.9	0.0	0.6	1.1	3.1	3.6
Q4	5.5	4.1	0.0	4.3	1.1	3.3	3.7
2006 Q1	2.2	7.9	0.4	4.5	1.5	3.5	3.7
Q2	2.1	4.1	0.9	4.1	2.0	3.5	3.5

Development, Compilation and Use of Input-Output Supply and Use Tables in the UK National Accounts

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This article looks at the development, compilation and use of Input-Output (I-O) in the UK National Accounts since the first official tables were drawn up in 1961 for the year 1954. The I-O Supply and Use Tables framework is now a central part of the UK's National Accounts, and is the key to agreeing the annual level of current price Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as well as feeding into various parts of the National Accounts and other products.

This article was also presented as a paper by the author at the 29th General Conference of The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, in Finland in August 2006.

Introduction

In the UK, the first official Input-Output (I-O) Tables were published in 1961 for the year 1954, and have been produced roughly every five years as needed for the National Accounts rebasing of constant price estimates. However, since 1991/92, the production of I-O Supply and Use Tables has been a central part of the UK's National Accounts and has been used to set the annual level of current price Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

This article looks at the development of I-O in the UK National Accounts and covers:

- history and development of I-O Supply and Use Tables
- compilation and methodology of these tables, and annual coherence adjustments to GDP
- development of data sources used
- stages of integration with National Accounts
- development of new analyses based on the tables to increase their value to users

The article also describes the UK's approach to maintaining consistent I-O Supply and Use Tables over time, handling revisions and the planned improvement of the National Accounts through the development of quarterly and annual tables, both in current and previous years' prices. The article also covers the UK's approach to meeting demands for data from the Statistical Office of the European Community (Eurostat).

Role of I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables

The main aim of the UK Office for National Statistics (ONS) I-O work is to provide a framework for the detailed reconciliation of the components of the three measures of GDP, thus agreeing a single annual estimate of current market price GDP. In order to achieve this, I-O Supply and Use Tables are produced annually.

The ONS *Blue Book*¹ and the *Pink Book*² incorporate the final results of various annual inquiries, which become available on average around 15 months after the year in question, and quarterly data, which are predominantly used to calculate estimates for the latest year. As new data are collected, it is likely that revisions will be necessary, hence the provisional nature of the latest tables. The process

of reassessing these estimates involves the preparation of current price I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables. This I-O approach brings together all the available information on inputs, outputs, gross value added, incomes and expenditures. Similarly, the production of the consolidated sector and financial accounts requires the preparation of 'top-to-bottom' sector and sub-sector accounts to identify discrepancies in the sector estimates.

The first UK I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables were compiled during 1991/92 covering the year 1989, and published in the 1992 ONS *National Accounts Blue Book* (Chapter 18). For the 2006 *Blue Book* exercise, the first tables for 2004 were produced together with revised tables for the period 1992 to 2003, which include revisions as described later in this article. The tables are based on the *European System of Accounts* 1995 (ESA95).³

The value of I-O is enhanced by the timely production of the tables and, to this end, the latest tables are now being produced around 18 months after the end of the year to which they refer.

Since 1998, in line with the ESA95, the I-O framework and data sources have been used to develop and produce integrated annual production accounts by sector, and by industry, together with the annual generation of income accounts by sector, and by industry. This process has added a further dimension to the GDP accounts and, in turn, has provided further improvements to the quality of the data and the links between the UK accounts.

I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables also form the basis for the I-O Analytical Tables, which provide another dimension to the National Accounts. These tables provide separate analyses of the uses of domestically produced and imported goods and services. They also provide a framework to assess the direct and indirect changes on the whole economy, when the demand for a single product increases or decreases, as well as modelling a range of other types of economic change. The latest such tables for the UK were produced for the year 1995,⁴ and published in April 2002. Further details describing I-O Analytical Tables are provided later in this article.

Another major role for I-O work in ONS is to produce supply-side estimates of final demand. I-O analyses form the basis for the models that produce these estimates. Information from I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables also forms the basis of other statistics compiled in ONS, for example: producer price input indices, regional accounts, environmental accounts and gross value added weights used in the annual chain-linking of the constant price production measure of GDP.

Various new analyses have been developed based on the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables, for example, trade performance and concentration ratios, as well as function-based analyses such as: ICT, food sector, oil and gas sector, and creative sector. The development of these tables in previous years' prices extends the framework for ensuring coherence of economic statistics into new areas, such as productivity.

Key external users of I-O analyses include the Bank of England, HM Treasury and HM Revenue and Customs, for modelling the economy through a disaggregated view of industrial behaviour over time. Such models allow analysis of how the economy has, or will, respond to micro or macro economic change, for example, VAT regulations, consumer behaviour, rising oil prices, introduction of the minimum wage, and situations like BSE and foot and mouth disease. Other external customers include: other government departments, Eurostat, OECD, city analysts and businesses, economic forecasters and modellers, academics, trade associations, companies and the media.

I-O Supply and Use Tables – basic structure

The I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables consist of two matrices, which bring together the production, income and expenditure measures of GDP. When balanced, they provide a single measure of annual current price GDP, which integrates the components of gross value added, inputs and outputs, and final demands.

The tables, as illustrated in Figure 1, reflect the structure and availability of the data collected and the components needed to balance the three measures of GDP:

- the I–O Annual Supply and Use Tables show the supply and demand for products in terms of 123 industries (represented by column) and 123 products (represented by row). Industries are defined using the 2003 version of the *Standard Industrial Classification* (SIC (2003)), and businesses are classified on the ONS Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR) to industries according to whatever product accounts for the greatest part of their output. See Appendix A for the classification of the 123 I-O groups and their links to SIC (2003).
- the Supply Table shows the output of each industry by type of product at basic prices. Industries, by definition, produce mainly the principal product of the industry to which they are classified. The off-diagonal products are secondary production or by-products of the production process. The Supply Table is published in summary form only because of disclosure rules prohibiting the publication of data that may be traced to a single contributor to ONS inquiries.
- the industrial dimension of the Use Table shows, for each industry, the costs incurred in the production process as intermediate consumption along with primary inputs (labour costs, taxes on production, profits, and so on).
- the product dimension of the Use Table shows intermediate demand and final demand and is valued at purchasers' prices, which represent the prices that purchasers actually pay.
- estimates of consumption (both intermediate and final demand) include goods and services both domestically produced and imported.

Figure 1

I-O Supply and Use Tables framework

Supply Table					Use Table													
	INDUSTRY					_		INDUSTRY			-		AL D					
P R O D U C T	DOMESTIC SUPPLY at basic prices Note: Supply Table industry/product detail is not available due to disclosure rules	Imports of goods and services	Distributors' trading margins	Taxes (less subsidies) on products	T O T A L S U P P L Y	 	P R O D U C T	INTERMEDIATE DEMAND at purchasers' prices	Total intermediate demand	HHFCe	NPISHs FCe	Central government FCe	Local government FCe	Gross fixed capital formation	Valuables	Changes in inventories	Exports of goods and services	T O T A L D E M A N D
	TOTAL OUTPUT							Total intermediate consumption										
								Taxes (less subsidies) on production	_									
								Compensation of employees			A at b mary			es				
								Gross operating surplus	_	,	,		,					
					TOTAL OUTPUT (INPUTS)													

HHFCe represents households final consumption expenditure.

NPISHs FCe represents non-profit institutions serving households final consumption expenditure.

Stages of integration with National Accounts and revisions

Publication of Blue Book and I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables

Table 1 shows the release dates for the ONS *Blue Book* dataset and for the quarterly data underpinning the annual datasets since the 1992 *Blue Book*, which contained the first I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables for the year 1989.

Table 1 **Release of ONS annual** *Blue Book* **and consistent quarterly data**

<i>Blue Book</i> year dataset	Release of quarterly dataset	Release of Blue Book				
1992	Mid September	Mid August				
1993	Mid September	Mid August				
1994	Mid September	Mid August				
1995	End June	Mid July				
1996	End June	Mid July				
1997	End June	Mid August				
1998	End September	Early October				
1999	End July	End August				
2000	End June	Early August				
2001	End September	End September				
2002	End June	Mid July				
2003	End September	End October				
2004	End June	Mid July				
2005	End June	Mid July				
2006	End June	Mid July				

Since then, for each annual exercise, the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables have always been consistent with, and published at the same time as, the corresponding ONS *Blue Book* and *Pink Book* datasets.

Different stages of the GDP compilation process

Data feeding into the compilation of GDP, like many economic statistics,^{5,6} are continually revised and these revisions occur at different stages of the GDP compilation process.

Figure 2 shows the evolution of the first GDP estimate through successive monthly and quarterly exercises through to the first *Blue Book* and second *Blue Book* exercises.

Table 2 shows when the UK GDP estimate for 2004 Quarter 1 was first published, and the timing of subsequent revisions to this period up to the annual benchmarking exercise through the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables in June 2006.

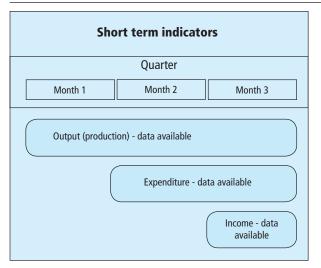
The next section of this article briefly describes the short-term and annual processes, and the cause of revisions at each stage.

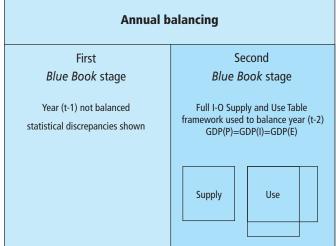
Quarterly GDP process

There are three successive monthly releases after the end of each quarter:

- *Gross Domestic Product Preliminary Estimate*, referred to as Month One (M1)
- UK Output, Income and Expenditure release, referred to as Month Two (M2), and
- Quarterly National Accounts, referred to as Month Three (M3)

Figure 2
Life cycle of National Accounts data - estimation timeframe





Letter 't' denotes the year of the Blue Book publication

Table 2 **2004 Quarter 1: Initial estimates of GDP through to annual benchmarking**

Month	Release
Apr 2004	M1 Gross Domestic Product Preliminary Estimate
·	(after 25 days)
May 2004	M2 UK Output, Income and Expenditure
	(after 55 days)
Jun 2004	M3 Quarterly National Accounts
	(after 85 days)
Sep 2004	Quarterly Round (M3)
Dec 2004	Quarterly Round (M3)
Mar 2005	Quarterly Round (M3)
Jun 2005	Blue Book One stage
Sep 2005	Quarterly Round (M3)
Dec 2005	Quarterly Round (M3)
Mar 2006	Quarterly Round (M3)
Jun 2006	Blue Book Two stage
	(balanced through I-O SUTs framework)

The *Gross Domestic Product Preliminary Estimate* is usually released around 25 days after the end of the reference quarter. The UK is one of the fastest countries in the world in releasing its first estimate of GDP, balancing a trade-off between timeliness and subsequent revisions.

The preliminary estimate of GDP provides estimates of the growth in the volume of GDP on the previous quarter. It is based on a limited amount of information:

- Index of Production for the first two months of the quarter
- Monthly Inquiry into Distribution and Services Sectors (MIDSS) for two full months and partial data for the third month
- Retail Sales Inquiry estimates for the three months of the quarter
- limited information on the output of the rest of the economy

Although at this stage estimates are only available for broad industry groups, the preliminary estimate provides a broad indication of the level of growth in quarterly GDP, which will become more firmly based at later stages in the process.

UK output, income and expenditure is released around 55 days after the end of the reference quarter. A single estimate of GDP with its income, output (or production) and expenditure components is produced, replacing and revising the preliminary estimate. Revisions between M1 and M2 arise mostly from additional output-based data. This quarterly GDP estimate is improved by the addition of, for example:

- Index of Production and MIDSS data for the third month of the quarter, replacing previously used forecasts
- new information from the inventories and gross fixed capital formation inquiries
- Motor Trades Inquiry and HM Revenue and Customs data
- early survey data covering the construction industry
- data confrontation and balancing between the different approaches to the measurement of GDP

Quarterly National Accounts is released around 85 days after the end of the reference quarter. In this release, ONS produces a full set of quarterly economic accounts, revising and expanding the information made available in the earlier estimate and revising estimates for earlier quarters in the current and, normally, previous years.

Fuller survey data for components of each of the expenditure, output (or production) and income measures are available. Revisions between M2 and M3 arise from:

- additional output data. For example, construction industry estimates are based on full survey results in M3, replacing forecasts used in M1 and M2
- newly received data for expenditure and income measures of GDP, replacing previously used forecasts

- additional detail and replacement of imputation. For example, Expenditure and Food Survey (EFS) data are available in M3, replacing forecasts for households final consumption of services
- availability of data from the ONS Quarterly Profits Inquiry, and revised estimates for inventories and gross fixed capital formation
- availability of some Balance of Payments data for the first time at this stage
- data confrontation and balancing between the different approaches to the measurement of GDP

Figure 3 shows the evolving availability of data for components of the expenditure measure of GDP.

By this stage in the estimation process, the full final employment figures (employee jobs in the Workforce Jobs survey) are usually available. These feed into both the income measure of GDP, and to a lesser extent the output (or production) measure. Given the fully integrated nature of the accounts, any imbalance in the sector accounts is also part of the evidence considered in balancing GDP.

Annual GDP process including I-O Supply and Use Tables

Annual data sources, as they become available, provide more detail than the quarterly releases and are published and incorporated the following year. This is known as 'Blue Book One stage'. In this stage, the latest complete year is year (t-1), where t is the year of the ONS *Blue Book*. This provides an opportunity to use data from sources that had not been available earlier, such as information from HM Revenue and Customs and Government outturns for the fiscal year. It is likely at this stage that revisions will be made to the latest annual data and underlying quarterly data. This revision will take place 6 to 18 months after the M3 estimate has been published. For the year (t-1) in this stage, the three measures of GDP are not fully balanced, and statistical discrepancies exist for the expenditure and income measures of GDP.

The 'Blue Book One stage' estimates are again revised at the 'Blue Book Two stage', typically 18 to 30 months after the preliminary GDP estimate is published. The first I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables are produced for the year (t-2) using annual sources such as the ONS Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) together with a range of other benchmark sources and revised data. So, for example, the 2006 *Blue Book* included the first such table for the year 2004, incorporating the first set of results from the ABI for that year. When balanced, the I-O

Figure 3 **Data availability of quarterly GDP expenditure components**

Expenditure components					
Percentages for the year 2004 in the 2006 <i>Blue Book</i>	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	First Blue Book	Second Blue Book
HHFCe and NPISHs FCe 64.8%		45%	85%	100% R	100% B
General government FCe 21.3%		60%	60%	100% R	100% B
GFCF 16.5%		55%	80%	100% R	100% B
Changes in inventories 0.4%		65%	85%	100% R	100% B
Exports of goods 16.2%		100%	100%	100% R	100% B
Exports of services 0.2%		60%	80%	100% R	100% B
mports of goods 21.4%		100%	100%	100% R	100% B
mports of services 7.0%		60%	80%	100% R	100% B

HHFCe is households final consumption expenditure. NPISHs FCe is non-profit institutions serving households final consumption expenditure. GFCF is gross fixed capital formation. Valuables are not shown as the estimates are negligible.

Annual Supply and Use Tables have removed the need for any annual statistical discrepancies between the three measures of GDP. In the 'Blue Book Two stage' revisions can go back several years and impact on the first estimate for the year (t-1) produced during the 'Blue Book One stage', as well as the underlying quarterly estimates.

Figure 4 shows the impact of the first I-O Annual Supply and Use Table on the year (t-2) GDP at current market prices, since the 1994 Blue Book.

Figure 4
Impact of first I-O SUTs balance on year (t-2) GDP at current market prices

£ million

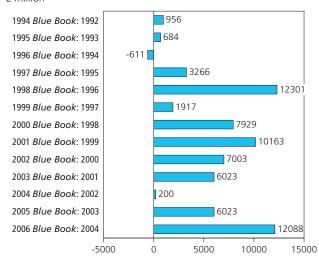
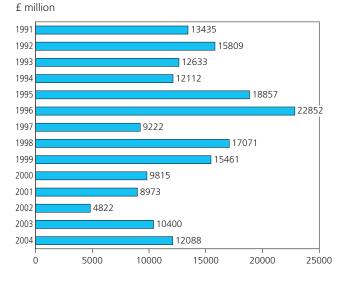


Figure 5 shows the accumulative revision from the first 'Blue Book One stage' estimate of annual GDP for each year balanced through the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables process to the latest estimate published in this edition. Total revision varies between 0.4 per cent and 2.8 per cent of GDP.

Figure 5

Accumulative revision to GDP from *Blue Book* One stage to latest estimate since the 1992 *Blue Book*



For fuller details and analyses of the revisions generated by the different stages of GDP compilation, from M1 through to benchmarking, see *Akritidis*^{7,8} and *Richardson*.^{9,10} For further details on the annual process, see *Mahajan*.¹¹

Sources of revisions

The scope for revisions to earlier periods is determined by the National Accounts revisions policy applied for each quarterly and annual exercise. The policy is based around the arrival of new data and its economic significance coupled with the need to be able to make methodological improvements. In general, revisions through the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables framework are made due to:

- receipt of additional and/or more comprehensive data and the subsequent need to review any judgmental adjustments made in previous balancing exercises, see *Penneck and Mahajan*¹²
- update of institutional sector components to reflect final data
- annual benchmarking of short-term based data sources
- improvements and changes to methodology and classifications
- inclusion of new sources and improvements to existing sources
- specific data reconciliation exercises

In principle, it should be noted that methodological and classification changes can cause time series to be revised all the way back to the year 1948, the earliest year of UK GDP at current market prices under the present system. Examples of recent cases that have generated substantial changes to the National Accounts and I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables are shown in Table 3. For a more complete list of changes in the 1990s, see *Brand and Jenkinson*.¹³

Revisions can also be generated through the process of balancing I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables. For each year, this process, when complete, shows:

- for each of the 123 produces, total supply equals total demand
- for each of the 123 industries, total inputs equals total outputs, and
- for each of the 123 industries, GVA from the production approach equals that from the income approach, consistent both with components of the income measure and for each of the seven National Accounts institutional sectors

These identities hold for each year and the balancing process also has to ensure consistency of the industry, product and institutional sector detail over time. For further details of the annual balancing process, see *Mahajan*.¹¹

Table 3 **Key changes affecting National Accounts and Input-Output Annual Supply and Use Tables in recent years**

Blue Book	
year	Change
n/a	Implementation of Pickford Report Recommendations (Cabinet Office (1989)).14
	Implementation of Chancellor's Initiatives (ONS (1991)) ¹⁵ – two funded packages in May 1990 and November 1991.
1992	Introduction of annual GDP current price balancing through the Input-Output Annual Supply and Use Tables framework.
1993	Rebasing the National Accounts onto 1990=100.
1995	Conversion of estimates from SIC (80) to SIC (92).
1998	Use of ONS inquiry results based on the new Inter-Departmental Business Register.
	Rebasing the National Accounts onto 1995=100.
	Move to the European System of Accounts 1995.
2000	Improved capital stock estimates from 1948.
2001	Incorporation of the full impact of results from the new Annual Business Inquiry (ABI).
	Inclusion of estimates for alcohol and tobacco smuggling.
2003	Incorporation of initial results from the new annual all-industry purchases data collected via the ABI.
	Inclusion of estimates for Missing Trader intra-community VAT fraud activity.
	Move to annual chain-linking of GDP with reference year 2000.
2004	Reclassification of National Health Service Trusts from the public non-financial corporation sector to the central government sector.
	Review of the public sector health industry estimates.
	Chain-linking of GDP with reference year 2001.
2005	Incorporation of results from Pension Inquiry data review.
	Range of Atkinson Review related revisions.
	Conversion of estimates from SIC (92) to SIC (2003).
	Chain-linking of GDP with reference year 2002.
2006	Reclassification of the BBC and S4C from the public non-financial sector to the central government sector.
	Inclusion of new Bank of England data on spread earnings and derivatives for banks, and data from new Bank of England Profit/Loss form.
	Improved estimates of consumption of fixed capital from 1948.
	Chain-linking of GDP with reference year 2003.

Table 4 shows, for each ONS *Blue Book* since 1992, the earliest year for which revisions have been made to annual current price GDP and to I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables. Improvements to the quality of the tables have also been made without affecting total GDP. For example, the 2005 exercise included revisions for years back to 1992, whereas annual current price GDP was only revised from the year 1996.

Table 5 shows, for each annual exercise from 1992, the publication of new I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables and the years for which earlier tables have been revised.

Appendix B shows a brief summary reflecting key changes incorporated in the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables in each year.

The I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables are based on a wide range of sources:

• in the main, these tables are based on returns from ONS statistical surveys such as the ABI, PRODCOM, ITIS, Financial Industry inquiries and the EFS, as well as data from other government departments such as Defra, DTI and HM Revenue and Customs

Table 4 **Earliest year revised since 1992** *Blue Book*

<i>Blue Book</i> year	Earliest year revised									
	Annual current price GDP	I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables								
1992	1984	1989								
1993	1982	1989								
1994	1983	1989								
1995	1987	1989								
1996	1987	1989								
1997	1989	1989								
1998	1948	1989								
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2002	1997	1997								
2003	1996	1992								
2004	1991	1991								
2005	1996	1992								
2006	1948	1989								

Table 5
Input-Output Annual Supply and Use Tables published since 1992

Year (t) published	Inpu	it-Ou	tput A	Innua	l Sup	ply ar	nd Use	e Tabl	es								Industrial classification	System of National Accounts
1992	'89																SIC (80)	ESA 79
1993	'89r	'90															SIC (80)	ESA 79
1994	'89r	'90r	'91	'92													SIC (80)	ESA 79
1995	'89r	'90r	'91r	'92r	'93												SIC (92)	ESA 79
1996	'89r	'90r	'91r	'92r	'93r	'94											SIC (92)	ESA 79
1997	'89r	'90r	'91r	'92r	'93r	'94r	'95										SIC (92)	ESA 79
1998	'89r	'90r	'91r	'92r	'93r	'94r	'95r	'96									SIC (92)	ESA 95
1999								'96r	'97								SIC (92)	ESA 95
2000	'89r	'90r	'91r	'92r	'93r	'94r	'95r	'96r	'97r	'98							SIC (92)	ESA 95
2001	'89r	'90r	'91r	'92r	'93r	'94r	'95r	'96r	'97r	'98r	'99						SIC (92)	ESA 95
2002									'97r	'98r	'99r	'00					SIC (92)	ESA 95
2003				'92r	'93r	'94r	'95r	'96r	'97r	'98r	'99r	'00r	'01				SIC (92)	ESA 95
2004			'91r	'92r	'93r	'94r	'95r	'96r	'97r	'98r	'99r	'00r	'01r	'02			SIC (92)	ESA 95
2005				'92r	'93r	'94r	'95r	'96r	'97r	'98r	'99r	'00r	'01r	'02r	'03		SIC (2003)	ESA 95
2006	'89r	'90r	'91r	'92r	'93r	'94r	'95r	'96r	'97r	'98r	'99r	'00r	'01r	'02r	'03r	'04	SIC (2003)	ESA 95

Letter 'r' denotes the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables that have been revised. Letter 't' denotes the year of publication.

- data from administrative systems are also used, such as the Government Expenditure Monitoring System, Subjective Analyses Return covering local government expenditure, as well as tax and employment-based data from HM Revenue and Customs
- models are also used, such as the Perpetual Inventory Model, to provide estimates for market and non-market bodies' consumption of fixed capital
- over time, the ONS receives more complete information, for example, as more survey returns come in, this new information is incorporated within the National Accounts

For further details covering sources and methods underlying these tables, see *Mahajan*¹⁶ and the *UK Gross National Income Inventory of Methods*. ¹⁷

Revisions analyses are published each year in the *Input-Output Analyses* publication. Also, I-O based articles have been published in *Economic Trends*, see *Mahajan*. ¹⁸

Annual coherence adjustments to GDP in the 2006 *Blue Book* and I-O Supply and Use Tables

In practice, the data sources used in the National Accounts are subject to statistical error and complete coherence between measures of economic activity is not achieved without making specific adjustments. For the period 1989 to 2004, these adjustments are made through the current price I-O balancing process using the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables and the underlying framework.

An article in the October 1999 issue of *Economic Trends*¹² describes the background to these adjustments and briefly shows how they are made. The compilation and balancing process is described in more detail in the *Input-Output Methodological Guide*¹⁶ and the January 1997 issue of

Economic Trends. The process of achieving coherence in the accounts by balancing the tables can most simply be explained as a series of different types of adjustment.

The main types of adjustment described in the October 1999 *Economic Trends* article are:

- conceptual and coverage adjustments
- quality adjustments, and
- coherence adjustments

Table 6 shows these coherence adjustments for 2003 and 2004.

Sources and methods underlying the I-O Supply and Use Tables

ONS's I-O work follows closely the approach of the United Nations in their *System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA93)*¹⁹ and the *ESA95*. In addition, the United Nations *Input-Output Tables and Analysis, Studies in Methods* and *Handbook*^{20,21} provide further detailed information. It is worth noting that Eurostat, in collaboration with Member States, arranged a Task Force, including the UK in 2001, to develop a new I-O Manual covering the compilation of I-O Supply and Use Tables and I-O Analytical Tables consistent with the ESA95 and SNA93, and this is available in draft form.²²

Wherever possible, ONS inquiries have been used as the basis of the estimates in the tables. However, for the detailed figures, we have to use a wide variety of data sources of varying suitability and quality. Information on purchases, in particular, is an area for which ONS has a programme of continual development to improve the quality and coverage of the inquiries.

Table 7 shows a summary of sources either directly or indirectly used.

Table 6 Coherence adjustments within 2003 and 2004 annual current price GDP (£ million)

	Coherence adjustn				
	2003	2004			
Income measure					
Financial corporations' profits	1,380	950			
Private non-financial corporations' profits	1,884	-1,686			
Compensation of employees	2,992	2,36			
Rental income	-				
Self-employment income	2,682	1,91			
Expenditure measure					
Households final consumption	1,409	5,711			
NPISHs	520	802			
Central government	-				
Local government	-				
Gross fixed capital formation	505	3,53			
Changes in inventories	-				
Exports of services	3,010	3,26			
Imports of services	2,740	2,05			
Production measure (adjustment to GVA by industry)					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	35				
Mining and quarrying	2,815	1,570			
Manufacturing	179	-1,38			
Electricity, gas and water supply	660	41			
Construction	-366	24			
Distribution and hotels	-1,857	-3,35			
Transport and communication	-1,339	-68			
Finance and business services	-4,194	-4,24			
Public administration and defence	· -	·			
Education, health and social work	181	114			
Other services	-794	-224			

Table 7 **Brief summary of data sources**

ONS sources	Other government departments	Non-government sources			
Annual Business Inquiry	Bank of England	Association of British Insurers			
Business Spend on Capital Items	Department for Environment, Food and Rural	Civil Aviation Authority			
Expenditure and Food Survey	Affairs	Company annual reports and accounts			
Financial Inquiries	Department of the Environment, Transport	Company financial websites			
Inter-Departmental Business Register	and the Regions	Regulatory accounts			
International Passenger Survey	Department of Enterprise, Trade and				
International Trade in Services Inquiry	Investment (Northern Ireland)				
Monthly inquiry into Distribution and	Department for Transport				
Services Sector	Department of Health				
Monthly Production Inquiry	Department of Trade and Industry				
Perpetual Inventory Model	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs				
PRODCOM	(including INTRASTAT data)				
Quarterly Profits Inquiry	Her Majesty's Treasury				
Quarterly Capital Expenditure	Ministry of Defence				
Quarterly Stocks Inquiry	Department for Communities and Local				
Range of ad hoc pilot surveys	Government				
VAT paid and VAT turnover data					

The estimates used for the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables for 1992 to 2004 are our best view of the structure of supply and demand. Many of the detailed estimates have been changed by the need to achieve a balance within the tables' framework.

The UK is relatively rich in terms of the availability of source data to populate the I-O Annual Supply and Tables, and producing all of the components for each of the three approaches to GDP. This enables detailed data confrontation as part of the balancing process and, consequently, a better quality end-product.

Over the past 15 years, the UK has implemented recommendations from the Pickford Report (1989) and the Chancellor's Initiatives (May 1990 and November 1991), which have led to numerous improvements to UK economic statistics and the development of new business surveys and products.

Several new sources have been developed to collect annual data covering detailed information on purchases of goods and services for intermediate consumption and a breakdown of gross fixed capital formation by industry and by product.

The next part of this section covers some of the key ONS annual survey sources developed and used to populate the I-O Annual Supply and Tables. It is worth noting that many of the sources provide data for both the Supply Table and the Use Table.

Annual Business Inquiry (ABI)

The ABI, introduced in 1998, is a statutory survey with two parts: ABI/1 collects employment information and ABI/2 collects financial information from businesses and other establishments across most of the economy. The ABI/2 forms the single largest ONS-based source used to populate the I-O Annual Supply and Tables, and covers the following industries:

- parts of agriculture and all of forestry and fishing
- mining and quarrying
- manufacturing
- electricity, gas and water
- construction
- distribution and hotels
- transport and communication
- business (not financial industries), and
- other services excluding general government

In 2005/06, 69,900 ABI/2 forms (compared with 77,000 in 2004/05) were sent to businesses, collecting financial information covering:

- employment costs
- turnover

- purchases of goods and services
- taxes paid and subsidies received
- changes in inventories
- gross fixed capital formation, and
- imports and exports of services

This survey also collects from the distribution industries details of sales and purchases of goods for resale without processing, from which an estimate of distributors' trading margins by product can be derived.

Detailed purchases of goods and services for intermediate consumption

Under the umbrella of the ABI/2, forms are sent to businesses across the whole economy collecting detailed breakdowns of purchases of goods and services used up as intermediate consumption. The forms are specific to each industry, asking appropriate questions relevant to the industries' activity. For example, the shoe manufacturing industry is asked about their purchases of leather, fabric, glue, rubber, and so on. In 2005/06, detailed questions on purchases were sent to around 13,000 businesses selected as a sub-sample of the ABI/2.

PRODCOM

PRODucts of the European COMmunity (PRODCOM) is a statutory survey undertaken by ONS, in line with the harmonised system across the European Community for the collection and publication of product statistics. It is compiled by collecting data from manufacturers on an annual basis and covered over 24,500 businesses in 2005/06.

Detailed data are collected covering both value and volume of manufacturers' product sales, merchanted goods, work done, sales of waste products and residues, and other income.

International Trade in Services survey

The International Trade in Services survey is an annual statutory inquiry collecting product detail (51 products) on imports and exports of services (by country of origin and destination) of the private sector with a few exceptions. The annual sample in 2005/06 was around 20,000.

Business Spending on Capital Items Survey

The Business Spending on Capital Items Survey is an annual statutory survey covering most industries, and collects detailed product breakdowns of companies' capital expenditure (acquisitions and disposals are covered separately) on assets such as vehicles and plant and machinery (over 50 products). The annual sample in 2005/06 was over 2,500.

For more information and detail on the data sources used, as well as the balancing process, please refer to the *Input-Output Methodological Guide*, 1997 edition. Although based on now superseded UK methodologies, it still offers extensive help.

The *Gross National Income Inventory of Methods* also provides more comprehensive detail on sources and methods underlying the compilation of the three measures of GDP and the balancing process.

Gross value added and total output – link between survey-based estimates and the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables

Data collected and published through the ONS Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) show 'approximate' GVA at basic prices and 'approximate' total output at basic prices. The ABI forms a major data input in the production of I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables, which also show industry estimates of total output at basic prices and GVA at basic prices but are different from those shown in the ABI. Alternative data sources are used for industries not covered by the ABI. In producing these estimates to be fully consistent with the ESA95, there are essentially four key adjustments required: coverage adjustments, conceptual and valuation adjustments, quality adjustments and coherence adjustments.

The adjustments can be briefly described as follows:

Coverage adjustments

These include, for example, allowances made for units missing from the IDBR; the self-employed; and, in the past, the transformation of inquiry-based estimates covering only Great Britain onto a full UK basis (including Northern Ireland).

Conceptual and valuation adjustments

These are needed to move the inquiry-based estimates onto a full ESA95 basis required for National Accounts. These adjustments include, for example, income earned in kind; imputed insurance premium supplement; taxes and subsidies on production; and capital formation on cultivated assets.

Quality adjustments

These are needed to address issues such as known biases or discontinuities in the source data. These may be specific to a range of products, industries or even to just one year, and are often not taken into source survey results due to timing or system constraints.

Coherence adjustments

These are needed to resolve the data confrontation posed by the various data sources used in producing and balancing the production, income and expenditure measures of GDP through the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables framework.

Analyses

Over the past ten years, substantial improvements have been made to the production processes allowing for the development of a range of user orientated analyses. This has further developed the role of I-O in the UK.

The Current Price Input-Output Branch has been staffed with around 11 members (reduced to ten from April 2006) over the past few years and covers the development, compilation, coordination and balancing of the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables, as well as the production of the analyses in the UK I-O Analyses publication, and the publication itself.

The team has continually improved compilation methodologies; developed existing and new data sources; improved links with data suppliers and the annual balancing process; and automated many processes and routines used in the compilation of the tables.

These achievements have enabled the efficient production of the product, including meeting the challenge of maintaining a long run of consistent I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables, presently for the period 1992 to 2004. This in turn has allowed the team to drive forward the development of a wide range of new economic analyses, either as a time series or year specific, based on the tables. These analyses include:

- the UK economy analyses at a glance
- export shares of goods and services
- import penetration of goods and services
- net trade in goods and services
- information and communication technologies (ICT)
- creative sector
- food sector
- concentration ratios for businesses by industry
- taxes and subsidies recorded within the production boundary
- oil and gas sector
- market sector and non-market sector activity
- revisions analyses
- chronologies of economic events for a number of industries

Many of these analyses require appropriate industry, product and sector definitions. Wherever possible, we have used internationally recognised definitions, such as the OECD's description of ICT activity and the definition of the market sector as laid out in the ESA95. If such definitions are not suitable, we have used definitions recognised in the user community as used for the creative sector and food sector, both of which are used by other government departments.

User demands for analyses based on the I-O framework have been a key driver for developing such analyses. For example, key users like the Bank of England and HM Treasury are interested in the market sector and non-market sector activity to assess the business cycle, monitor the output gap, and compare productivity between sectors as well as across other countries. Market sector estimates also provide an important indicator of demand pressures reflecting changes in the quantity of goods and services sold in the market sector of the economy.

The *United Kingdom Input-Output Analyses* publication together with other I-O based products can be viewed on the ONS I-O web page at www.statistics.gov.uk/inputoutput

I-O Analytical Tables

The I-O Analytical Tables provide tools to analyse the structure of the economy and perform economic modelling. They show separately the consumption of UK-produced goods and services and imported goods and services. These tables provide a theoretical framework for further analysis of the structure of the economy, the composition and the effect of changes in final demand on the economy.

Cambridge University produced the first UK I-O Tables for the years 1948 (using only eight industry groups) and 1950, with results published in the 1952 and 1953 *Blue Books* respectively. The first official UK I-O tables were produced by the Board of Trade and Central Statistical Office for the year 1954 (using 46 industry groups) based on the 1960 *Blue Book* and published in 1961. Since then, they have been produced roughly every five years as needed for the National Accounts rebasing of constant price estimates.

The close relationship between I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables and I-O Analytical Tables has sometimes led to confusion despite being two different products. For example, previous naming conventions have described the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables and I-O Analytical Tables as Derived Tables, I-O Tables, I-O Balances or Symmetric Tables.

Figure 6 shows diagrammatically the structure of the symmetric I-O Analytical Tables (product by product).

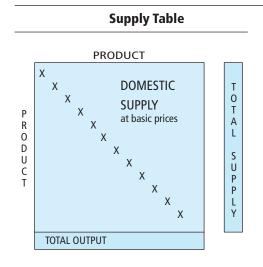
The main differences between I-O Analytical Tables and the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables are:

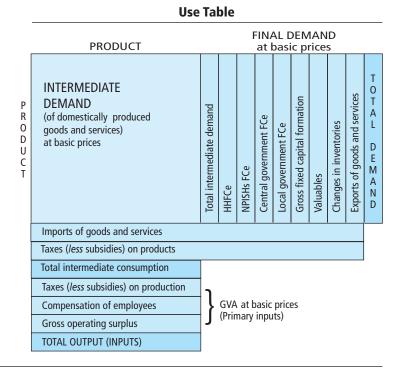
- I-O Analytical Tables are symmetric tables (product by product or industry by industry). There are no offdiagonal elements in the Supply Table and the row totals equal the column totals in this table
- in the I-O Analytical Tables, consumption of imports of goods and services and UK-produced goods and services are shown separately, since the assumptions underlying the construction of these tables cannot be applied to imports. A symmetric Imports Use Table can be constructed only as a derivation of the domestic-based I-O Analytical Tables
- the valuation of the main I-O Analytical Tables is at basic prices. This valuation reflects the amount received by the producers for their output, excluding distributors' trading margins and taxes (*less* subsidies) on products

There are various type of analyses that can be compiled in the process of producing I-O Analytical Tables. For example:

- industry by product transformation matrices covering distributors' trading margins, taxes (*less* subsidies) on products and imports of goods and services
- Domestic Use Table and Imports Use Table at basic prices (product by industry)

Figure 6
I-O Analytical Tables (symmetric): Product by Product





HHFCe represents households final consumption expenditure.

NPISHs FCe represents non-profit institutions serving households final consumption expenditure.

X denotes the diagonal entries in the Domestic Supply Table. Off-diagonal entries in the industry by product Domestic Output Table, and their associated inputs, have been moved to this product as part of the compilation of the Symmetric Table.

- product by product tables for the Domestic Use Table and Imports Use Table at basic prices
- industry by industry tables for the Domestic Use Table and Imports Use Table at basic prices
- Leontief Inverse
- multiplier analyses (for example, output, employment and employment costs)
- primary input content of final demand, and links to GDP
- industrial analyses in terms of primary inputs

For further details, see the last set of *I-O Analytical Tables*. These tables covered the year 1995 and were on an ESA95 basis using the *Standard Industrial Classification 1992* (SIC (92)). The number of I-O groups (industry/product) was extended from 123 to 138 in order to reflect the different input structures of central government, local government and NPISHs (non-profit institutions serving households). These tables were also consistent with the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables for 1995 published in November 2001. The tables for 1995 have since been revised in each of the subsequent annual exercises from 2002 to 2006 inclusive.

Member States are now required under EU statistical regulation to produce I-O Analytical Tables together with I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables, and submit them to Eurostat. The UK submitted the 1995 I-O Analytical Tables in December 2002.

Although the I-O Analytical Tables have been published roughly every five years, our plan to produce these tables annually following publication of the 1995 tables, consistent with the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables, has been in abeyance. This plan has been reconsidered in the light of changed priorities within ONS. In particular, National Accounts production is being thoroughly reviewed as part of a Re-engineering Project. As a result, there are no explicit plans to produce another set of I-O Analytical Tables or to produce them annually but instead to consider them as part of this project.

Appendix C shows a full chronology of UK I-O Analytical Tables.

Future

Internationally driven changes

There are major changes that the UK has to prepare for, and implement. Those affecting the National Accounts and I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables at current prices include:

- implementation of the allocation of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM), by industry, by sector and by type of final expenditure
- implementation of the new Standard Industrial Classification (2007), consistent with the new NACE Rev. 2
- changes to the *System of National Accounts 1993* (SNA93) and the *European of System of Accounts* 1995 (ESA95)

The UK National Accounts and I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables presently treat FISIM as a nominal industry and sector. The present plan is to implement the allocation of FISIM, by industry, by sector and by type of final expenditure in the 2007 annual exercise, going back to the start of the UK National Accounts.

In line with the new *Standard Industrial Classification* (2007), which will be consistent with the new NACE Rev. 2, ONS will convert its business register onto the new classification through the year 2007. From the beginning of 2008, all ONS business surveys will be sampled using the new classification. The work programme will include the development of links between old and new register data to inform the creation of continuous survey results, and thereby continuous time series within National Accounts.

The new classification will have a major impact on survey results and National Accounts, requiring extensive re-writing of computer systems and the generation of back data onto a consistent basis. This will affect the compilation, balancing and publication of the monthly, quarterly and annual outputs of the National Accounts, including the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables.

There are many international discussions covering the treatment of various issues leading to revision of the present SNA93, due for completion sometime in 2008. This in turn will lead to a revision of the ESA95, due for completion perhaps around 2010. The UK is actively participating in many of these discussions. Once both of these stages have been agreed, it is likely that the National Accounts will be produced on the new basis perhaps around 2012.

Domestically driven changes

In 2003, the UK began a major National Accounts Re-engineering Project as part of a much wider ONS office-wide Statistical Modernisation programme. All National Accounts production processes and the further development of the role of I-O are being reviewed. This includes the estimation of GDP through the I-O Supply and Use Tables framework:

- both at current prices and previous years' prices
- quarterly and annually
- expanding the number of industries and products
- estimating gross value added by double deflation
- balancing of deflators across supply and demand
- improving links with labour market data

The National Accounts Re-engineering Project also includes the re-organisation of management structures, and staff roles and responsibilities to reflect new systems and processes.

Examples of other developments we will need to consider include:

 improving the processes, with which long-run consistent I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables can be maintained for an ever-increasing number of years. For example, in the 2006 annual exercise, tables for the years 1992 to 2003 were revised and rebalanced, together with the production of new tables for the year 2004. With limited resources and time available, this approach is not sustainable. Changes required will also need to include the development of an effective and appropriate revisions policy

- regular production of I-O Analytical Tables. The last set of these tables was produced for the year 1995 and published in 2002
- development of new sources covering areas where the data available are relatively weak compared with other areas of the National Accounts or parts of the I-O Supply and Use Tables. For example, with the increasing role of the distribution and service sector, there is a growing need for a SERVCOM type survey, similar to PRODCOM but collecting detail on sales by type of product for the construction, distribution and service industries
- an ever-changing economy and changes to the SNA/ESA require continual development of our business surveys to meet the needs of National Accounts and the compilation of I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables
- developing and publishing more economic analyses based on the I-O Supply and Use Tables to meet users' needs, both inside and outside government

Conclusion

The role of I-O has greatly expanded in the UK in the past 15 years, and the challenges to date have been met in full. The challenges ahead for the UK over the next few years are even greater with the requirements of the following:

- implementation of the allocation of FISIM, by industry, by sector and by type of final expenditure
- implementation of the new Standard Industrial
 Classification (2007), consistent with the new NACE Rev. 2
- changes to the *System of National Accounts 1993* and the *European of System of Accounts 1995* and
- ONS National Accounts Re-engineering Project placing I-O as the foundation of the UK quarterly and annual National Accounts

Success generates even greater expectations of success, and ONS will be striving to meet our targets and obligations over the next few years.

For some of these issues, we would like to benefit from the experience in other countries that already successfully carry out such processes. In other areas, we hope that our experiences and knowledge will be of assistance to other countries which are developing the role of I-O in their National Accounts.

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Appendix A

Classification of Input-Output industry/product groups by Standard Industrial Classification (2003) and NACE Rev. 1.1

1 level	Detail 123 level	Industry/product groups	Standard Industrial Classification	NACE Rev	. 1.1 Indust	rial classific	ation
			(2003) Divisions, Groups, Classes	Divisions A60	Sub- sections A31	Sections A17	A6
Agriculture	1	Agriculture, hunting and related service activities	01	01	A	A	1
	2	Forestry, logging and related service activities	02	02			
	3	Fishing, fish farming and related service activities	05	05	В	В	
Mining and quarrying	1	Mining of coal and lignite; extraction of peat	10	10	CA	С	2
	5	Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas; service activities incidental	11 + 12	11 + 12			
	6	to oil and gas extraction Mining of metal ores	13	13	СВ		
	7	Other mining and quarrying	14	14	CB		
Manufacturing	8	Production, processing and preserving of meat and meat products	15.1	15	DA	D	
	9	Processing and preserving of fish and fish products; fruit and vegetables	15.2 + 15.3				
	10	Vegetable and animal oils and fats	15.4				
	11	Dairy products	15.5				
	12	Grain mill products, starches and starch products	15.6				
	13 14	Prepared animal feeds Bread, rusks and biscuits; pastry goods and cakes	15.7 15.81 + 15.82				
	15	Sugar	15.83				
	16	Cocoa; chocolate and sugar confectionery	15.84				
	17	Other food products	15.85 to 15.89				
	18	Alcoholic beverages - alcohol and malt	15.91 to 15.97				
	19	Production of mineral waters and soft drinks	15.98				
	20	Tobacco products	16	16			
	21	Preparation and spinning of textile fibres	17.1	17	DB		
	22 23	Textile weaving Finishing of textiles	17.2 17.3				
	24	Made-up textile articles, except apparel	17.4				
	25	Carpets and rugs	17.51				
	26	Other textiles	17.52 to 17.54				
	27	Knitted and crocheted fabrics and articles	17.6 + 17.7				
	28	Wearing apparel; dressing and dyeing of fur	18	18			
	29	Tanning and dressing of leather; luggage, handbags, saddlery and harness	19.1 + 19.2	19	DC		
	30	Footwear	19.3	20	DD		
	31 32	Wood and wood products, except furniture Pulp, paper and paperboard	20 21.1	20 21	DD DE		
	33	Articles of paper and paperboard	21.1	21	DE		
	34	Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	22	22			
	35	Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	23	23	DF		
	36	Industrial gases, dyes and pigments	24.11 + 24.12	24	DG		
	37	Other inorganic basic chemicals	24.13				
	38	Other organic basic chemicals	24.14				
	39	Fertilisers and nitrogen compounds	24.15				
	40 41	Plastics and synthetic rubber in primary forms Pesticides and other agro-chemical products	24.16 + 24.17				
	42	Paints, varnishes and similar coatings, printing ink and mastics	24.2 24.3				
	43	Pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemicals and botanical products	24.4				
	44	Soap and detergents, cleaning and polishing preparations, perfumes and	24.5				
		toilet preparations					
	45	Other chemical products	24.6				
	46	Man-made fibres	24.7				
	47	Rubber products	25.1	25	DH		
	48	Plastic products	25.2	26	DI		
	49 50	Glass and glass products Ceramic goods	26.1 26.2 + 26.3	26	DI		
	51	Bricks, tiles and construction products in baked clay	26.4				
	52	Cement, lime and plaster	26.5				
	53	Articles of concrete, plaster and cement; cutting, shaping and finishing of	26.6 to 26.8				
		stone; manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products					
	54	Basic iron and steel and of ferro-alloys; manufacture of tubes and other	27.1 to 27.3	27	DJ		
	1_	first processing of iron and steel	1				
	55	Basic precious and non-ferrous metals	27.4				
	56 57	Casting of metals Structural metal products	27.5	20			
	58	Structural metal products Tanks, reservoirs and containers of metal; central heating radiators and	28.1 28.2 + 28.3	28			
	30	boilers; steam generators	20.2 7 20.3				
	59	Forging, pressing, stamping and roll forming of metal; powder metallurgy;	28.4 + 28.5				
	1	treatment and coating of metals					
	60	Cutlery, tools and general hardware	28.6				
	61	Other fabricated metal products	28.7	1	I	I	1

11 level	Detail 123 level	Industry/product groups	Standard Industrial Classification	NACE Rev	. 1.1 Indust	rial classific	ation
			(2003) Divisions, Groups, Classes	Divisions A60	Sub- sections A31	Sections A17	A6
	62	Machinery for the production and use of mechanical power, except aircraft, vehicle and cycle engines	29.1	29	DK		
	63	Other general purpose machinery	29.2				
	64	Agricultural and forestry machinery	29.3				
	65	Machine tools	29.4				
	66	Other special purpose machinery	29.5				
	67	Weapons and ammunition	29.6				
	68	Domestic appliances not elsewhere classified	29.7				
	69	Office machinery and computers	30	30	DL		
	70	Electric motors, generators and transformers; manufacture of electricity distribution and control apparatus	31.1 + 31.2	31			
	71	Insulated wire and cable	31.3				
	72	Electrical equipment not elsewhere classified	31.4 to 31.6				
	73	Electronic valves and tubes and other electronic components	32.1	32			
	74	Television and radio transmitters and apparatus for line telephony and line telegraphy	32.2				
	75	Television and radio receivers, sound or video recording or reproducing apparatus and associated goods	32.3				
	76	Medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks	33	33			
	77	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	34	34	DM		
	78	Building and repairing of ships and boats	35.1	35			
	79	Other transport equipment	35.2 + 35.4 + 35.5				
	80	Aircraft and spacecraft	35.3	26 . 27	Dir		
	81	Furniture	36.1	36 + 37	DN		
	82	Jewellery and related articles; musical instruments	36.2 + 36.3				
	83 84	Sports goods, games and toys	36.4 + 36.5				
Il atui sitas asa	85	Miscellaneous manufacturing not elsewhere classified; recycling Production, transmission and distribution of electricity	36.6 + 37 40.1	40	E	E	-
lectricity, gas	86	Gas; distribution of gaseous fuels through mains; steam and hot water supply	40.1 40.2 + 40.3	40	E	E	
nd water supply	87	Collection, purification and distribution of water	40.2 + 40.3	41			
Construction	88	Construction	45	45	F	F	3
Vholesale	89	Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; retail	50	50	G	G	4
and retail trade	0	sale of automotive fuel	30	50			1
	90 91	Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles; repair of personal	51 52	51 52			
	02	and household goods				**	-
	92	Hotels and restaurants	55 60.1	55 60	H	H	-
ransport and ommunication	93	Transport via railways Other land transport; transport via pipelines	60.1 60.2 + 60.3	60	1	1	
ommunication	95	Water transport	61	61			
	96	Air transport	62	62			
	97	Supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies	63	63			
	98	Post and courier activities	64.1	64			
	99	Telecommunications	64.2	0.1			
inancial	100	Financial intermediation, except insurance and pension funding	65	65	I	J	5
ntermediation	101	Insurance and pension funding, except compulsory social security	66	66	,	,	-
	102	Activities auxiliary to financial intermediation	67	67			
	103	Real estate activities with own property; letting of own property, except dwellings	70.1 + 70.2(pt)	70	K	K	
	104	Letting of dwellings, including imputed rent	70.2 (pt)				
	105	Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis	70.3				
	106	Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods	71	71			
	107	Computer and related activities	72	72			
	108	Research and development	73	73			
	109	Legal activities	74.11	74			
	110	Accounting, book-keeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy	74.12				
	111	Market research and public opinion polling; business / management consultancy activities; management activities of holding companies	74.13 to 74.15				
	112	Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy; technical testing and analysis	74.2 + 74.3				
	113	Advertising	74.4				
	114	Other business services	74.5 to 74.8				L_
ublic administration	115	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	75	75	L	L	6
ducation, health	116	Education	80	80	M	M	
nd social work	117	Human health and veterinary activities	85.1 + 85.2	85	N	N	
	118	Social work activities	85.3				
Other services	119	Sewage and refuse disposal, sanitation and similar activities	90	90	0	0	
	120	Activities of membership organisations not elsewhere classified	91	91			
	121	Recreational, cultural and sporting activities	92	92			
	122	Other service activities	93	93			-
	123	Private households employing staff and undifferentiated production	95 to 97	95 to 97	P	P	
		activities of households for own use					

Appendix B

Notable changes within each annual current price Input-Output exercise since 1992

Year	Brief overview
1992	Year (t-3) compiled using 102 I-O groups on SIC (80) classification.
	First set of GVA estimates produced for 1989 using the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables framework.
	GVA by industry estimates produced using the production approach differed from those produced using the income approach.
1993	1989 and 1990 compiled using 123 I-O groups on SIC (80) classification.
	GVA weights at factor cost for 1990 used for rebasing production measure of GDP by industry onto 1990=100.
	At the 11 industry level, GVA estimates from the production and income approaches were brought into line for the first time.
	Input-Output Annual Supply and Use Tables for 1989 and 1990 compiled with government treated as a producer, as opposed to a consumer, for the first time.
1994	Timetable for I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables compilation accelerated, and years (t-3) and (t-2) compiled simultaneously.
1995	1992 and 1993 compiled using 123 I-O groups on SIC (92) classification.
	1989 to 1991 converted from SIC (80) to SIC (92) using correlator derived from dual run of 1992 data.
	I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables completed to further reduced timetable.
1996	Complete reconciliation of estimates of GVA at factor cost derived from the production and income approaches at the 123-industry level for the first time.
	Inclusion of results from the new Overseas Trade in Services Inquiry.
1997	I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables completed to a further reduced timetable.
	Charts included in the I-O publication for the first time.
1998	Major revisions package (1986–96, 68 revisions implemented) balanced through the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables framework using ONS inquiry results based on the new IDBR for the first time.
	All I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables (1989-96) converted onto an ESA95 basis.
	UK production accounts by sector, for all sectors, produced for the first time.
	GVA weights at basic prices for 1995 used for rebasing the production measure of GDP onto 1995=100.
1999	Partly incorporated results from the new Annual Business Inquiry (ABI), including extension of ABI to cover oil and gas extraction industry.
	I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables completed to a further reduced timetable.
2000	Publication of annual current price quality and coherence adjustments underlying the balanced I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables for the first time.
	Inclusion of improved consumption of fixed capital estimates going back to 1948.
2001	Major revisions package (1986–97, 94 revisions implemented) balanced through the I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables framework incorporating the full impact of the new ABI results, using dual run of 1997 data to provide link factors for back data.
	Estimates for smuggling activity included for the first time going back to 1994.
	Range of new analyses based on I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables produced for the first time, including ICT, food sector, creative sector, import penetration, and contribution of top five businesses to each industry.

2002 Inclusion of ABI results covering forestry SIC (92) Class 02 and fishing SIC (92) Class 03 for the first time.

I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables completed to a further reduced timetable.

Web-only *UK Input-Output Analyses* publication, including further new analyses including export shares and net trade in goods and services, all of which were made available free of charge for the first time.

Inclusion of new Expenditure and Food Survey results.

Inclusion of government outturn data on a Resource Accounting and Budgeting basis.

I-O Analytical Tables for the year 1995 produced and published, also providing feedback structural mechanism for improvements to I-O Supply and Use Tables.

2003 Inclusion of new ABI results covering parts of the agriculture industry (SIC (92) Class 014 and 015), and the annual all-industry purchases data.

Move onto full HHFCe COICOP by I-O product analyses (from 1992).

New International Trade in Services (ITIS) results going back to 1996.

Inclusion of Missing Trader intra-community VAT fraud estimates for the first time going back to 1999.

Inclusion of Subjective Analysis Return results to inform estimates of local government intermediate consumption by product (from 1996).

GVA weights at basic prices for years up to and including 2000 used for chain-linking the production measure of GDP, where 2000=100.

Further new analyses produced covering taxes and subsidies, oil and gas sector and revisions.

2004 Reclassification of NHS Trusts from the public non-financial corporations sector to central government sector (from 1991).

Review of public sector health industry estimates including range of reclassifications.

Review of the allocation of the GFCF industry totals to I-O product groups from 1992 publishing at the NACE Rev. 1, A31 level and production of a new processing system.

Review of effective VAT rates applied by I-O product linked to the detail Weighted Average Return analyses from the then HM Customs and Excise.

Inclusion of estimates reflecting toll processing activity.

GVA weights at basic prices for years up to and including 2001, used for chain-linking the production measure of GDP, where 2001=100.

2005 1992 to 2003 I-O Annual Supply and Use Tables compiled on SIC (2003) classification to a further reduced timetable.

Further new analyses produced covering market sector and non-market sector activity and concentration ratios.

Review of the allocation of government spending to COFOG functional categories and I-O products.

Implementation of Atkinson Review related recommendations affecting education, health, social protection and fire protection, including the reclassifications of Initial Teacher Training Agency; nursery vouchers/grants; and City Academies and City Technology Colleges.

Inclusion of changes from Pension Inquiry data review.

Review of GFCF industry headings to I-O product groups from 1992 publishing at the NACE Rev. 1.1, A60 level for the first time.

GVA weights at basic prices for years up to and including 2002, used for chain-linking the production measure of GDP, where 2002=100.

2006 Complement of staff in I-O team reduced by one from eleven to ten staff as part of ONS National Accounts efficiency savings exercise.

Sizeable revisions package (1989-2002, 46 revisions implemented).

Review of the allocation of the GFCF industry totals to I-O product groups from 1992.

Review of the allocation of the changes in inventories industry totals to I-O product groups, holding gains, and production of a new processing system.

Reclassification of BBC licence fee from a service payment to a tax on income, and reclassification of BBC and S4C non-trading bodies from public non-financial corporations sector to central government sector.

Inclusion of improved estimates of consumption of fixed capital, going back to 1948.

Inclusion of new Bank of England data on spread earnings and derivatives for banks, and data from new Bank of England profit/loss form.

Correction of classification of data sources for passport fees.

Various publication analyses enhanced and a range of new industry chronologies introduced for the first time.

 $GVA\ weights\ at\ basic\ prices\ for\ years\ up\ to\ and\ including\ 2003, used\ for\ chain-linking\ the\ production\ measure\ of\ GDP, where\ 2003=100.$

Letter 't' represents the year of the publication of the Blue Book.

Appendix C

Chronology of UK Input-Output Analytical Tables

Title and publication details	Industrial classification	Number of industries and products	Valuation of tables
1954			
Studies in Official Statistics: No. 8 Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1954 Published by HMSO 1961, S.O. Code No. 63-166 1963	SIC (48)	46: (of which 2 services)	Producers' prices, with output and intermediate consumption shown net of intra-industry sales
Studies in Official Statistics: No. 16 Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1963 Published by HMSO 1970, SBN 11 630077 9	SIC (58)	73: (of which 8 services)	Producers' prices
1968 Studies in Official Statistics: No. 22 Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1968 Published by HMSO 1973, SBN 11 630111 2	SIC (68)	90: (of which 6 services)	Producers' prices
Business Monitor PA1004: Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1970 Published by HMSO 1974, ISBN 0 11 511356 8 1971	SIC (68)	90: (of which 6 services)	Producers' prices Update of 1968 tables
Business Monitor PA1004: Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1971 Published by HMSO 1975, ISBN 0 11 511642 7 1972	SIC (68)	60: (of which 7 services)	Producers' prices Update of 1968 tables
Business Monitor PA1004: Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1972 Published by HMSO 1975, ISBN 0 11 511778 4 1974	SIC (68)	60: (of which 7 services)	Producers' prices Update of 1968 tables
Business Monitor PA1004 Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1974 Published by HMSO 1981, ISBN 0 11 512700 3 1979	SIC (68)	103: (of which 12 services)	Producers' prices Update of 1968 tables
Business Monitor PA1004 Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1979 Published by HMSO 1983, ISBN 0 11 513187 6 1984	SIC (80)	100: (of which 13 services)	Basic prices
Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 1984 Published by HMSO 1988, ISBN 0 11 620299 8 1990	SIC (80)	102: (of which 15 services)	Basic prices
Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom 10th Edition (containing 1990 tables) Published by HMSO 1995, 0 11 620664 0 1995	SIC (80)	123: (of which 33 services)	Basic prices
Analytical Input-Output Tables for the United Kingdom (containing 1995 tables) Produced by Office for National Statistics (April 2002) Web only - available from www.statistics.gov.uk/inputoutput	SIC (92)	123: (of which 35 services, plus 15 non-market activity industries shown separately).	Basic prices

 $Input-Output\ Analytical\ Tables\ have\ also\ been\ known\ as\ Input-Output\ Tables, Theoretical\ Tables, Symmetric\ Tables\ or\ Derived\ Tables.$

Public Service Productivity: Social Security Administration

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This article is part of an ongoing series discussing public service productivity published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and is the first about social security administration (SSA). It explores the changes in the volume of output and the volume of inputs associated with government expenditure on SSA, and the productivity estimates arising from the ratio of output to inputs between 1998 and 2005, based on the best data currently available. It also discusses wider information -'triangulation' in the terminology of the Atkinson Report – to give more context to the productivity story shown.

Overview

Productivity is the ratio of output to inputs. The output measure used is taken from the National Accounts and is consistent with the 2006 *Blue Book*. The inputs estimates use expenditure data from the National Accounts and deflate these using a variety of measures of price inflation. The relevant expenditure here is that on the administration of social security and not the value of the cash benefits transferred to recipients.

The coverage of SSA is that currently in the National Accounts, which is based on the United Nations Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG) system. The primary function of SSA is to redistribute income in order to achieve certain societal goals. SSA achieves this by providing cash benefits to eligible individuals defined by states of need, such as unemployment, sickness and old age. SSA involves, under a variety of programmes, the processing, assessment and payment of claims for benefits, and the management of case reviews and appeals against decisions made. SSA programmes include: Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Incapacity Benefit, Pension Credit, State Pensions and Housing Benefit.

Figure 1 shows the changes in productivity from 1998 to 2005. Productivity declines each year from 1998 to 2003 but then increases sharply in 2004 and 2005. Figure 2 shows the output and input series used to produce the productivity estimates.

Figure 1

Social security administration productivity, 1998–2005

United Kingdom

1998 = 100

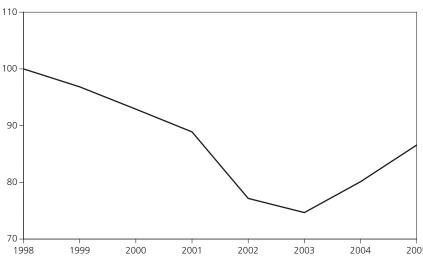
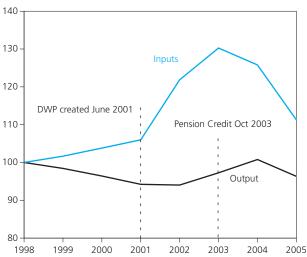


Figure 2

Social security administration output and inputs,
1998–2005

United Kingdom





Source: Office for National Statistics

The decline in productivity between 1998 and 2001 is largely due to a fall in the number of people receiving JSA leading to a fall in output while the volume of inputs grew steadily.

After 2001, inputs increased steeply before declining after 2003. This increase reflects, among other influences, expenditure related to the setting up of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in 2001 and a series of modernisation projects instigated by them since then. The rise in inputs is partially offset by an increase in output which peaks in 2004 before falling back. This peak is due to the extra activity carried out when the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) was replaced by Pension Credit in 2003.

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- the methodology used in this article makes no allowance for changes in quality. There is some suggestion that both the accuracy and timeliness of SSA has improved. If so, this would to some extent offset falling productivity measured, as in this article, by changes in quantity alone
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- DWP has been engaged in a heavy modernisation programme, which will not have led to immediate increases in output and therefore have had a downward effect on productivity, but which may be expected in future to lead to higher productivity

ONS will continue to work with DWP and other partners to improve the accuracy of the estimates of SSA output, inputs and productivity.

Introduction

This article is part of an ongoing series discussing public service productivity and is the first about SSA.¹ All of these articles are produced in accordance with the principles of the National Statistics Code of Practice, particularly regarding relevance, fitness for purpose and production with integrity in the interests of all. The advice of a number of experts has also been sought.²

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In 2005 administrative expenditure on social security³ amounted to £6 billion which is approximately 3 per cent of total government consumption expenditure:

- this includes expenditure on labour (salaries and other staff costs), the procurement of goods and services, and capital consumption
- it does not include the value of the benefits transferred to recipients. This is a much larger sum of money
 approximately £125 billion in 2004/05

More specifically, the coverage is that currently in the National Accounts, which is based on the COFOG system. This classification system has a number of advantages, not least in allowing international comparisons. The scope of SSA therefore includes administrative expenditure on:

- benefits administered by DWP across Great Britain, including JSA, Income Support, Incapacity Benefit, Pension Credit and State Pensions. DWP administered over 24 million benefits cases in 2005 and the associated expenditure accounts for around 80 per cent of total SSA
- UK benefits not administered by DWP. These include Housing Benefit which is the responsibility of the Department for Communities and Local Government,⁴ or its counterparts in Scotland and Wales; Child Benefit (HM Revenue and Customs); and War Pensions (Ministry of Defence). In Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Department for Social Development has similar responsibilities to DWP
- certain DWP activities not involving benefits. Specifically, these are the Child Support Agency and Future Pensions Centre

Some DWP activities are not covered in SSA so are not in this article. These include activities related to helping people into work (as opposed to paying benefits) and the Health and Safety Executive. In this article, for simplicity, DWP is used to mean those parts of DWP included within SSA rather than the Department as a whole.⁵

On 15 June 2006, DWP published its own productivity analysis (An Analysis of DWP Productivity 1997/98 – 2007/08, Research report No. 335), which in many ways is similar to this article. There are, however, a number of important differences. The DWP article:

- covers only DWP activity rather than the whole of SSA
- presents data in financial rather than calendar years
- includes forecasts of productivity up to 2007/08 whereas this article relates only to the past

In addition, there are some differences in methodology.

The starting point for estimates of output and expenditure are the estimates used in the UK National Accounts. Estimates of deflators, quality indicators and other additional information are from various published sources. The first section of the article discusses how output is measured and shows how it has changed over time. Subsequent sections look at expenditure and input volumes for SSA services; show estimates of productivity; and present triangulation evidence to provide a wider picture of SSA performance. The article concludes with a summary and next steps.

Social security administration output measures

Measuring social security administration output

This section describes the output of SSA as it is measured in the National Accounts. This output relates to the processes established to ensure that benefits reach all the people who qualify for them, and only those persons. It does not refer to the value of the benefits transferred to recipients.

Like all output, the output of SSA has both a quantity and a quality dimension:

- output could change because the number of people making claims for, or receiving, benefits changes
- output could also change because quality has changed, for example, if benefit processing has become more or less timely or more or less accurate

The current methodology used in National Accounts does not capture any changes in quality. The productivity measures shown in this article are therefore subject to this important caveat. The methodology does, however, incorporate the improvements on the quantity side introduced in the National Accounts in 2005, following the implementation of the recommendations of the *Atkinson Review*. These were pre-announced in May 2005, in an ONS article.⁶ The first full calendar year of data available under the new methodology is 1998, and so the analyses in this article start from this date.

The output measure combines information on 24 activities (see Table 1). Most benefits have two different types of associated output, with different costs:

- output from new claims processed. That is new applications on which a decision on the level of any payment due has been made (this does not, of course, include claims received but not yet processed)
- output from load arises from the maintenance of existing benefits payments

These activities are combined into a single cost weighted activity index using their shares of total expenditure as weights. The expenditure weights in Table 1 are derived as implied expenditure proportions (the product of unit costs and activity figures) and are based on estimates of the unit cost of each activity for 2004/05 – the only year where data are available. These unit costs are calculated from all relevant expenditure including all overheads and central corporate and support costs. Where direct cost data are not available (MIG, Housing Benefit and Child Benefit), unit costs have been estimated.

Table 1

Activities used in the output measure

Great Britain	Percentages
Activity	Expenditure weight (2005)
Working Age Benefits	51.7
Income Support claims	4.7
Income Support load	12.5
Jobseeker's Allowance claims	6.5
Jobseeker's Allowance load	8.4
Social Fund grants and loans	7.0
Incapacity Benefit claims	3.5
Incapacity Benefit load	7.7
Other benefit claims	1.5
Disability and Carers Service	8.9
Attendance Allowance claims	1.3
Attendance Allowance load	0.6
Disability Living Allowance claims	3.0
Disability Living Allowance load	2.9
Carer's Allowance claims	0.8
Carer's Allowance load	0.4
The Pension Service	24.9
State Pension claims	3.0
State Pension load	9.3
Pension Credit claims	3.2
Pension Credit load	6.8
International Pension Centre State Pension claims	1.2
International Pension Centre State Pension load	0.7
International Pension Centre other benefits	0.4
Future Pensions Centre forecasts	0.3
Housing and Child Benefit	14.5
Housing Benefit	9.6
Child Benefit	4.9

Source: Office for National Statistics and Department for Work and Pensions

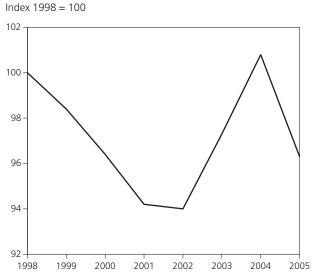
Social security administration output in the National Accounts

Figure 3 shows the output of SSA as currently measured in the National Accounts (referenced so that 1998 = 100). Output fluctuated over the period studied with an average decline of 0.5 per cent a year.

Figure 3

Social security administration output, 1998–2005

United Kingdom



Source: Office for National Statistics

Analysis of output growth of social security administration

Table 2 shows how different components of SSA have contributed⁸ to output growth:

- the output for Working Age benefits (these SSA activities are currently the responsibility of DWP's Jobcentre Plus agency) declined every year, on average contributing a fall of 1.4 percentage points
- Housing Benefit, Child Benefit and DWP's Disability and Carers Service make small contributions
- the Pension Service makes a positive contribution of, on average, 0.8 percentage points. Its significant growth in 2003 and 2004, and fall in 2005, largely determine the overall output changes of SSA in these years

Further analysis (see Table 3) suggests that the main drivers of changes in output are JSA from 1998 to 2001, and activity related to the change from MIG to Pension Credit after this.

Table 3

Social security administration output: contributions to growth, 1999–2005

United Kingdom		Perce	ntage	points			
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total growth Of which:	-1.6	-2.0	-2.3	-0.2	3.4	3.6	-4.4
Jobseeker's Allowance Minimum Income	-0.9	-1.8	-1.7	-0.2	-0.3	-1.3	0.2
Guarantee and Pension Credit	0.1	1.0	-0.3	-0.3	3.3	4.1	-3.1

Source: Office for National Statistics

Working age benefits include Income Support, JSA and Incapacity Benefit. The largest changes in this area come from JSA, recipients of which have fallen from 1.3 million in 1998 to 0.8 million in 2005 (see Figure 4), following a generally improving economic climate over this period. Also, to some extent, it may represent the success of (non-SSA) Jobcentre Plus activities to encourage people to enter work. In this context, just under two thirds of the average contributions to growth attributable to Working Age benefits arise from changes in JSA load and claims.

In the Pension Service, output has risen slightly due to the increasing number of older people but the most significant changes have resulted from the introduction of Pension Credit in October 2003 to replace MIG. This has had two effects on output:

- a higher proportion of the pensioner population is entitled to receive Pension Credit than MIG.⁹ This, along with the ageing population, has resulted in an underlying increase in the series (see Figure 5).¹⁰ In 1998, 1.6 million people received payments under MIG whereas in 2005, 2.7 million received Pension Credit benefits
- the change from one benefit system to another resulted in a temporary but large increase in the number of benefit claims needing assessment. Figure 6 shows how the number of claims processed increased dramatically in 2003 and 2004, following the introduction of Pension Credit in October 2003, before falling back in 2005.

Percentage points

Table 2 **Social security administration output: contributions to growth, 1999–2005**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average annual contribution
Total growth	-1.6	-2.0	-2.3	-0.2	3.4	3.6	-4.4	-0.5
Working Age benefits	-1.2	-2.7	-1.9	-0.1	-1.0	-2.1	-1.0	-1.4
Disability and Carers Service	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	-0.0	0.2
The Pension Service	0.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.3	3.9	5.2	-3.5	0.8
Housing and Child Benefits	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	-0.2

Source: Office for National Statistics

United Kingdom

Figure 4

Jobseeker's Allowance: load, 1998–2005

Great Britain

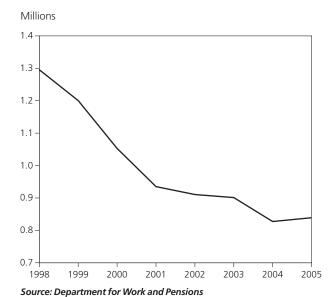
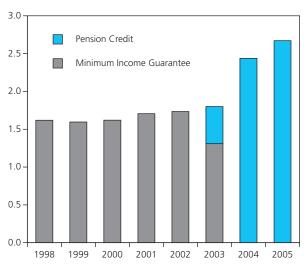


Figure 5

Minimum Income Guarantee and Pension Credit: load, 1998–2005

Great Britain

Millions



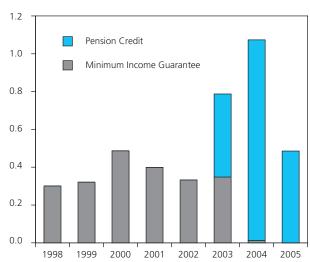
Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Figure 6

Minimum Income Guarantee and Pension Credit: claims, 1998–2005

Great Britain

Millions



Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Unlike the output of the Working Age benefits and the Pension Service, the output of the Disability and Carers Service has remained stable in the last few years. Contributions to growth averaged 0.2 per cent between 1998 and 2005. Housing and Child Benefits output averaged a fall of 0.2 per cent over the same period. 11

Social security administration inputs

To investigate productivity changes, it is necessary to measure both changes in output and volume of inputs. Inputs volumes are estimated by removing the effects of price inflation from current price expenditure data. This section discusses both the current price expenditure data, taken from the National Accounts, and the deflation of these data to volume terms, that is, the steps taken to remove the effects of inflation.

SSA expenditure comprises three elements:

- compensation of employees (all staff costs such as pay, bonuses and national insurance contributions) – labour inputs
- procurement of goods and services (or intermediate consumption), and
- capital consumption

Table 4

Social security administration expenditure, 1998–2005

United Kingdom	United Kingdom £ mil									
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
Compensation of employees	1,968	1,977	2,103	2,017	2,526	2,680	2,664	2,833		
Procurement	2,222	2,397	2,517	2,811	3,227	3,708	3,734	3,120		
Capital consumption	76	76	76	76	76	76	78	80		
Total	4,266	4,450	4,696	4,904	5,829	6,464	6,476	6,033		

Table 4 shows SSA expenditure between 1998 and 2005. Total expenditure increased sharply, by about 40 per cent, over this period.

Labour inputs

Expenditure on compensation of employees was £2.8 billion in 2005 and accounts for just under half of total expenditure. To estimate the volume of labour inputs, this expenditure figure needs to have the effects of inflation removed by using suitable labour cost deflators.

For this purpose, compensation of employees has been separated into expenditure by DWP and non-DWP expenditure:

- DWP expenditure (about 80 per cent of the total) has then been deflated by a DWP specific pay deflator. This has been developed by DWP based on their internal records of average labour cost price inflation
- Non-DWP expenditure, predominantly accounted for by Northern Ireland and local authorities' administration of Housing Benefit, is deflated by means of the Average Earnings Index for Public Administration 12

Table 5 shows the trend in the volume of labour inputs using this methodology. While overall growth is small, with labour inputs growing by 0.4 per cent each year on average, there are large year-to-year changes. Most growth occurs in DWP labour inputs with non-DWP labour inputs decreasing slightly. DWP growth also shows some large swings: from contributing a decline in growth of 6.4 percentage points in 2001 to a positive contribution of 17.8 percentage points in 2002. This period coincides with the formation of DWP in June 2001 and the subsequent creation of its agencies.

The deflators used for estimates of labour inputs share a weakness in that neither takes into account changes in skill or experience of staff. The DWP deflator, in effect, assumes that all the year-on-year changes in price are due to inflation. However, the rise may in part be due to the Department employing a higher proportion of more highly skilled staff. This may well be the case in DWP as it has undergone a large reorganisation and modernisation programme in recent years. The effect of such a change in the skill-mix of employees will be that the estimates of labour volume growth used in this article are lower than they should be. ONS is working with DWP to adjust its labour deflator to take account of changes in the skill-mix.

Procurement

In 2005, expenditure on the procurement of goods and services was £3.1 billion which was just over half of total expenditure on SSA. Procurement includes expenditure on utilities, the upkeep and maintenance of buildings, office consumables and the procurement of services from third parties such as IT and consultancy. There is no SSA specific deflator available to estimate procurement price inflation, so instead the general RPIX (retail prices index excluding mortgage interest payments) series has been used.

Table 6 shows growth in the volume of procured goods and services. Growth averaged 2.5 per cent between 1998 and 2005 but with some large year-to-year changes. Growth was particularly strong from 2001 to 2003, averaging more than 11 per cent a year. In 2005 there was a large decline in the volume of inputs of nearly 19 per cent.

Table 5

Social security administration: volume of labour inputs, 1998–2005

United Kingdom Index 1998 = 100

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average contribution
Volume of labour Growth (per cent)	100.0	96.5	98.8	91.6	108.7	109.3	103.3	102.9	
Total		-3.5	2.3	-7.3	18.7	0.5	-5.5	-0.4	0.4
DWP contribution		-2.5	2.2	-6.4	17.8	-1.5	-4.2	-0.1	0.5
Non–DWP contribution		-1.0	0.1	-0.9	0.9	2.0	-1.2	-0.3	-0.1

Source: Office for National Statistics

Table 6

Social security administration: volume of procurement inputs, 1998–2005

United Kingdom Index 1998 = 100

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average growth
Procurement Growth (per cent)	100.0	106.2 <i>6.2</i>	108.4 2.0	118.9 <i>9.7</i>	134.3 <i>12.9</i>	149.9 <i>11.7</i>	146.6 <i>–2.2</i>	119.1 <i>–18.8</i>	2.5

As the RPIX series used to estimate price movements for procurement is a general series for the whole economy, the estimates of growth in procurement inputs must be treated with some caution. It would be preferable to produce a series that more closely reflects the spending patterns in SSA. ONS will work with DWP to produce a more SSA-specific procurement price inflation series.

Capital consumption

Capital expenditure is expenditure on assets such as buildings and machinery that produce benefits in the future and not just the present. The capital consumption or depreciation of these assets appears as current expenditure in the National Accounts. This represents only a small proportion of expenditure – less than 2 per cent. It has been deflated using a deflator for overall capital consumption by public administration implied by the National Accounts. Table 7 shows the resulting estimates.

Analysis of growth in SSA inputs

Table 8 shows how the pattern of inputs growth was relatively steady between 1998 and 2001. After this period the growth was more volatile, with large increases followed by decreases. The main driver of these changes has been DWP expenditure which reflects among other factors:

large organisational changes which began in 2001 with the formation of DWP from the former Department of Social Security and the Employment Service and the creation of the new DWP agencies (Jobcentre Plus, the Pension Service and, later on, the Disability and Carers Service). This had considerable cost implications during the transition period with increased headcount and related costs. Similarly, the introduction of Pension Credit to replace the MIG in 2003 required considerable expenditure on staff and infrastructure

substantial expenditure, up to around £1 billion a year, on modernisation projects within DWP. The modernisation projects cover many different aspects of DWP's operations but in general they involve modernising IT infrastructures and business processes to deliver better services more efficiently. The potential impact of these programmes on productivity is discussed more fully in the next section.

Productivity

This section presents the productivity estimates that are implied by the output and inputs estimates in the previous two sections respectively. Productivity¹⁴ is the ratio of output to inputs, all in volume terms.

Figure 7 shows the output series and the input series from 1998 to 2005. The volume of inputs has risen over the period studied while the volume of outputs has declined, resulting in a decline in productivity, as shown in Figure 8. The average fall in productivity from 1998 to 2005 is estimated at 2.0 per cent a year.

Table 7

Social security administration: volume of capital consumption, 1998–2005

United Kingdom Index 1998 = 100

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average growth
Capital consumption Growth (per cent)	100.0	100.9 <i>0.9</i>	100.9 <i>0.0</i>	100.6 <i>-0.3</i>	100.0 <i>-0.6</i>	99.0 -1.0	100.2 1.1	99.6 -0.6	-0.1

Source: Office for National Statistics

Table 8

Social security administration: volume of inputs, 1998–2005

United Kingdom Index 1998 = 100

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Average growth
Volume of inputs	100.0	101.7	103.8	106.0	121.9	130.3	125.8	111.3	
Growth (per cent)		1.7	2.1	2.1	15.0	6.9	-3.4	-11.5	1.5
Contributions to growth									
Labour		-1.6	1.0	-3.2	7.5	0.2	-2.1	-0.2	0.2
Procurement		3.3	1.1	5.3	7.5	6.7	-1.3	-11.4	1.4
Capital consumption		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Figure 7

Social security administration output and inputs, 1998–2005

United Kingdom

1998 = 100

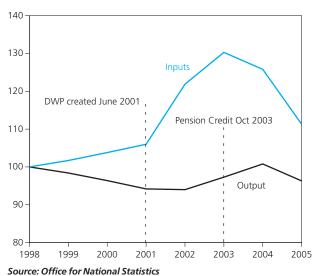
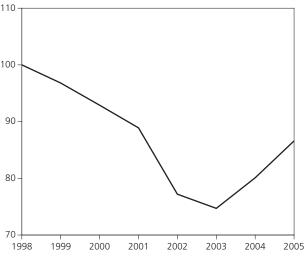


Figure 8

Social security administration productivity,
1998–2005

United Kingdom

Index 1998 = 100



Source: Office for National Statistics

Analysis of the growth in productivity

Between 1998 and 2001, output declined by an average of 1.9 per cent a year which, as discussed earlier, is largely the result of a decline in the number of people claiming JSA. As social security services must process all claims made and deliver benefits to all those eligible, SSA is largely demand-driven and the government agencies involved have little control over the level of their output. Inputs volumes, however, increased over this period leading to a large implied drop in productivity of, on average, 3.9 per cent a year.

After 2001, the productivity story is more complicated. Inputs volumes rose rapidly in 2002 and 2003 before falling back in 2004 and 2005. This was partly the result of expenditure associated with the setting up of DWP and the launch of extensive modernisation programmes. On the output side, there was a large but mostly temporary surge in 2003 and 2004 due to the introduction of Pension Credit. This resulted in a volatile implied productivity series in these years with growth swinging from minus 13.2 per cent in 2002 to 8.1 per cent in 2005.

It would not be surprising if there was a lag between expenditure on a modernisation programme, such as that undertaken by DWP, and any resulting efficiency gains materialising. Thus, it may be that this expenditure which has been partly responsible for the estimated productivity losses in recent years will equally lead to productivity gains in the future. ¹⁵

Triangulation

The previous section presented estimates of changes in SSA productivity over the period 1998 to 2005. This section looks at wider information to provide more context in which to view these productivity estimates. The triangulation evidence discussed covers:

- clearance times
- accuracy, and
- child and pensioner poverty rates¹⁶

Clearance times

DWP collects data on the average clearance times for a number of benefits. Where there are reasonable time series under consistent methodologies the data show improvements. New claims clearance times for Disability Living Allowance have fallen from 43 days in August 2000 to 36 days in August 2005, while those for Housing Benefit have fallen from about 56 days in June 2000 to 36 in June 2005. Times for Pension Credits have also improved.

Accuracy

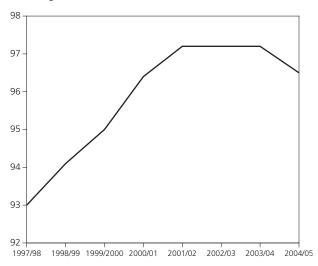
DWP collect a range of accuracy statistics. Figure 9 shows how the most comprehensive of these (the performance measurement statistics) has changed over time. Accuracy has improved overall, by an average of 0.5 per cent a year, though in the latest year it declined due to a drop in Pension Credit accuracy.

Other measures such as the 'fraud and error' statistics for JSA and Income Support have also shown improvements in recent years. For both benefits, much of this change has been due to a decrease in the level of fraud rather than claimant or staff error which have remained relatively stable. While the level of fraud will to some extent depend on external economic changes, much of this change may be attributable to the extra resources that DWP have committed to tackling fraud.

Figure 9 **Performance measurement accuracy statistics,**1997/98–2004/05

Great Britain

Percentages



Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Child and pensioner poverty

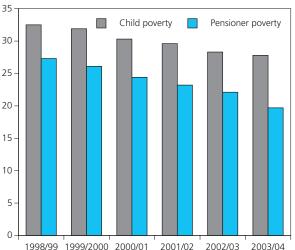
Reducing the levels of poverty, particularly for children and pensioners, is one of the main priorities of the social security system. These poverty rates will to some extent be affected by the activities associated with SSA, but they are also influenced by changes in the economy and society, as well as government activity in other areas. In particular, government activities to promote employment and tax credits will have had impacts. Figure 10 shows how rates of poverty¹⁷ have declined every year from 1998/99 to 2003/04. This period coincides with the introduction of MIG in 1998 and Pension Credit in 2003, which may have influenced pensioner poverty.

Figure 10

Child and pensioner poverty rates, 1998/99–2003/04

United Kingdom





Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Conclusion

In this section, we have looked at a variety of information relating to aspects of the performance of SSA which are not measured in the output measure presented earlier. This information falls a long way short of covering all aspects of performance and all possible SSA activities. However:

- the available information does suggest that accuracy is improving
- so too, where measured, are average clearance times
- in addition, key societal objectives such as reducing child and pensioner poverty are being met. However, not all of this is liable to have been due to SSA activity

Overall, the available evidence suggests that the quality of SSA has been improving. As stated earlier, the current methodology for measuring output does not take this dimension into account. Accordingly, the productivity estimates presented in the previous section must be to some extent qualified. Further work to incorporate quality changes into the output measure is a priority. This is taken up in the next section.

Summary of findings and next steps

This article has presented a first analysis of changes in the productivity of SSA based on measures in the National Accounts. It has explained the limitations of the estimates due to the data sources, methods and assumptions used.

The main finding is a fall in productivity from 1998 to 2003 (some 25 per cent cumulatively) with sharp increases in the following two years. This performance should be interpreted in the light of the following:

- the methodology used in this article makes no allowance for changes in quality. There is some suggestion that both the accuracy and timeliness of SSA has improved. If so, this would to some extent offset falling productivity measured, as in this article, by changes in quantity alone
- the formation of DWP and its agencies has involved large one-off costs
- DWP has been engaged in a heavy modernisation programme, which will not have led to immediate increases in output and therefore have had a downward effect on productivity but which may be expected in future to lead to higher productivity

ONS will continue to work with the relevant departments to improve the accuracy of the estimates of the output, inputs and productivity of SSA. The development agenda will include:

- working to develop measures of changes in the quality of service provision, especially in terms of timeliness and accuracy
- working to improve estimates of changes in inputs by developing better deflators of labour and procurement expenditure

 investigating the possibility of improving the way that Housing and Child Benefits are measured and to include measures of the Child Support Agency and Northern Ireland Benefits Administration

Appendix A below discusses the development agenda in more detail.

Appendix A: the future development agenda

This appendix discusses the main avenues for improving and refining the measurement of SSA output and productivity.

Improving measures of changes in the number of claims and load

To account correctly for changes in the number of benefits administered, the output measure needs to:

- record activity levels which account for all expenditure
- measure activities at an increased level of detail, and
- accurately apply weights to costs

Overall, the current measure performs well on these criteria but there are a number of improvements that could be made.

At present, the output measure covers around 90 per cent of relevant expenditure. The remainder is largely accounted for by SSA in Northern Ireland and the Child Support Agency (CSA). In Northern Ireland, benefit delivery is similar to Great Britain, though with some differences in legislation and service delivery. ONS is discussing with colleagues in Northern Ireland ways to include this activity and with colleagues in DWP to develop measures of CSA.

To measure growth in output accurately, the indicators used should be measured at a high level of detail. Administering a social security benefit involves a number of activities and a true measure of output growth would capture changes in the levels of these individual activities (each with a corresponding weight). In the current measures, most benefits are divided into 'claims' and 'load' as these are very different types of activity, usually associated with very different costs. ONS is working with the relevant departments to produce a similar split into claims and load for Housing and Child benefits.

Changes in the quality of social security administration

The System of National Accounts (SNA93), which governs national accounting practice worldwide, is clear that changes in quality should ideally be incorporated into output measures. Similarly, Principle B of the Atkinson Review states that 'the output of the government sector should in principle be measured in a way that is adjusted for quality, taking into account the attributable incremental contribution of the service to the outcome.' In particular, the Atkinson Review recommends incorporating adjustments for timeliness and accuracy.

For claimants, applying for a benefit is an inconvenience which can be defined by parameters such as:

- the work needed to fill in forms
- the time spent awaiting a decision
- the possible need to appeal if the assessment of eligibility is incorrect
- the difficulties experienced when overpayments are reclaimed

Improvements in any of these service process aspects results in a reduction of inconvenience. They are therefore improvements in the quality of service provided and so should in principle be taken into account when measuring changes in output.

Other aspects of service quality are more associated with the collective purpose of the social security system. For example, activities associated with fraud detection and elimination do not benefit the fraudulent claimant (who is clearly worse off if benefits are stopped) but can contribute to an increase in the quality of the service from the perspective of society. Similarly a redesign of a benefit to better target delivery towards meeting a societal goal will not (assuming the total number of recipients does not change) produce any net benefit for the individual service recipients but can represent an improvement for society.

In the rest of this section, three potential areas of quality change are discussed: timeliness and accuracy, as recommended in the *Atkinson Review*, and an example from benefit re-design.

Changes in the targeting or design of benefits

Benefits are sometimes re-designed to produce better societal outcomes. Such a re-design will have a number of effects:

- there may be differences in the number of people eligible for the benefit which will be captured by the measures of claims or load
- the processes associated with the benefit will affect the amount of inconvenience to the claimant and such changes should be picked up in suitable quality indicators
- the re-design may improve the impact on the societal outcomes by better targeting resources

An example may be the change from the MIG to Pension Credit which had the intention of extending payments to more pensioners with low savings and therefore to have an impact on the incidence of pensioner poverty.

The effects on the number of claimants have been large and are captured by the current output measure, as discussed earlier. Any impacts on pensioner poverty, or other quality changes, are, however, not picked up in the measure. The incidence of pensioner poverty is known and has been declining over the period studied. The question to be resolved, though, is the extent to which this is attributable to improved design.

Timeliness

Timeliness refers to the time it takes SSA to process a benefit application or to process new information about a claim. DWP collects data on a range of timeliness indicators in terms of clearance times and backlogs. There are, though, a number of data and conceptual issues to be addressed.

Timeliness can be measured either as the average processing time or by the number of cases dealt with before a certain deadline. Average clearance times are generally preferable for use as quality indicators for the type of analysis used in this article.

Data for most benefits have tended to be measured by whether a deadline has been successfully met. However, such measures assume that beating the deadline by one day has the same benefit as beating it by a week. Also the assessment of what is a reasonable processing time¹⁸ may change over time and so data are not collected on a consistent basis over time, making long-term year-on-year changes difficult to estimate.¹⁹ The introduction of more standard measures from receipt to delivery may be worth investigating.

Accuracy

For most of the activities covered in the current output measure, accuracy describes the success to which benefits recipients receive the correct amount of money to which they are entitled. Inaccuracy can arise for a number of reasons: there may be a deliberate and successful attempt to defraud the benefit system; a claimant may make mistakes in the information provided to SSA staff or fail to update their information in the light of changing circumstances; or SSA staff may make errors in the processing of the information provided.²⁰

Inaccuracies can lead to both underpayment and overpayment of benefits. Underpayment clearly leads to losses for recipients both in the actual amount of money not received but also in the expenditure of time and effort to rectify the situation. Overpayment, if undetected, leads to losses to the benefits system but also when detected can cause difficulties to the benefit recipient when the overpayments are reclaimed.

DWP has three internal measures of accuracy which give indications of the quality of the process and are used internally as indicators of performance:

- monetary value of fraud and error, the value of incorrect payments
- performance measurement accuracy statistics, the number of cases incorrectly paid, and
- decision making and appeals checks, estimates of whether correct decisions have been made

All three measures are based on samples of cases being checked but the performance measurement statistics are the most appropriate currently available for use in quality adjusting output. The data cover the widest range of benefits and have been collected under consistent methodology over

time.

This measure of accuracy does, however, have a number of issues which will require further consideration before it can be considered for inclusion in the output measure. The first of these is coverage: data are only available for the measures of existing recipients and not for new claims and account for about 45 per cent of the SSA output measure. In addition, the measures are insensitive to the degree of inaccuracy; all inaccurate cases are treated as equal whether the payment is wrong by a penny or a pound. Additionally, the measure may be prone to perverse changes. If SSA error detection procedures or staff expertise improves previously undetected errors may come to light. This would lead to an apparent increase in the number of inaccurate cases and an implied drop in quality.

Finally, as with all quality changes, it will be necessary to consider attribution and weight. That is, the extent to which changes in accuracy are attributable to SSA activities and how much change in output a given change in accuracy gives rise to.

Notes

- The series of productivity articles began following a recommendation of the Atkinson Review (Atkinson, 2005).
- 2. Writing this article has benefited from the advice of a Quality Assurance Panel, whose members were: David Wroe (Chairman and member of the UKCeMGA Advisory board), Fran Bennett (University of Oxford), Prof Jonathan Bradshaw (University of York), Steve Almond (Deputy Director, UKCeMGA), Dave Barnbrook (Department for Work and Pensions), Robin Youll (Director, National Accounts, ONS), and Geoff Tily (Economist, ONS). ONS gratefully acknowledges the assistance of these individuals and takes final responsibility for the contents of this article.
- This expenditure is defined in National Accounts terms as the general government final consumption expenditure on SSA.
- Previously, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister held this responsibility. The delivery of Housing Benefit is carried out by local authorities.
- 5. Also excluded from SSA are Tax Credits and Council Tax Benefit which, while having similar goals as SSA, are administered via the tax system.
- 6. ONS article *Improvements in the methodology for measuring government output* published May 2005, available at www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?id=1144
- 7. Pension Credit (PC) replaced the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) in October 2003. Earlier years contain MIG data.
- The presentation of data as contributions to growth means that the sum of the components equals the total growth of the overall measure.
- 9. Claimants (over 60s) under MIG, people over 60 with capital assets of £12,000 or more (£16,000 or more for those in residential/care homes) were ineligible for any help. However, under PC, such people are eligible, although assets over £6,000 reduce benefits.
- Figures 5 and 6 simply show the numbers of MIG/PC claims or load and are given to illustrate the impact of the change from MIG to PC. They are not contributions to the overall SSA series

as the numbers have not been weighted by expenditure share.

- 11. As the current housing and child benefit measures are not currently disaggregated into claims and load, this largely flat trend should not be considered as an accurate measure of output changes.
- 12. Not seasonally adjusted and excluding bonuses.
- More discussion of DWP's modernisation projects can be found in DWP (2005), An Analysis of DWP Productivity 1997/98 – 2007/08.
- 14. Productivity estimates the extent to which inputs are being allocated to produce more output. It does not estimate whether government is getting the best prices for its inputs as price changes are removed in the deflation process.
- 15. Not all the benefits of the modernisation programmes would show up as productivity gains, however. Projects aimed at reducing procurement costs, for example, may save money but are additional benefits which would not show up in the productivity measure as there would be no change in input volumes.
- DWP (2005), An Analysis of DWP Productivity 1997/98 2007/08, discusses in addition to the evidence presented here a range of other performance data.
- Poverty is defined here as a household with an income of less than 60 per cent of the national median measured after housing costs.
- 18. Often, the performance against processing deadlines forms part of a Public Service Agreement target for the relevant Department or is part of the enabling legislation.
- 19. The benefits which have consistent time series and are published externally are presented in the triangulation section.
- 20. In the case of benefits such as Disability Living Allowance (DLA), there are also payments made to which the claimant is no longer eligible due to gradually improving health. This is not well described as either 'fraud' or 'error' but a reduction in these payments would still be an increase in accuracy.

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DWP (2005) An Analysis of DWP Productivity 1997/98 – 2007/08, available via www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2005-2006/rrep355.pdf

Glossary

Blue Book (BB): The short name for the annual publication of *United Kingdom National Accounts: the Blue Book.*

Capital: Capital assets are those which contribute to the productive process over periods longer than a year.

Deflation: The technique used to change figures from nominal terms (current prices) into real terms (constant prices or volume terms).

Intermediate consumption: The consumption of goods and services in the production process.

Inputs: Resources used up by SSA.

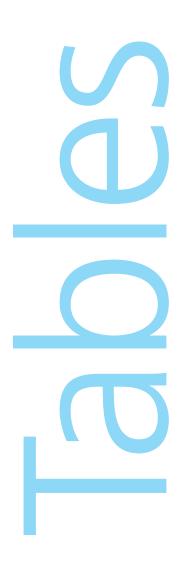
Labour: The people employed in SSA.

National Accounts (NA): The economic accounts of the nation. They detail the production processes, the sector accounts showing, for example, the income, expenditure, saving and financial transactions and balance sheets of each sector, and estimates of gross domestic product.

Output: What is produced (by SSA) in combining various inputs to achieve overall outcomes.

Productivity: Defined as the ratio of a volume measure of output to a volume measure of input.

QA Panel: Quality Assurance Panels set up to review UKCeMGA's productivity articles.



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МЛЛ

This comprises notes and coin in circulation with the public, together with all sterling deposits (including certificates of deposit) held with UK banks and building societies by the rest of the private sector.

The Bank of England also publish data for liquid assets outside M4.

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Billion denotes one thousand million.

Symbols used

- .. not available
- nil or less than half the final digit shown
- a series for which measures of variability are given on page 137
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- average (or total) of five weeks

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Seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated

Selected monthly indicators¹

									Seas	sonally	adjusted	d unless	otherw	ise stated
		2005	2006	2005 Q3	2005 Q4	2006 Q1	2006 Q2	2006 Jan	2006 Feb	2006 Mar	2006 Apr	2006 May	2006 Jun	2006 Jul
Output - chained volume measures (CVM) (2003 = 100 unless otherwise stated)											- 4	,		
Gross value added at basic prices (2.1, 2.8) Industrial production (2.8, 5.1) Oil and gas extraction (5.1) Manufacturing (2.8, 5.1) Construction (2.8) Car production (thousands) (5.3)	CGCE CKYW CKZO CKYY GDQB FFAO	105.2 99.0 82.7 100.9 105.4 133.0		105.4 98.7 79.0 101.1 104.8 135.5	106.1 98.0 79.3 100.2 104.5 127.8	106.9 98.8 79.7 101.1 105.4 124.3	107.7 98.6 ¹ 76.1 101.7 ¹ 105.9 ¹ 124.3 ¹	81.3 100.9	98.4 79.3 100.8 124.5	101.5 		101.8 	74.0 102.0	 119.2
Domestic demand														
Retail sales volume (2000 = 100) (5.8) GB new registrations of cars ('000s) ² (5.8) Manufacturing: change in inventories (£m CVM, reference year 2003) (5.6)	EAPS BCGT DHBM	125.8 2 443.3 740		125.7 677.1 –109	127.8 [†] 473.9 509	127.1 661.7 410	129.7 –45	126.6 154.0	[†] 126.9 74.8 		128.7 	129.6 	130.5	130.2
Prices (12 monthly % change) and earnings (3 month average)														
Consumer prices index ² (3.1) Retail prices index ² (3.1) Retail prices index ² (less MIPS) ³ (3.1) Producer output prices (less FBTP) ⁴ Producer input prices ⁵ GB average earnings - whole economy ⁶ (4.6)	D7G7 CZBH CDKQ EUAA EUAB LNNC	2.1 2.8 2.3 2.1 11.8		2.4 2.8 2.4 2.1 ¹ 12.9 4.1	2.1 2.4 2.3 1.5 13.6 3.6	1.9 2.4 2.2 1.9 14.4 4.2	2.3 3.0 2.8 2.4 13.5 ¹ 4.3	1.9 2.4 2.3 1.7 15.0 3.5	2.0 2.4 2.3 1.9 15.0 4.1	2.4 2.1 2.0	2.6 2.4 2.1 ¹ 15.1 ¹	13.9	2.5 3.3 3.1 2.8 11.5 4.3	2.4 3.3 3.1 2.5 9.6
Foreign trade ⁷ (2003 = 100 volumes unless otherwise stated)														
UK balance on trade in goods (£ million) (2.13) Non-EU balance on trade in goods (£ million) Non-EU exports of goods (excl oil & erratics) Non-EU imports of goods (excl oil & erratics) Non-EU imports price index (excl oil) Non-EU exports price index (excl oil)		-67 298 -31 250 119.8 116.8 101.2 100.6					-19 021 -10 107 122.5 125.1 103.9 102.7	-3 825 122.9 119.8 103.9	-3 472 128.7 128.4 105.1	-2 788 133.7 124.4 105.3	-3 359 [†] 120.6 [†] 126.3 [†] 105.4 [†]	-3 603 - 120.0 122.7	-3 145 126.9 126.2 103.5	
Labour market and productivity (2003 = 100 unless otherwise stated)														
UK claimant unemployment (thousands) (4.4) UK employees in manufacturing (thousands) (4.4) Whole economy productivity (4.7) Manufacturing productivity (4.7) Unit wage costs - whole economy (4.7) Unit wage costs - manufacturing (4.7)	BCJD YEJA LNNN LNNX LNNK LNNQ	861.8 3 132 103.5 109.0 103.9 98.6	3 040	871.6 3 106 103.4 109.7 104.1 98.4	900.1 3 081 104.1 109.4 104.8 99.9	922.6 3 049 104.8 111.5 105.3 99.8	950.3 [†] 3 040 112.6 99.8		3 057 111.1 	3 049 112.3 	945.1 3 048 112.0 100.4	3 043	3 040 113.2 	957.0
Financial markets ²														
Sterling ERI (1990=100) (6.1) Average exchange rate /US\$ (6.1) Average exchange rate /Euro ⁹ (6.1) 3 month inter-bank rate ¹⁰ (6.8) 3 month US Treasury bills rate ¹¹ (6.8)	AGBG AUSS THAP HSAJ LUST	103.3 1.8197 1.4629 4.57 3.92	† 	102.9 1.7844 ¹ 1.4635 4.52 3.47	103.2 1.7481 1.4706 4.57 3.92	102.5 1.7528 1.4570 4.54 4.52	1.8272 1.4540 4.71 4.88		1.7470	1.7435	4.60	1.8702		
Monetary conditions/government finances														
M0 (year on year percentage growth) (6.2) M4 (year on year percentage growth) (6.2) Public sector net borrowing (£ million) ² (6.5) Net lending to consumers (£ million)(broader) (5.8)	VQMX VQJW -ANNX RLMH	5.1 11.4 37 009 19 603	†	5.4 11.6 7 077 ¹ 4 223	5.2 12.8 16 440 3 833	6.5 12.4 -1 895 3 416	16 233		12.4	<i>12.2</i> 8 961	13.0	 11.7 9 752 1 293		 -6 250 1 122
		2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
Activity and expectations		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
CBI output expectations balance ² ETCC CBI optimism balance ² ETBC CBI price expectations balance ETDC New engineering orders (2000 = 100) (5.2) JIQE	7 2	3 -7 86.2	6 -5 79.9	2 -21 -3 78.0	-4 -1 77.2	-4 -1 79.9	1 -14 5 73.0	10 4 83.8	13 8 72.8	12 -2 9 80.5 [†]	10 1 79.8	14 10 79.9	14 10	 14

¹ Numbers in brackets after series' titles refer to tables in which they appear.
2 Not seasonally adjusted.
3 MIPS: mortgage interest payments.
4 FBTP: food, beverages, tobacco and petroleum.
5 Includes the climate change levy introduced in April 2001, and the aggregates levy introduced in April 2002.
6 The three-month average is the percentage change in the average seasonally adjusted indices for the latest three months compared with the same period a year earlier.
7 All non-EU figures
8 Output per filled jc
9 Before January 1
averaging the bita nal weights' base 10 Last Friday of the 11 Last working day.

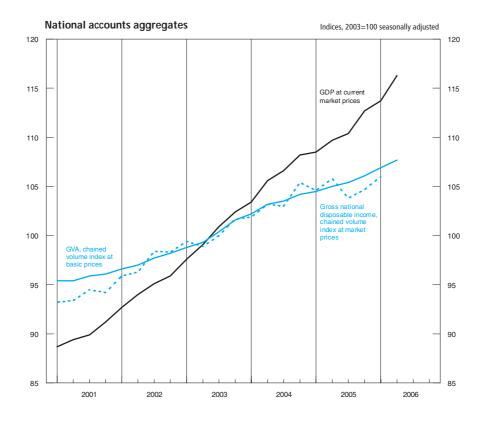
⁷ All non-EU figures exclude Austria, Finland and Sweden.
8 Output per filled job.
9 Before January 1999, a synthetic Euro has been calculated by geometrically averaging the bilateral exchange rate of the 11 Euro-area countries using "internal weights" based on each country's share of the extra Euro-area trade.
10 Last Friday of the period.

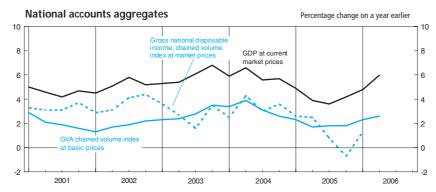
National accounts aggregates

	£m	nillion			In	dices (2003 = 10	0)		
	At curre	ent prices	Value indices a	t current prices	Ch	ained volume ind	lices	Implied of	deflators ³
	Gross domestic product at market prices	Gross value added at basic prices	Gross domestic product at market prices ¹	Gross value added at basic prices	Gross domestic product at market prices	Gross value added at basic prices+	Gross national disposable income at market prices ²	Gross domestic product at market prices	Gross value added at basic prices
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	YBHA 996 987 1 048 767 1 110 296 1 176 527 1 224 715	ABML 882 753 930 297 985 558 1 044 165 1 086 859	YBEU 89.8 94.5 100.0 106.0 110.3	YBEX 89.6 94.4 100.0 105.9 110.3	YBEZ 95.4 97.4 100.0 103.3 105.2	CGCE 95.7 97.4 100.0 103.3 105.2	YBFP 93.8 97.2 100.0 103.4 104.7	YBGB 94.1 97.0 100.0 102.6 104.9	CGBV 93.6 96.9 100.0 102.6 104.8
2001 Q1	246 345	217 972	88.7	88.5	95.0	95.4	93.2	93.4	92.7
Q2	248 058	219 362	89.4	89.0	95.1	95.4	93.4	94.0	93.3
Q3	249 447	220 955	89.9	89.7	95.7	95.9	94.5	93.9	93.5
Q4	253 137	224 464	91.2	91.1	96.0	96.1	94.2	95.0	94.8
2002 Q1	257 368	228 051	92.7	92.6	96.5	96.6	95.9	96.1	95.8
Q2	261 028	231 626	94.0	94.0	97.1	97.0	96.3	96.9	96.9
Q3	264 049	234 316	95.1	95.1	97.8	97.7	98.4	97.3	97.3
Q4	266 322	236 304	95.9	95.9	98.3	98.2	98.3	97.6	97.6
2003 Q1	270 918	240 577	97.6	97.6	98.8	98.8	99.4	98.8	98.8
Q2	275 130	244 438	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.3	98.9	99.8	99.9
Q3	280 024	248 520	100.9	100.9	100.4	100.4	100.0	100.5	100.5
Q4	284 224	252 023	102.4	102.3	101.5	101.6	101.7	100.9	100.7
2004 Q1	286 975	254 169	103.4	103.2	102.2	102.2	101.9	101.1	100.9
Q2	293 120	260 148	105.6	105.6	103.1	103.2	103.2	102.4	102.4
Q3	295 998	262 789	106.6	106.7	103.5	103.5	103.0	103.0	103.0
Q4	300 434	267 059	108.2	108.4	104.1	104.2	105.4	103.9	104.0
2005 Q1	301 181	267 335	108.5	108.5	104.4	104.5	104.6	104.0	103.9
Q2	304 412	270 116	109.7	109.6	104.9	105.0	105.8	104.5	104.4
Q3	306 376	271 366	110.4	110.1	105.4	105.4	103.8	104.8	104.5
Q4	312 746	278 042	112.7	112.8	106.0	106.1	104.7	106.2	106.4
2006 Q1	315 717	280 405	113.7	113.8	106.8	106.9	106.0	106.5	106.5
Q2	322 743	286 679	116.3	116.4	107.6 [†]	107.7		108.0	108.1
Percentage	e change, quarter	on corresponding	g quarter of previo	ous year ⁴					
2001 Q1	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.3	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.3
Q2	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.0	2.2	2.1	3.1	2.3	2.8
Q3	4.1	4.5	4.1	4.5	2.3	1.9	3.0	1.8	2.5
Q4	4.7	5.1	4.7	5.1	2.0	1.5	3.8	2.6	3.6
2002 Q1	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6	1.6	1.2	3.0	2.8	3.4
Q2	5.2	5.6	5.2	5.6	2.1	1.7	3.1	3.1	3.9
Q3	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	2.2	1.9	4.2	3.6	4.0
Q4	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.3	2.3	2.3	4.3	2.8	3.0
2003 Q1	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.5	2.3	2.3	3.7	2.9	3.2
Q2	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.1
Q3	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	2.7	2.7	1.6	3.2	3.2
Q4	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.2
2004 Q1	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.6	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.1
Q2	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.4	3.8	3.9	4.4	2.6	2.4
Q3	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.5
Q4	5.7	6.0	5.7	6.0	2.6	2.6	3.7	3.0	3.3
2005 Q1	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.2	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.8	2.9
Q2	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	1.7	1.8	2.5	2.1	2.0
Q3	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	1.8	1.8	0.8	1.7	1.4
Q4	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	1.8	1.8	-0.7	2.2	2.2
2006 Q1	4.8	4.9	4.8	4.9	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.4	2.5
Q2	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.1	2.6	2.5			3.5

Source: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: 020 7533 6031

 [&]quot;Money GDP".
 This series is only updated once a quarter, in line with the full quarterly national accounts dataset.
 Based on chained volume measures and current price estimates of expenditure components of GDP.
 For index number series, these are derived from less rounded figures than those shown in the table.





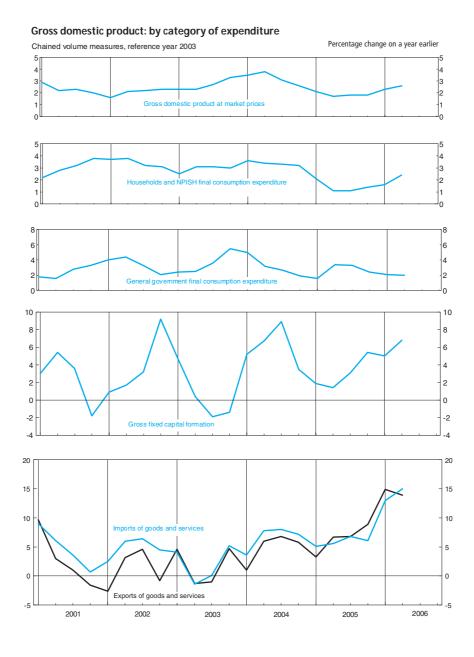
Gross domestic product: by category of expenditure Chained volume measures¹

Reference year 2003, £ million

		Domestic	expenditure on	goods and se	rvices at ma	rket prices						
	Final co	nsumption e	expenditure	Gross	capital form	ation					Statis-	
	House- holds	Non- profit instit- utions ²	General government	Gross fixed capital formation+	Changes in inven- tories ³	Acquisi- tions less disposals of valuables	Total	Exports of goods and services+	Gross final expend- iture	less Imports of goods and services+	tical discre- pancy (expen- diture)	Gross domestic product at market prices
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	ABJR 653 326 676 833 697 160 721 434 731 143	HAYO 27 155 27 130 27 185 27 327 28 244	NMRY 217 359 224 868 232 699 240 129 246 465	NPQT 171 639 178 066 178 751 189 492 195 118	CAFU 5 577 2 289 3 983 4 597 3 261	NPJR 342 183 -37 -42 -353	YBIM 1 075 760 1 109 596 1 139 741 1 182 937 1 203 878	IKBK 277 694 280 593 285 397 299 289 318 641	ABMG 1 353 632 1 390 217 1 425 138 1 482 225 1 522 519	IKBL 294 449 308 706 314 842 335 703 355 619	GIXS - - - 893	ABMI 1 059 648 1 081 469 1 110 296 1 146 523 1 167 792
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	161 204 162 333 164 239 165 550	6 873 6 788 6 762 6 732	53 609 53 894 54 600 55 256	42 555 43 242 43 357 42 485	1 643 1 802 1 743 389	-26 202 30 136	265 928 268 431 270 836 270 565	71 295 69 333 67 921 69 145	337 389 337 813 338 708 339 722	73 841 73 937 73 327 73 344	- - -	263 631 263 935 265 519 266 563
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	167 588 168 803 169 715 170 727	6 762 6 756 6 793 6 819	55 756 56 288 56 429 56 395	42 927 43 981 44 765 46 393	1 047 385 511 346	66 48 62 7	274 166 276 273 278 337 280 820	69 440 71 533 71 056 68 564	343 608 347 850 349 422 349 337	75 709 78 367 78 006 76 624	- - - -	267 948 269 392 271 368 272 761
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	171 828 174 146 175 140 176 046	6 843 6 779 6 790 6 773	57 099 57 684 58 445 59 471	44 934 44 161 43 924 45 732	-571 -644 2 264 2 934	-8 94 -68 -55	280 285 282 367 286 503 290 586	72 662 70 611 70 334 71 790	352 958 352 971 356 830 362 379	78 836 77 283 78 089 80 634	- - - -	274 119 275 712 278 748 281 717
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	178 197 180 362 181 032 181 843	6 830 6 805 6 826 6 866	59 969 59 530 60 002 60 628	47 256 47 102 47 813 47 321	-381 1 050 1 025 2 903	112 -90 -96 32	291 983 294 759 296 603 299 592	73 389 74 861 75 097 75 942	365 373 369 620 371 700 375 532	81 648 83 313 84 300 86 442	- - - -	283 725 286 307 287 400 289 091
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	181 980 182 287 182 748 184 128	6 957 7 020 7 104 7 163	60 911 61 532 61 954 62 068	48 171 47 750 49 306 49 891	1 692 519 1 108 -58	-158 86 -201 -80	299 554 299 193 302 019 303 112	75 808 79 871 80 224 82 738	375 361 379 065 382 243 385 850	85 816 88 008 90 052 91 743	172 216 244 261	289 718 291 273 292 435 294 366
2006 Q1 Q2	184 731 186 614	7 241 7 247	62 161 62 763	50 568 51 007	1 617 938	-128 233	306 191 308 802	87 097 90 942	393 288 399 744	96 998 101 219	227 229	296 517 298 754 [†]
Percentage	change, quar	ter on corre	sponding quart	er of previous	year							
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	2.1 2.9 3.4 4.0	3.9 0.6 -1.6 -3.0	1.8 1.6 2.8 3.3	3.0 5.4 3.6 -1.8			2.8 3.2 3.0 2.7	9.7 3.0 1.0 -1.6	4.3 3.1 2.6 1.7	9.0 6.1 3.6 0.7		2.9 2.2 2.3 2.0
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4.0 4.0 3.3 3.1	-1.6 -0.5 0.5 1.3	4.0 4.4 3.3 2.1	0.9 1.7 3.2 9.2			3.1 2.9 2.8 3.8	-2.6 3.2 4.6 -0.8	1.8 3.0 3.2 2.8	2.5 6.0 6.4 4.5		1.6 2.1 2.2 2.3
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	2.5 3.2 3.2 3.1	1.2 0.3 0.0 -0.7	2.4 2.5 3.6 5.5	4.7 0.4 -1.9 -1.4			2.2 2.2 2.9 3.5	4.6 -1.3 -1.0 4.7	2.7 1.5 2.1 3.7	4.1 -1.4 0.1 5.2		2.3 2.3 2.7 3.3
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	3.7 3.6 3.4 3.3	-0.2 0.4 0.5 1.4	5.0 3.2 2.7 1.9	5.2 6.7 8.9 3.5			4.2 4.4 3.5 3.1	1.0 6.0 6.8 5.8	3.5 4.7 4.2 3.6	3.6 7.8 8.0 7.2		3.5 3.8 3.1 2.6
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	2.1 1.1 0.9 1.3	1.9 3.2 4.1 4.3	1.6 3.4 3.3 2.4	1.9 1.4 3.1 5.4			2.6 1.5 1.8 1.2	3.3 6.7 6.8 8.9	2.7 2.6 2.8 2.7	5.1 5.6 6.8 6.1		2.1 1.7 1.8 1.8
2006 Q1 Q2	1.5 2.4	4.1 3.2	2.1 2.0	5.0 6.8			2.2 3.2	14.9 13.9	4.8 5.5	13.0 15.0		2.3 2.6

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 Non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH).
 This series includes a quarterly alignment adjustment.

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$2.3\,$ Gross domestic product and shares of income and expenditure

£ million and percentages

			Percentag	e share of gr	oss final expen	diture	Percentage share of GDP by category of income					
	Gross domestic product at		Final consu expendit			Evporto	Gross op					
	market prices (£ million) ¹	Gross final expenditure (£ million)	Household and NPISH	General govern- ment	Gross capital formation	Exports of goods and services	Corpor- ations ²	Other ³	Compensation of employees	Mixed income	Taxes on production and imports	
2002 2003 2004 2005	YBHA 1 048 767 1 110 296 1 176 527 1 224 715	ABMF 1 356 153 1 425 138 1 510 196 1 590 317	IHXI 50.9 50.8 50.4 49.8	IHXJ 15.6 16.3 16.6 16.8	IHXK 13.0 12.8 13.2 13.1	IHXL 20.4 20.0 19.8 20.3	IHXM 21.8 22.5 23.1 22.3	IHXO 3.0 3.0 2.9 3.2	IHXP 56.0 55.6 55.2 55.9	IHXQ 6.3 6.2 6.1 6.2	IHXR 12.9 12.7 12.7 12.5	
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	257 368 261 028 264 049 266 322	333 269 339 504 341 212 342 168	51.1 50.6 50.7 51.2	15.5 15.6 15.7 15.8	12.8 12.8 13.1 13.4	20.5 20.9 20.5 19.6	21.8 21.4 22.1 21.9	2.9 3.5 2.9 2.8	55.9 56.0 55.9 56.2	6.3 6.3 6.2	13.0 12.9 12.8 12.8	
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	270 918 275 130 280 024 284 224	349 581 352 412 358 445 364 700	50.8 51.2 50.9 50.5	16.0 16.4 16.4 16.5	12.4 12.4 13.0 13.5	20.7 20.1 19.8 19.6	22.7 22.3 22.7 22.3	2.7 3.3 2.8 3.3	55.7 55.5 55.6 55.5	6.3 6.2 6.2 6.2	12.7 12.7 12.7 12.8	
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	286 975 293 120 295 998 300 434	366 948 375 557 380 222 387 469	51.0 50.5 50.3 49.8	16.6 16.6 16.6 16.6	12.8 13.2 13.3 13.5	19.6 19.7 19.8 20.0	22.3 23.4 23.2 23.6	3.1 3.0 3.1 2.5	55.5 54.9 55.0 55.2	6.2 6.1 6.1 6.1	12.9 12.7 12.7 12.5	
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	301 181 304 412 306 376 312 746	388 071 393 944 399 795 408 507	50.2 49.9 49.7 49.3	16.8 16.7 16.9 16.9	13.2 13.0 13.4 13.0	19.8 20.4 20.0 20.8	22.5 22.3 21.6 22.7	3.2 3.3 3.4 2.9	55.7 55.8 56.1 56.0	6.2 6.2 6.3 6.2	12.5 12.5 12.7 12.3	
2006 Q1 Q2	315 717 322 743	418 317 429 208	48.5 	16.7 	13.2 	21.6 	22.0 	2.8 	56.6 	6.2 	12.4 	

^{1 &}quot;Money GDP"

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2.4 Income, product and spending per head

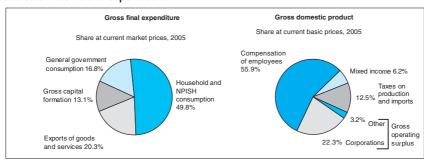
£ At current prices Chained volume measures (reference year 2003) Household and NPISH Real households' Household Households' and NPISH Gross national Gross domestic Gross domestic gross income at market product at market final consumption disposable product at market final consumption expenditure disposable income expenditure IHXS 18 034 19 024 20 089 20 817 IHXV 11 952 12 433 12 796 13 300 IHXZ 12 184 12 433 12 583 12 764 IHXT 17 679 18 643 19 663 20 338 IHXW IHXU 2002 2003 2004 2005 11 641 12 163 12 726 13 140 18 231 18 642 19 162 19 393 11 866 12 163 12 515 12 610 2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 4 420 4 457 4 568 4 589 4 345 4 403 4 449 4 482 2 874 2 900 2 918 2 949 2 957 2 988 2 996 3 011 4 523 4 544 4 573 4 591 3 028 3 051 3 054 3 051 2 943 2 961 2 974 2 988 2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 4 680 4 696 4 768 4 880 2 986 3 028 3 060 3 089 3 078 3 100 3 097 3 158 4 608 4 630 4 678 4 726 3 004 3 039 3 053 3 067 3 096 3 111 3 090 3 136 2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 4 899 5 006 5 022 5 162 3 134 3 175 3 197 3 220 3 176 3 180 3 217 3 223 3 099 3 131 3 138 3 147 3 140 3 136 3 157 3 150 4 800 4 821 5 010 2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 5 148 5 226 5 185 5 258 5 014 5 059 5 083 5 182 3 244 3 264 3 295 3 337 3 267 3 305 3 345 3 383 4 823 4 841 4 852 4 877 3 168 3 185 3 198 3 213 3 145 3 146 3 150 3 169 2006 Q1 5 345 5 224 3 360 3 400 4 907 3 177 3 215

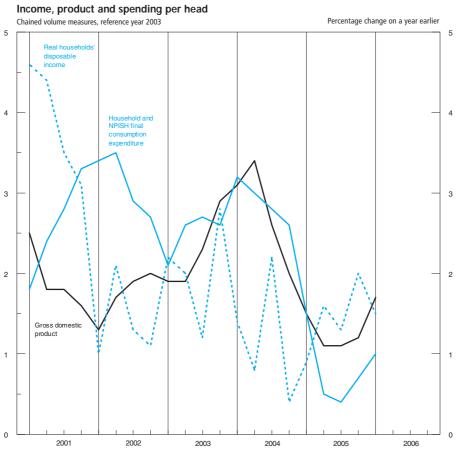
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² Non-financial and financial corporations.

³ Gross operating surplus of general government, and households and NPISH plus the adjustment for financial services.

Shares of income and expenditure





Households'1 disposable income and consumption

			£ million,	current prices				£ mi chained volui (reference		
		lds' income ore tax	Gross	Adjustment for the change in net	Total	Households'		Real	Household	Real households'
	Total	of which: Wages and salaries	households' disposable income ²	equity of households in pension funds	available households' resources	final consumption expenditure	Households' saving ratio ³ (per cent)+	households' disposable income ⁴ +	final consumption expenditure+	disposable income (index 2003=100)
2003 2004 2005	RPHP 1 064 739 1 112 081 1 180 770	ROYJ 527 689 550 654 576 528	RPHQ 740 389 765 683 800 915	RPQJ 21 377 25 108 30 111	RPQK 761 766 790 791 831 026	RPQM 724 345 761 484 791 302	NRJS 4.9 3.7 4.8	NRJR 740 389 752 890 768 612	NPSP 724 345 748 761 759 387	OSXS 100.0 101.7 103.8
2003 Q1	260 622	129 933	183 076	5 107	188 183	177 616	5.6	184 156	178 667	99.5
Q2	265 011	131 181	184 564	4 035	188 599	180 286	4.4	185 216	180 926	100.1
Q3	267 111	132 790	184 502	6 086	190 588	182 339	4.3	184 087	181 932	99.5
Q4	271 995	133 785	188 247	6 149	194 396	184 104	5.3	186 930	182 820	101.0
2004 Q1	273 748	134 980	189 655	6 273	195 928	187 158	4.5	187 493	185 027	101.3
Q2	275 548	136 807	190 116	5 788	195 904	189 804	3.1	187 472	187 167	101.3
Q3	279 257	138 323	192 615	5 892	198 507	191 410	3.6	189 038	187 858	102.1
Q4	283 528	140 544	193 297	7 155	200 452	193 112	3.7	188 887	188 709	102.0
2005 Q1	288 680	141 991	196 222	7 054	203 276	194 860	4.1	190 261	188 937	102.8
Q2	293 935	143 361	198 894	7 042	205 936	196 435	4.6	191 681	189 307	103.6
Q3	297 761	144 785	201 613	7 382	208 995	198 615	5.0	192 722	189 852	104.1
Q4	300 394	146 391	204 186	8 633	212 819	201 392	5.4	193 948	191 291	104.8
2006 Q1	306 665	148 114	205 514	10 394	215 908	203 044	6.0	194 307	191 972	105.0
Q2						206 622			193 861	

¹ All households series also include non-profit institutions serving households

Enquiries: Columns 1-5, 7, 8, 10 020 7533 6005; Columns 6, 9 020 7533 5999

Household final consumption expenditure, by purpose^{1,2} **Chained volume measures**

 $\mathfrak L$ million, reference year 2003

							U	K national ³	3						
								UK	domestic	c ⁴					
	Total	Net tourism	Total	Food and drink	Alcohol and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing	House- hold goods and services	Health	Trans- port	Communi- cation	Recrea- tion and culture	Edu- cation	Restaur- ants and hotels	Miscell- aneous
COICOP ⁵	-	-	0	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
2003 2004 2005	ABJR 697 160 721 434 731 143	ABTH 12 158 12 770 11 629	ZAKW 685 002 708 664 719 514	ZWUN 63 174 65 181 65 690	ZAKY 27 297 27 444 27 279	ZALA 41 155 44 087 46 107	ZAVO 129 051 131 490 131 965	ZAVW 42 466 43 577 43 025	ZAWC 11 335 11 609 11 539	ZAWM 104 569 106 610 107 302	ZAWW 15 654 16 361 17 008	ZAXA 84 386 92 889 98 910	ZWUT 9 610 9 541 9 374	ZAXS 78 902 81 796 83 840	ZAYG 77 403 78 079 77 475
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	171 828 174 146 175 140 176 046	3 213 3 123 3 019 2 803	171 019	15 579 16 208 15 797 15 590	6 771 6 788 6 868 6 870	10 094 10 215 10 339 10 507	32 146 32 185 32 229 32 491	10 339 10 696 10 590 10 841	2 820 2 839 2 828 2 848	26 053 26 205 26 169 26 142	3 777 3 883 3 974 4 020	20 209 20 833 21 450 21 894	2 404 2 394 2 401 2 411	19 299 19 458 20 060 20 085	19 174 19 316 19 399 19 514
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	178 197 180 362 181 032 181 843	3 141 3 165 3 310 3 154		16 262 16 153 16 239 16 527	6 869 6 877 6 837 6 861	10 769 11 047 11 108 11 163	32 750 32 902 32 881 32 957	10 587 10 950 11 207 10 833	2 870 2 950 2 908 2 881	26 324 26 391 26 738 27 157	4 065 4 008 4 162 4 126	22 500 23 490 23 396 23 503	2 401 2 389 2 380 2 371	20 321 20 460 20 464 20 551	19 338 19 580 19 402 19 759
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	181 980 182 287 182 748 184 128	3 056 2 835 3 025 2 713	178 924 179 452 179 723 181 415	16 325 16 464 16 326 16 575	6 832 6 810 6 803 6 834	11 381 11 496 11 531 11 699	32 797 33 036 32 977 33 155	10 868 10 713 10 570 10 874	2 850 2 832 2 919 2 938	27 040 27 003 26 548 26 711	4 211 4 240 4 253 4 304	24 052 24 230 25 048 25 580	2 355 2 341 2 343 2 335	21 081 20 968 20 802 20 989	19 132 19 319 19 603 19 421
2006 Q1 Q2	184 731 186 614	3 035 	181 696 	16 943 	6 854 	11 658 	33 319 	10 824 	2 967 	26 585 	4 365 	25 416 	2 341 	20 996 	19 428

¹ Although estimates are given to the nearest £ million, they cannot be regard-

Source: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: 020 7533 5999

⁽NPISH).

2 Total household income *less* payments of income tax and other taxes, social contributions and other current transfers.

³ Households' saving as a percentage of total available households' resources.

⁴ Gross household disposable income revalued by the implied household and NPISH final consumption expenditure deflator (2003 = 100).

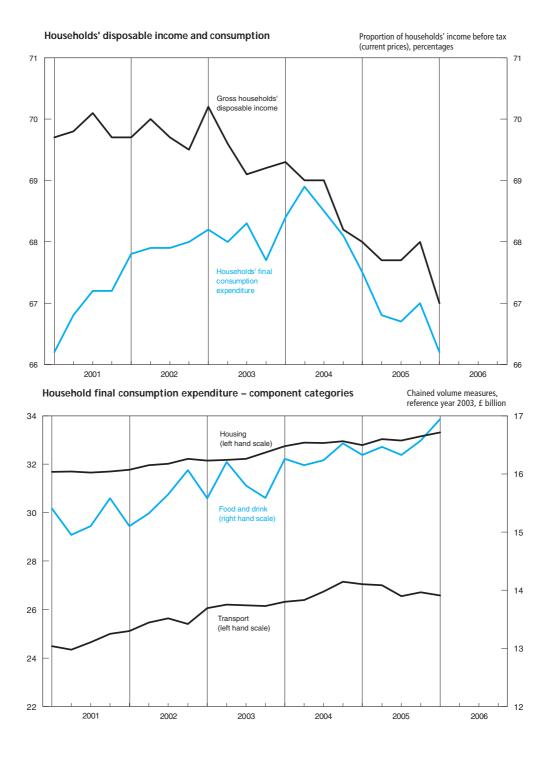
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ed as accurate to this degree.

2 More detailed estimates, expressed in both current prices and chained volume measures, both unadjusted and seasonally adjusted, appear in the

ONS publication Consumer Trends.

³ Final consumption expenditure by UK households in the UK and abroad.
4 Final consumption expenditure in the UK by UK and foreign households.
5 ESA 95 Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose.



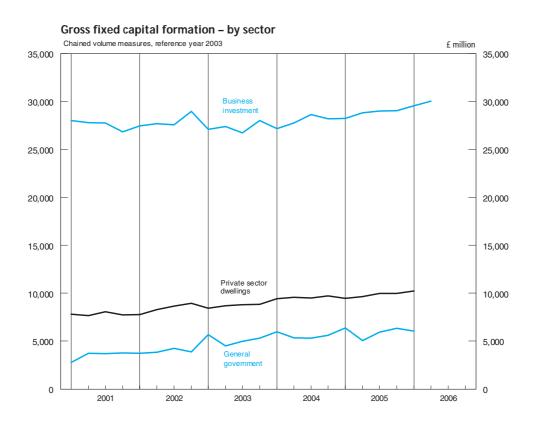
Gross fixed capital formation Chained volume measures

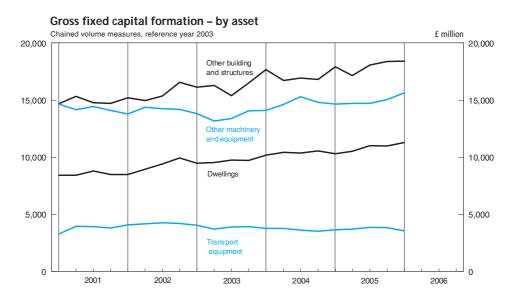
£ million, reference year 2003

		Analy	sis by sector					Aı	nalysis by ass	set	
	Business investment ¹	General government	Public corpor- ations: transfer costs of non- produced assets ²	Private Dwellings	Transfer costs of non-produced assets	Total+	Transport equipment	Other machinery and equipment	Dwellings	Other building and structures ³	Intangible fixed assets
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	NPEL 110 390 111 678 109 218 111 765 115 116	DLWF 13 980 15 740 20 509 22 266 23 713	DLWH -2 834 -3 092 -5 674 -5 561 -4 263	DFEA 31 289 33 711 34 804 38 245 39 102	DLWI 16 180 17 374 16 385 19 616 17 872	NPQT 171 639 178 066 178 751 189 492 195 118	DLWL 14 957 16 728 15 592 14 706 15 031	DLWO 57 337 56 614 54 441 58 817 59 162	DFEG 34 141 36 800 38 462 41 541 42 853	DLWT 59 527 62 088 64 355 68 135 71 516	EQDO 5 126 5 676 5 901 6 294 6 556
2001 Q1	28 007	2 781	-821	7 828	4 138	42 555	3 272	14 648	8 427	14 684	1 281
Q2	27 782	3 734	-698	7 679	3 978	43 242	3 955	14 157	8 435	15 327	1 270
Q3	27 744	3 703	-626	8 055	3 803	43 357	3 936	14 433	8 796	14 791	1 285
Q4	26 857	3 762	-689	7 727	4 261	42 485	3 794	14 099	8 483	14 725	1 290
2002 Q1	27 447	3 760	-555	7 784	3 774	42 927	4 068	13 782	8 499	15 206	1 325
Q2	27 677	3 846	-780	8 304	4 405	43 981	4 178	14 378	8 958	14 950	1 426
Q3	27 574	4 259	-894	8 669	4 613	44 765	4 269	14 253	9 400	15 363	1 433
Q4	28 980	3 875	-863	8 954	4 582	46 393	4 213	14 201	9 943	16 569	1 492
2003 Q1	27 111	5 673	-1 833	8 452	4 517	44 934	4 049	13 815	9 467	16 148	1 450
Q2	27 395	4 507	-1 378	8 695	4 145	44 161	3 726	13 165	9 536	16 287	1 463
Q3	26 712	4 999	-1 243	8 812	3 772	43 924	3 896	13 392	9 752	15 405	1 482
Q4	28 000	5 330	-1 220	8 845	3 951	45 732	3 921	14 069	9 707	16 515	1 506
2004 Q1	27 166	5 970	-1 598	9 421	5 551	47 256	3 771	14 083	10 193	17 675	1 534
Q2	27 757	5 360	-1 174	9 578	4 757	47 102	3 760	14 627	10 430	16 722	1 563
Q3	28 634	5 311	-1 186	9 524	4 733	47 813	3 635	15 299	10 370	16 922	1 587
Q4	28 208	5 625	-1 603	9 722	4 575	47 321	3 540	14 808	10 548	16 816	1 610
2005 Q1	28 239	6 373	-564	9 486	3 859	48 171	3 645	14 672	10 318	17 919	1 618
Q2	28 833	5 070	-1 204	9 658	4 551	47 750	3 708	14 717	10 533	17 159	1 632
Q3	29 004	5 935	-1 351	9 990	4 732	49 306	3 854	14 713	11 024	18 070	1 645
Q4	29 040	6 335	-1 144	9 968	4 730	49 891	3 824	15 060	10 978	18 368	1 661
2006 Q1	29 545	6 059	–379	10 249	4 101	50 568	3 555	15 628	11 291	18 412	1 683
Q2	30 050					51 007					
Percentage	change, quarter o	on correspondii	ng quarter of	orevious yea	r						
2001 Q1	7.2	-17.7		-2.3	-10.3	3.0	-2.8	10.1	-0.2	-2.8	2.2
Q2	4.6	26.0		-3.5	3.0	5.4	17.8	2.5	0.3	9.5	-2.8
Q3	1.0	25.7		3.6	-2.9	3.6	18.3	0.7	7.0	2.5	-0.9
Q4	-6.6	11.4		6.5	9.1	-1.8	3.2	-5.7	9.1	-3.1	-1.8
2002 Q1	-2.0	35.2		-0.6	-8.8	0.9	24.3	-5.9	0.9	3.6	3.4
Q2	-0.4	3.0		8.1	10.7	1.7	5.6	1.6	6.2	-2.5	12.3
Q3	-0.6	15.0		7.6	21.3	3.2	8.5	-1.2	6.9	3.9	11.5
Q4	7.9	3.0		15.9	7.5	9.2	11.0	0.7	17.2	12.5	15.7
2003 Q1	-1.2	50.9		8.6	19.7	4.7	-0.5	0.2	11.4	6.2	9.4
Q2	-1.0	17.2		4.7	-5.9	0.4	-10.8	-8.4	6.5	8.9	2.6
Q3	-3.1	17.4		1.6	-18.2	-1.9	-8.7	-6.0	3.7	0.3	3.4
Q4	-3.4	37.5		-1.2	-13.8	-1.4	-6.9	-0.9	-2.4	-0.3	0.9
2004 Q1	0.2	5.2		11.5	22.9	5.2	-6.9	1.9	7.7	9.5	5.8
Q2	1.3	18.9		10.2	14.8	6.7	0.9	11.1	9.4	2.7	6.8
Q3	7.2	6.2		8.1	25.5	8.9	-6.7	14.2	6.3	9.8	7.1
Q4	0.7	5.5		9.9	15.8	3.5	-9.7	5.3	8.7	1.8	6.9
2005 Q1	3.9	6.8		0.7	-30.5	1.9	-3.3	4.2	1.2	1.4	5.5
Q2	3.9	-5.4		0.8	-4.3	1.4	-1.4	0.6	1.0	2.6	4.4
Q3	1.3	11.7		4.9	0.0	3.1	6.0	-3.8	6.3	6.8	3.7
Q4	2.9	12.6		2.5	3.4	5.4	8.0	1.7	4.1	9.2	3.2
2006 Q1 Q2	4.6 4.2	-4.9 		8.0	6.3 	5.0 6.8	-2.5 	6.5 	9.4 	2.8 	4.0

Source: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: 020 7533 6010

Excluding dwellings and costs associated with the transfer of ownership of non-produced assets.
 Remaining investment by public non-financial corporations is included under business investment.
 Including costs associated with transfer of ownership of non-produced assects.





Gross value added chained volume measures at basic prices, by category of $output^{1,2}$

2003 = 100

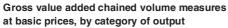
			Product	ion				Ser	vice industri	es			
	Agric- ulture, forestry, and fishing	Mining and quarrying including oil and gas extraction	Manu- facturing	Elec- tricity gas and water supply	Total	Const- ruction	Distri- bution hotels and catering; repairs	Transport storage and commun- ication	Business services and finance	Govern- ment and other services	Total	Gross value added at basic prices	Gross value added excluding oil
2003 weights ³	10	22	147	17	186	61	153	78	277	235	744	1000	978
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	GDQA 90.9 102.1 100.0 99.0 101.2	CKYX 105.0 105.4 100.0 92.1 84.3	CKYY 102.5 99.8 100.0 102.0 100.9	98.0 98.4 100.0 101.1 100.8	CKYW 102.3 100.3 100.0 100.8 99.0	GDQB 92.2 95.5 100.0 104.0 105.4	GDQE 92.1 96.4 100.0 105.2 106.2	GDQH 97.0 98.2 100.0 102.5 106.5	GDQN 94.4 96.3 100.0 105.1 109.4	GDQU 95.3 97.7 100.0 102.0 104.2	GDQS 94.5 96.9 100.0 103.9 106.8	CGCE 95.7 97.4 100.0 103.3 105.2	JUNT 95.5 97.2 100.0 103.5 105.7
2001 Q1	91.6	104.1	104.4	99.8	104.0	91.5	91.2	97.2	93.5	94.3	93.7	95.4	95.2
Q2	90.2	106.3	102.4	98.6	102.5	91.7	91.3	97.2	94.2	94.9	94.1	95.4	95.2
Q3	89.8	105.5	102.6	97.3	102.4	92.3	92.4	96.5	94.9	95.5	94.7	95.9	95.6
Q4	92.1	104.1	100.5	96.4	100.5	93.3	93.6	97.1	95.1	96.4	95.4	96.1	95.9
2002 Q1	101.0	105.4	100.2	97.2	100.5	94.8	95.3	98.0	94.7	96.9	95.9	96.6	96.4
Q2	102.6	109.6	99.4	97.6	100.5	94.4	95.5	96.9	96.1	97.5	96.5	97.0	96.7
Q3	102.8	101.0	100.3	99.2	100.2	95.8	96.7	98.4	97.0	97.9	97.4	97.7	97.6
Q4	102.0	105.7	99.4	99.7	100.2	97.0	98.0	99.3	97.3	98.3	98.0	98.2	98.1
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	98.6
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	99.3
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	100.4
Q4	100.9	96.3	101.3	102.3	100.8	102.4	101.8	100.7	102.2	101.3	101.7	101.6	101.7
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	102.4
Q2	98.3	94.8	102.4	100.7	101.3	103.4	105.2	102.2	104.3	102.2	103.6	103.2	103.3
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	103.8
Q4	99.2	88.6	102.4	100.6	100.6	105.4	105.9	104.1	106.9	102.5	105.0	104.2	104.5
2005 Q1	100.6	87.3	101.5	99.9	99.7	106.0	105.7	105.5	107.4	103.2	105.5	104.5	104.8
Q2	102.1	87.8	100.9	101.8	99.5	106.3	105.8	105.9	108.7	103.8	106.3	105.0	105.4
Q3	101.2	80.8	101.1	100.8	98.7	104.8	106.1	106.5	109.9	104.7	107.1	105.4	105.9
Q4	100.9	81.3	100.2	100.8	98.0	104.5	107.4	108.1	111.4	105.1	108.3	106.1	106.6
2006 Q1	101.7	81.7	101.1	100.9	98.8	105.4	108.0	108.4	112.5	105.7	109.0	106.9	107.4
Q2	100.4 [†]	78.5 [†]	101.7 [†]	97.9†	98.6 [†]	105.9†	108.9 [†]	109.4	114.0 [†]	106.6 [†]	110.1	107.7	108.3
Percentage chan	nge, quarter d	on correspond	ling quarter	of previous	year								
2001 Q1	-9.4	-10.0	1.3	7.1	0.4	-0.7	3.4	9.1	5.5	1.7	4.3	2.9	3.4
Q2	-10.3	-6.3	-1.3	2.9	-1.5	2.1	3.0	5.4	4.6	2.2	3.5	2.1	2.4
Q3	-11.6	-4.0	-1.1	2.1	-1.3	3.9	3.2	2.0	3.6	2.4	2.9	1.9	2.0
Q4	-6.0	-1.3	-3.9	0.9	-3.4	3.8	4.1	1.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	1.6	1.7
2002 Q1	10.3	1.2	-4.0	-2.6	-3.4	3.6	4.5	0.8	1.3	2.8	2.3	1.3	1.3
Q2	13.7	3.1	-2.9	-1.0	-2.0	2.9	4.6	-0.3	2.0	2.7	2.6	1.7	1.6
Q3	14.5	-4.3	-2.2	2.0	-2.1	3.8	4.7	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.9	1.9	2.1
Q4	10.7	1.5	-1.1	3.4	-0.3	4.0	4.7	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.2	2.3
2003 Q1	-1.3	-0.4	-0.9	0.9	-0.6	2.3	3.0	1.2	4.0	2.0	2.8	2.3	2.3
Q2	-3.2	-8.9	0.0	1.3	-1.1	4.8	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.1	2.9	2.4	2.7
Q3	-2.6	-2.1	-0.3	1.4	-0.2	6.2	4.0	1.9	3.5	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.9
Q4	-1.1	-8.9	1.9	2.6	0.6	5.6	3.9	1.4	5.0	3.1	3.8	3.5	3.7
2004 Q1	-0.6	-10.2	2.4	4.2	1.0	6.0	5.5	1.5	5.0	2.6	4.0	3.4	3.9
Q2	-1.0	-5.0	3.0	1.8	1.9	4.6	5.8	2.4	5.5	2.7	4.3	3.9	4.0
Q3	-0.8	-8.1	1.6	0.4	0.3	2.7	5.4	2.8	5.2	1.7	3.9	3.1	3.4
Q4	-1.7	-8.0	1.1	-1.7	-0.2	2.9	4.0	3.4	4.6	1.2	3.2	2.6	2.8
2005 Q1	1.5	-7.4	-0.2	-2.3	-1.2	3.1	2.0	4.8	3.9	1.8	2.9	2.3	2.3
Q2	3.9	-7.4	-1.5	1.1	-1.8	2.8	0.6	3.6	4.2	1.6	2.6	1.7	2.0
Q3	1.9	-11.1	-0.5	-0.2	-1.6	0.4	0.1	3.3	4.1	2.6	2.7	1.8	2.0
Q4	1.7	-8.2	-2.1	0.2	-2.6	-0.9	1.4	3.8	4.2	2.5	3.1	1.8	2.0
2006 Q1	1.1	-6.4	-0.4	1.0	-0.9	-0.6	2.2	2.7	4.7	2.4	3.3	2.3	2.5
Q2	-1.7 [†]	-10.6 [†]	0.8†	-3.8†	-0.9	-0.4	2.9 [†]	3.3 [†]	4.9 [†]	2.7 [†]	3.6	2.6	2.8

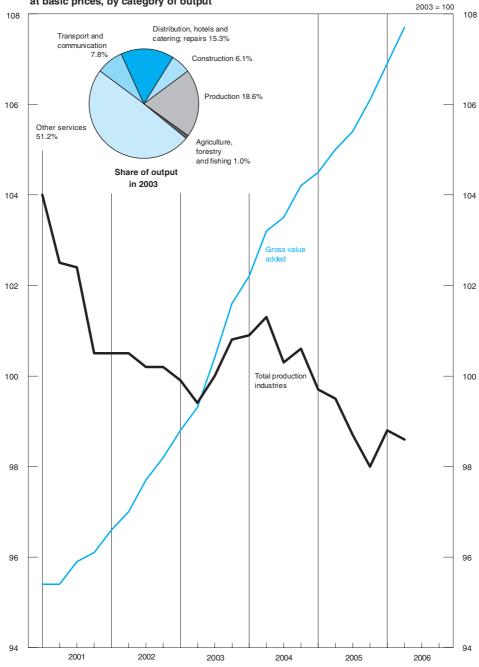
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Estimates cannot be regarded as accurate to the last digit shown.
 Components of output are valued at basic prices, which exclude taxes and subsidies on production.

Subsidies on production.

3 Weights may not sum to totals due to rounding. The weights shown are in proportion to total gross value added (GVA) in 2003, and are used to combine the industry output indices to calculate the totals for 2004 and later. For 2003 and earlier, totals are calculated using the equivalent weights for the previous year, for example, totals for 2003 use 2002 weights.





Gross value added chained volume measures at basic prices, by category of output: service industries

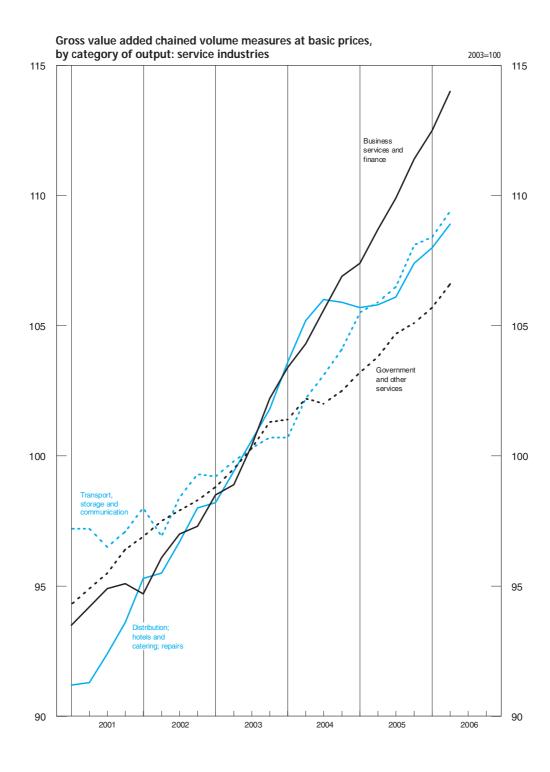
2003 = 100

		ion hotels ng; repairs		ort, storage munication	Business	services an	d finance	Go	overnment a	and other se	rvices		
	Motor trades; wholesale and retail trade; repairs	Hotels and restaurants		Post and telecommunication	Financial intermediation ¹	Real estate, renting and business activities	Owner- ship of dwellings	PAD ²	Education	Health and social work	Other services ³	Adjustment for financial services ⁴	Total services
2003 weights ⁵	122	31	48	30	79	165	79	52	59		53	-46	744
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	GDQC 92.3 96.9 100.0 105.3 106.3	GDQD 91.3 94.4 100.0 104.5 105.9	GDQF 97.7 99.2 100.0 103.4 107.6	100.0 101.2	GDQI 90.2 93.7 100.0 107.6 113.9	GDQK 92.9 94.7 100.0 107.7 113.8	GDQL 96.5 97.7 100.0 101.5 102.9	GDQO 93.0 95.3 100.0 101.9 102.9	GDQP 97.6 99.3 100.0 100.4 102.1	96.3	GDQR 98.5 100.1 100.0 101.3 104.2	GDQJ 86.3 89.2 100.0 113.0 122.1	GDQS 94.5 96.9 100.0 103.9 106.8
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	91.2 91.4 92.5 94.2	91.2 91.0 91.9 91.2	98.1 97.9	95.8 94.5	90.6 89.3 89.8 91.0	92.2 92.6 93.4 93.3	95.7 96.4 96.8 96.9	92.6 92.9 92.9 93.8	96.8 97.3 97.8 98.4	92.6	97.6 97.5 99.1 99.8	88.1 85.5 86.0 85.8	93.7 94.1 94.7 95.4
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	95.7 96.3 97.3 98.3	93.5 92.7 94.5 96.8	98.3 98.6 99.6 100.3	96.4	90.1 93.3 95.4 96.0	93.1 94.6 95.5 95.8	97.0 97.3 97.8 98.8	94.2 94.9 95.5 96.7	99.0 99.1 99.3 99.7	94.4 96.1 97.2 97.6	100.8 100.4 99.8 99.6	86.0 88.4 90.1 92.2	95.9 96.5 97.4 98.0
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	98.2 99.2 100.5 102.1	98.5 99.9 100.6 101.0	98.9	99.8 101.3 99.3 99.6	96.8 99.6 101.3 102.3	97.9 98.4 100.3 103.4	99.4 99.6 100.1 100.9	98.5 99.5 100.7 101.3	99.9 100.0 100.0 100.1		98.7 99.6 99.9 101.8	95.2 99.5 100.9 104.4	98.6 99.3 100.4 101.7
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	103.9 105.4 106.1 106.0	102.4 104.3 105.4 105.8	101.2 103.5 103.5 105.3	100.2 102.5	106.2 106.3 107.4 110.7	105.1 106.6 108.7 110.4	101.2 101.4 101.5 102.0	101.7 101.9	100.0 100.1 100.5 100.9	103.2 104.1	99.7 103.5 100.7 101.3	110.5 110.8 112.8 117.8	102.5 103.6 104.3 105.0
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	105.8 105.8 106.3 107.4	105.0 105.7 105.4 107.6	106.9 107.1 107.3 109.3	103.3 104.1 105.2 106.2	111.2 113.5 114.7 116.4	112.0 112.8 114.4 116.1	102.2 102.5 103.1 103.8	102.5 102.8 103.1 103.2	101.6 102.1 102.3 102.4	106.7	102.4 102.9 105.6 105.7	121.3 121.1 122.5 123.6	105.5 106.3 107.1 108.3
2006 Q1 Q2	107.5 108.5	110.0 110.3	110.0 112.2		118.3 119.7	117.7 120.0	104.4 105.0		103.0 103.1	110.2 111.1	104.7 106.9	127.0 129.7	109.0 110.1
Percentage cha	ange, quarte	r on corresp	oonding qua	arter of previo	us year								
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4.1 3.2 3.2 4.4	0.4 2.4 2.9 2.9	2.4 1.2	10.4 3.4	5.2 2.5 3.0 3.2	9.6 6.7 4.9 3.3	1.2 1.2 1.6 1.6	1.3 1.2	-0.1 0.3 0.7 1.8	3.5 3.3	3.5 3.4 4.4 4.7		4.3 3.5 2.9 3.1
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4.9 5.4 5.2 4.4	2.5 1.9 2.8 6.1	0.5 1.7	-1.7 2.0	-0.6 4.5 6.2 5.5	1.0 2.2 2.2 2.7	1.4 0.9 1.0 2.0	2.2 2.8	2.3 1.8 1.5 1.3	3.8 4.4	3.3 3.0 0.7 -0.2	3.4 4.8	2.3 2.6 2.9 2.7
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	2.6 3.0 3.3 3.9	5.3 7.8 6.5 4.3	0.3 1.4	7.5 3.0	7.4 6.8 6.2 6.6	5.2 4.0 5.0 7.9	2.5 2.4 2.4 2.1	4.8	0.9 0.9 0.7 0.4	2.9 3.6	-2.1 -0.8 0.1 2.2	10.7 12.6 12.0 13.2	2.8 2.9 3.1 3.8
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	5.8 6.3 5.6 3.8	4.4 4.8	4.7 2.5	-1.1 3.2	9.7 6.7 6.0 8.2	7.4 8.3 8.4 6.8	1.8 1.8 1.4 1.1	2.2 1.2	0.1 0.5	4.3 3.4	3.9 0.8	11.4 11.8	4.0 4.3 3.9 3.2
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	1.8 0.4 0.2 1.3	1.3 0.0	3.5 3.7	3.9 2.6	4.7 6.8 6.8 5.1	6.6 5.8 5.2 5.2	1.0 1.1 1.6 1.8	1.1 1.2	2.0 1.8	3.4 3.1		9.3 8.6	2.9 2.6 2.7 3.1
2006 Q1 Q2	1.6 2.6	4.8 4.4	2.9 4.8	2.4 0.7	6.4 5.5	5.1 6.4	2.2 2.4	1.2 1.3	1.4 1.0		2.2 3.9	4.7 7.1	3.3 3.6

¹ Comprising section J of the SIC(92). This covers activities of institutions such as banks, building societies, securities dealers, insurance companies and pension funds. It also covers institutions whose activities are closely related to financial intermediation, for example, fund managers and insurance

<sup>Browers.
Public administration and national defence; compulsory social security.
Comprising sections O, P and Q of the SIC(92).
The weight and proxy series for financial intermediation are calculated before the deduction of interest receipts and payments to provide a better indi</sup>cation of the underlying activity for this section (see note 1). However, this overstates the contribution to GDP because interest flows should be treated as transfer payments rather than final consumption. The financial services adjustment, which has a negative weight, corrects for this.

⁵ See footnote 3 on Table 2.8.



2.10 Summary capital accounts and net lending/net borrowing

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		Gen	eral gover	nment		Fina	ancial corpora	ations		Non-fir	ancial cor	porations	
		Capital tra	ansfers		Net acqui-			Net acqui-		Capital tra	ansfers		Net acqui-
	Gross saving ¹	Receivable	<i>less</i> Payable	Gross capital formation ²	of non- financial assets	Gross saving ¹	Gross capital formation ²	of non- financial assets	Gross saving ¹	Receivable	<i>less</i> Payable	Gross capital formation ²	of non- financial assets
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	RPQC 26 977 1 337 -9 939 -10 048 -6 523	RPUL 7 876 9 856 14 937 15 112 15 955	RPUV 12 427 14 093 21 699 20 647 22 415	RPZF 13 537 15 474 20 540 23 246 25 667	RPZE -916 -1 087 -957 -1 071 -958	RPPS -15 493 13 914 22 984 31 213 20 001	RPYP 7 350 6 932 3 652 4 740 7 074	RPYO -43 -36 -3 -6 -1	RPJV 93 552 108 583 117 310 129 510 131 292	RPWU 4 760 4 079 5 711 5 476 6 488	JRWK 473 728 705 528 1 358	RQBA 107 140 103 974 102 894 106 531 110 766	RQAX 1 208 1 431 1 241 1 672 1 747
2001 Q1	9 332	1 829	2 733	2 810	-222	-5 914	2 440	-9	22 964	858	89	26 829	271
Q2	7 262	2 063	3 165	3 578	-221	-3 214	2 317	-11	22 782	1 358	129	27 520	305
Q3	6 657	1 912	2 757	3 529	-234	-3 725	1 300	-11	24 140	849	126	27 349	331
Q4	3 726	2 072	3 772	3 620	-239	-2 640	1 293	-12	23 666	1 695	129	25 442	301
2002 Q1	736	2 279	3 405	3 786	-285	2 346	963	-11	26 197	1 071	176	25 961	380
Q2	1 013	2 403	3 188	3 855	-232	1 576	1 349	-10	25 928	961	185	25 534	329
Q3	1 405	2 712	4 023	4 118	-237	3 495	3 038	-9	28 434	992	181	25 276	357
Q4	–1 817	2 462	3 477	3 715	-333	6 497	1 582	-6	28 024	1 055	186	27 203	365
2003 Q1	-3 231	3 824	5 807	5 295	-206	6 401	2 306	-3	29 109	1 159	185	22 844	283
Q2	-2 177	4 623	6 492	4 667	-256	5 179	854	-	27 921	1 474	175	24 788	333
Q3	-1 982	3 483	5 058	5 082	-252	4 695	218	1	30 119	1 643	170	26 784	364
Q4	-2 549	3 007	4 342	5 496	-243	6 709	274	-1	30 161	1 435	175	28 478	261
2004 Q1	-3 443	2 648	3 899	5 355	-252	5 884	601	-	30 922	1 491	170	25 652	369
Q2	-1 934	4 585	6 211	5 781	-275	7 620	952	-2	33 274	1 507	120	26 013	420
Q3	-3 124	3 824	5 079	5 821	-279	8 087	1 601	-2	31 499	1 261	117	26 963	449
Q4	-1 547	4 055	5 458	6 289	-265	9 622	1 586	-2	33 815	1 217	121	27 903	434
2005 Q1	-1 843	4 751	7 106	6 659	-272	6 851	-178	-2	32 888	2 530	896	28 119	474
Q2	-633	3 595	4 732	5 409	-241	6 106	3 116	-1	34 942	1 302	160	26 523	476
Q3	-876	3 876	5 341	6 619	-231	1 327	1 516	-	32 846	1 193	149	28 687	422
Q4	-3 171	3 733	5 236	6 980	-214	5 717	2 620	2	30 616	1 463	153	27 437	375
2006 Q1	578	3 912	7 203	6 650	-121	1 825	1 394	1	32 096	2 841	133	29 811	322

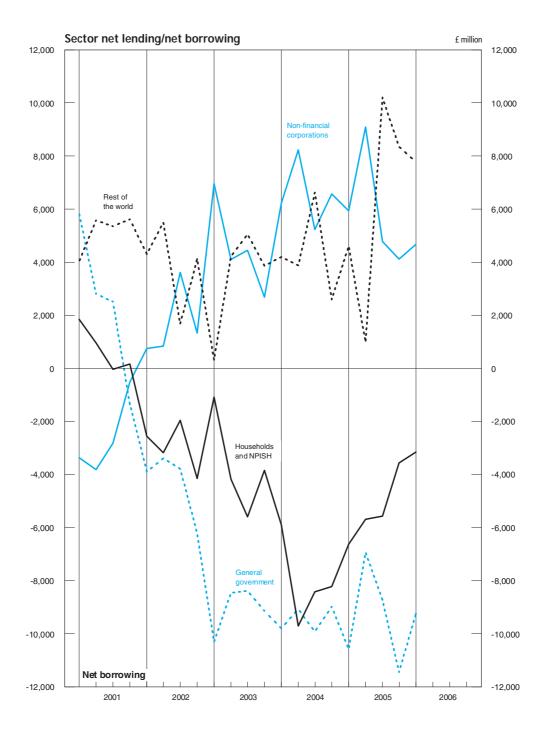
		Hous	seholds and	NPISH			Ne	t lending(+)/net	borrowing(-) ³		
		Capital tra	ansfers		Net acquisition						
	Gross saving ¹	Receivable	<i>less</i> Payable	Gross capital formation ²	of non- financial assets	General government	Financial corporations	Non- financial corporations	Households and NPISH	Rest of the world ⁴	Residual error
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	RPQL 45 137 36 301 37 421 29 307 39 724	RPVN 5 787 5 325 6 647 6 693 8 233	RPVR 4 108 3 375 3 354 3 724 4 033	RPZV 44 030 50 268 55 611 64 793 65 680	RPZU -152 -176 -210 -276 -320	RPZD 9 805 -17 287 -36 284 -37 758 -37 692	RPYN -22 800 7 018 19 335 26 479 12 928	RQAW -10 509 6 529 18 181 26 255 23 909	RPZT 2 938 -11 841 -14 687 -32 241 -21 436	RQCH 20 566 15 581 13 455 17 265 24 148	DJDS - - - - -1 855
2001 Q1	12 340	1 232	842	10 906	-25	5 840	-8 345	-3 367	1 849	4 021	_
Q2	10 924	1 577	1 098	10 484	-36	2 803	-5 520	-3 814	955	5 577	_
Q3	11 146	1 447	1 071	11 598	-44	2 517	-5 014	-2 817	-32	5 346	_
Q4	10 727	1 531	1 097	11 042	-47	–1 355	-3 921	-511	166	5 622	_
2002 Q1	9 047	1 346	924	12 069	-47	-3 891	1 394	751	-2 553	4 297	-
Q2	9 379	1 088	879	12 814	-45	-3 395	237	841	-3 181	5 499	-
Q3	9 381	1 544	816	12 114	-43	-3 787	466	3 612	-1 962	1 671	-
Q4	8 494	1 347	756	13 271	-41	-6 214	4 921	1 325	-4 145	4 114	-
2003 Q1	10 567	2 029	756	12 963	-46	-10 303	4 098	6 956	-1 077	326	_
Q2	8 313	1 639	834	13 341	-50	-8 457	4 325	4 099	-4 173	4 206	_
Q3	8 249	1 363	874	14 383	-55	-8 387	4 476	4 444	-5 590	5 057	_
Q4	10 292	1 616	890	14 924	-59	-9 137	6 436	2 682	-3 847	3 866	_
2004 Q1	8 770	1 624	906	15 452	-64	-9 797	5 283	6 222	-5 900	4 191	-
Q2	6 100	1 874	959	16 788	-68	-9 066	6 670	8 228	-9 705	3 873	-
Q3	7 097	1 429	955	16 056	-71	-9 921	6 488	5 231	-8 414	6 616	-
Q4	7 340	1 766	904	16 497	-73	-8 974	8 038	6 574	-8 222	2 585	-
2005 Q1	8 416	2 474	920	16 672	-76	-10 585	7 031	5 929	-6 626	4 608	-355
Q2	9 501	1 751	1 015	15 999	-79	-6 938	2 991	9 085	-5 683	991	-446
Q3	10 380	1 913	1 069	16 865	-81	-8 729	-189	4 781	-5 560	10 203	-506
Q4	11 427	2 095	1 029	16 144	-84	-11 440	3 095	4 114	-3 567	8 346	-548
2006 Q1	12 864	2 375	1 102	17 377	-85	-9 242	430	4 671	-3 155	7 774	-478

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Before providing for depreciation, inventory holding gains.
 Comprises gross fixed capital formation, changes in inventories and acquisitions *less* disposals of valuables.
 This balance equals gross saving *plus* capital transfers (net) *less* gross cap

ital formation, *less* net acquisition of non-produced non-financial assets.

4 Equals the current balance of payments accounts, *plus* capital transfers.

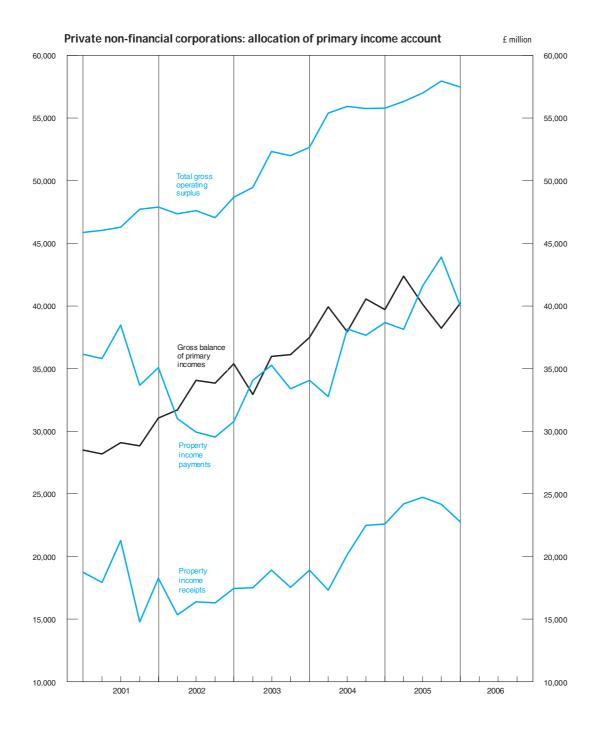


Private non-financial corporations: allocation of primary income account 2.11

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				Resource	S				Us	es		
		Gross	operating s	urplus			_	Proper	ty income pay	ments		
	Gross tradir Continental shelf companies	og profits Others ¹	Rental of buildings	less Inventory holding gains	Gross operating surplus ¹ +	Property income receipts	Total resources 1,2	Total payments	of which Dividends	of which Interest	Gross balance of primary incomes 1	Share of gross national income ¹ (per cent)
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	CAGD 19 096 18 432 17 981 18 225 20 633	CAED 154 014 161 426 174 873 192 807 197 639	DTWR 12 394 12 904 13 891 14 864 15 404	-DLRA 438 -2 856 -4 266 -6 158 -6 619	CAER 185 942 189 906 202 479 219 738 227 057	RPBM 72 750 66 329 71 442 78 885 95 708	RPBN 258 692 256 235 273 921 298 623 322 765	RPBP 144 092 125 544 133 510 142 694 162 292	RVFT 77 516 61 580 71 096 72 509 79 729	ROCG 39 454 36 418 35 663 41 352 49 718	RPBO 114 600 130 691 140 411 155 929 160 473	NRJL 11.4 12.2 12.4 13.0 12.8
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	5 269 5 228 4 559 4 040	37 236 37 719 38 679 40 380	3 047 3 089 3 108 3 150	330 6 -51 153	45 882 46 042 46 295 47 723	18 751 17 944 21 279 14 776	64 633 63 986 67 574 62 499	36 139 35 799 38 481 33 673	17 195 19 022 21 705 19 594	10 431 9 946 10 124 8 953	28 494 28 187 29 093 28 826	11.5 11.3 11.5 11.3
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4 202 4 628 4 419 5 183	41 247 40 295 40 328 39 556	3 166 3 188 3 252 3 298	-733 -762 -384 -977	47 882 47 349 47 615 47 060	18 271 15 351 16 393 16 314	66 153 62 700 64 008 63 374	35 087 30 988 29 929 29 540	19 432 14 981 14 566 12 601	9 066 9 136 9 084 9 132	31 066 31 712 34 079 33 834	11.9 12.0 12.6 12.4
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	5 088 3 888 4 457 4 548	41 339 43 269 45 402 44 863	3 381 3 435 3 509 3 566	-1 119 -1 124 -1 028 -995	48 689 49 468 52 340 51 982	17 474 17 514 18 918 17 536	66 163 66 982 71 258 69 518	30 784 34 051 35 280 33 395	14 774 18 447 19 930 17 945	9 038 8 653 8 840 9 132	35 379 32 931 35 978 36 123	12.7 11.8 12.7 12.4
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4 571 4 572 4 646 4 436	45 753 48 560 49 200 49 294	3 640 3 694 3 747 3 783	-1 308 -1 441 -1 653 -1 756	52 656 55 385 55 940 55 757	18 920 17 313 20 167 22 485	71 576 72 698 76 107 78 242	34 074 32 770 38 177 37 673	17 588 16 113 19 977 18 831	9 451 10 105 10 717 11 079	37 502 39 928 37 930 40 569	12.8 13.3 12.6 13.1
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4 720 5 137 5 360 5 416	48 905 48 919 49 389 50 426	3 822 3 834 3 855 3 893	-1 659 -1 555 -1 608 -1 797	55 788 56 335 56 996 57 938	22 602 24 195 24 731 24 180	78 390 80 530 81 727 82 118	38 665 38 142 41 591 43 894	20 358 17 312 20 723 21 336	11 684 12 103 12 542 13 389	39 725 42 388 40 136 38 224	12.8 13.5 12.8 12.0
2006 Q1	5 554	49 147	3 920	-1 146	57 475	22 774	80 249	40 030	17 045	13 495	40 219	12.5
Percentage	change, quarte	r on corres _i	ponding qua	arter of previ	ous year							
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	14.9 2.9 -15.8 -29.2	-5.1 -3.8 -2.0 7.2	8.4 6.5 4.5 2.9		-0.2 -0.7 -1.6 4.1	24.8 27.5 39.2 -8.5	6.0 5.9 8.4 0.9	9.9 18.7 23.9 0.8	7.6 53.7 76.9 28.7	17.9 5.6 4.5 –11.5	1.4 -6.9 -7.1 1.0	
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	-20.3 -11.5 -3.1 28.3	10.8 6.8 4.3 -2.0	3.9 3.2 4.6 4.7		4.4 2.8 2.9 -1.4	-2.6 -14.5 -23.0 10.4	2.4 -2.0 -5.3 1.4	-2.9 -13.4 -22.2 -12.3	13.0 -21.2 -32.9 -35.7	-13.1 -8.1 -10.3 2.0	9.0 12.5 17.1 17.4	
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	21.1 -16.0 0.9 -12.3	0.2 7.4 12.6 13.4	6.8 7.7 7.9 8.1		1.7 4.5 9.9 10.5	-4.4 14.1 15.4 7.5	0.0 6.8 11.3 9.7	-12.3 9.9 17.9 13.1	-24.0 23.1 36.8 42.4	-0.3 -5.3 -2.7 0.0	13.9 3.8 5.6 6.8	
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	-10.2 17.6 4.2 -2.5	10.7 12.2 8.4 9.9	7.7 7.5 6.8 6.1		8.1 12.0 6.9 7.3	8.3 -1.1 6.6 28.2	8.2 8.5 6.8 12.5	10.7 -3.8 8.2 12.8	19.0 -12.7 0.2 4.9	4.6 16.8 21.2 21.3	6.0 21.2 5.4 12.3	
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	3.3 12.4 15.4 22.1	6.9 0.7 0.4 2.3	5.0 3.8 2.9 2.9		5.9 1.7 1.9 3.9	19.5 39.8 22.6 7.5	9.5 10.8 7.4 5.0	13.5 16.4 8.9 16.5	15.7 7.4 3.7 13.3	23.6 19.8 17.0 20.9	5.9 6.2 5.8 -5.8	
2006 Q1	17.7	0.5	2.6		3.0	0.8	2.4	3.5	-16.3	15.5	1.2	

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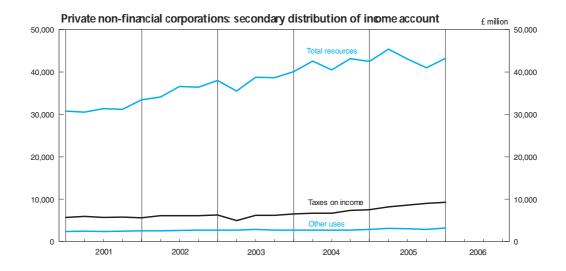
Private non-financial corporations: secondary distribution of income account and capital account

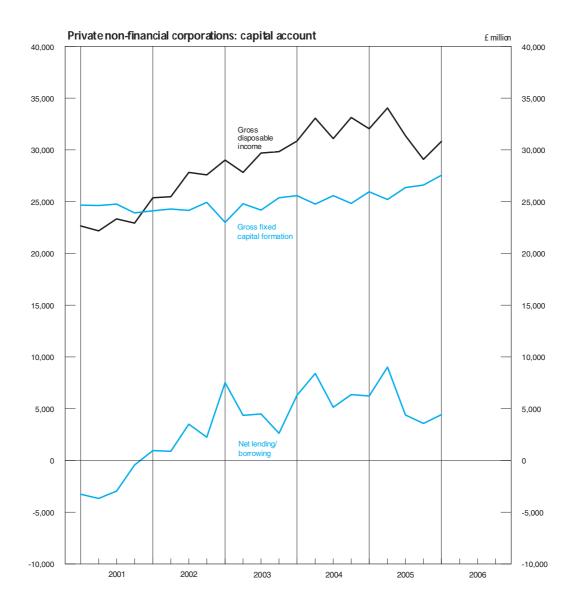
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		Secondary	distribution	of income a	ccount				Сар	ital account		
		Resources			Uses		liabi	ges in lities et worth		Changes i	in assets	
	Gross balance of primary incomes ¹	Other resources ²	Total ^{1,3}	Taxes on income	Other uses ⁴	Gross disposable income ^{1,5}	Net capital transfer receipts	Total ¹	Gross fixed capital formation	Changes in inventories 1	Other changes in assets ⁶	Net lending (+) or borrowing (-) ^{1,7}
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	RPBO 114 600 130 691 140 411 155 929 160 473	NROQ 9 229 9 889 10 569 10 327 11 432	RPKY 123 829 140 580 150 980 166 256 171 905	RPLA 23 087 23 977 23 608 27 287 33 383	NROO 9 640 10 311 11 003 10 773 11 920	RPKZ 91 102 106 292 116 369 128 196 126 602	NROP 3 636 2 732 4 590 4 615 5 678	RPXH 94 738 109 024 120 959 132 811 132 280	ROAW 98 007 97 540 97 389 100 784 104 138	DLQY 5 941 2 677 3 734 4 566 3 768	NRON 1 138 1 212 862 1 227 1 148	RQBV -10 348 7 595 18 974 26 234 23 226
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	28 494 28 187 29 093 28 826	2 253 2 377 2 262 2 337	30 747 30 564 31 355 31 163	5 732 5 903 5 651 5 801	2 354 2 480 2 365 2 441	22 661 22 181 23 339 22 921	470 1 076 601 1 489	23 131 23 257 23 940 24 410	24 679 24 645 24 766 23 917	1 462 1 977 1 831 671	238 326 297 277	-3 248 -3 691 -2 954 -455
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	31 066 31 712 34 079 33 834	2 392 2 396 2 501 2 600	33 458 34 108 36 580 36 434	5 582 6 126 6 135 6 134	2 496 2 501 2 607 2 707	25 380 25 481 27 838 27 593	888 670 742 432	26 268 26 151 28 580 28 025	24 134 24 296 24 170 24 940	860 684 587 546	337 281 305 289	937 890 3 518 2 250
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	35 379 32 931 35 978 36 123	2 622 2 609 2 764 2 574	38 001 35 540 38 742 38 697	6 264 4 997 6 175 6 172	2 729 2 717 2 873 2 684	29 008 27 826 29 694 29 841	875 1 161 1 370 1 184	29 883 28 987 31 064 31 025	23 004 24 797 24 212 25 376	-818 -441 2 100 2 893	198 265 254 145	7 499 4 366 4 498 2 611
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	37 502 39 928 37 930 40 569	2 578 2 613 2 570 2 566	40 080 42 541 40 500 43 135	6 517 6 729 6 710 7 331	2 688 2 724 2 682 2 679	30 875 33 088 31 108 33 125	1 242 1 278 1 069 1 026	32 117 34 366 32 177 34 151	25 596 24 776 25 571 24 841	-64 868 1 144 2 618	288 298 318 323	6 297 8 424 5 144 6 369
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	39 725 42 388 40 136 38 224	2 728 2 991 2 931 2 782	42 453 45 379 43 067 41 006	7 517 8 202 8 637 9 027	2 871 3 105 3 046 2 898	32 065 34 072 31 384 29 081	2 343 1 083 988 1 264	34 408 35 155 32 372 30 345	25 959 25 208 26 375 26 596	1 885 573 1 371 –61	319 369 245 215	6 245 9 005 4 381 3 595
2006 Q1	40 219	3 050	43 269	9 266	3 167	30 836	2 659	33 495	27 549	1 375	146	4 425
Ü	e change, quart	,	0 ,	ter of previo	,							
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	1.4 -6.9 -7.1 1.0	-9.0 -2.1 -17.3 -0.6	0.6 -6.6 -7.9 0.8	-17.5 -3.0 -4.0 8.3	-9.2 -1.8 -16.5 -0.4	7.7 -8.0 -7.8 -0.8	-31.5 + + +	6.5 -4.1 -6.3 4.4	3.9 3.4 2.0 -5.0			
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	9.0 12.5 17.1 17.4	6.2 0.8 10.6 11.3	8.8 11.6 16.7 16.9	-2.6 3.8 8.6 5.7	6.0 0.8 10.2 10.9	12.0 14.9 19.3 20.4	88.9 -37.7 23.5 -71.0	13.6 12.4 19.4 14.8	-2.2 -1.4 -2.4 4.3			
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	13.9 3.8 5.6 6.8	9.6 8.9 10.5 -1.0	13.6 4.2 5.9 6.2	12.2 -18.4 0.7 0.6	9.3 8.6 10.2 -0.8	14.3 9.2 6.7 8.1	-1.5 73.3 84.6 +	13.8 10.8 8.7 10.7	-4.7 2.1 0.2 1.7			
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	6.0 21.2 5.4 12.3	-1.7 0.2 -7.0 -0.3	5.5 19.7 4.5 11.5	4.0 34.7 8.7 18.8	-1.5 0.3 -6.6 -0.2	6.4 18.9 4.8 11.0	41.9 10.1 -22.0 -13.3	7.5 18.6 3.6 10.1	11.3 -0.1 5.6 -2.1			
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	5.9 6.2 5.8 -5.8	5.8 14.5 14.0 8.4	5.9 6.7 6.3 –4.9	15.3 21.9 28.7 23.1	6.8 14.0 13.6 8.2	3.9 3.0 0.9 -12.2	88.6 -15.3 -7.6 23.2	7.1 2.3 0.6 -11.1	1.4 1.7 3.1 7.1			
2006 Q1	1.2	11.8	1.9	23.3	10.3	-3.8	13.5	-2.7	6.1			

These series include a quarterly alignment adjustment.
 Social contributions and other current transfers.
 Total resources equal total uses.
 Social benefits and other current transfers.

⁴ Social befines and other current dansiers.
5 Also known as gross saving.
6 Acquisitions *less* disposals of valuables and non-produced non-financial assets.
7 Gross of fixed capital consumption.





2.13 Balance of payments: current account

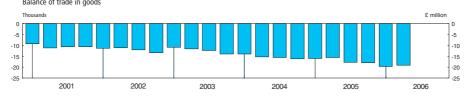
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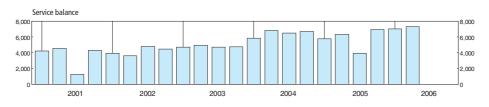
	Coode			Trade in	goods and	d services							
		Goods			Services	S		Total			Current		Current balance as
	Exports+	Imports+	Balance of trade	Exports	Imports	Balance of trade	Exports	Imports	Balance of trade	Income balance	transfers balance	Current balance	percentage of GDP ¹
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	BOKG 189 093 186 524 188 320 190 877 211 175	BOKH 230 305 234 229 236 927 251 770 278 473	BOKI -41 212 -47 705 -48 607 -60 893 -67 298	IKBB 84 047 89 987 97 077 107 817 111 123	IKBC 69 624 73 157 77 915 81 899 88 067	IKBD 14 423 16 830 19 162 25 918 23 056	IKBH 273 140 276 511 285 397 298 694 322 298	IKBI 299 929 307 386 314 842 333 669 366 540	IKBJ -26 789 -30 875 -29 445 -34 975 -44 242	HBOJ 11 664 23 443 24 646 26 596 29 871	IKBP -6 759 -9 081 -10 122 -10 949 -12 179	HBOP -21 884 -16 513 -14 921 -19 328 -26 550	AA6H -2.2 -1.6 -1.3 -1.6 -2.2
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	49 790 47 770 46 114 45 419	58 970 58 850 56 595 55 890	-9 180 -11 080 -10 481 -10 471	21 764 22 099 18 880 21 304	17 515 17 521 17 604 16 984	4 249 4 578 1 276 4 320	71 554 69 869 64 994 66 723	76 485 76 371 74 199 72 874	-4 931 -6 502 -9 205 -6 151	2 545 3 074 3 620 2 425	-1 867 -2 720 26 -2 198	-4 253 -6 148 -5 559 -5 924	-1.7 -2.5 -2.2 -2.3
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	46 382 49 102 46 608 44 432	57 754 60 104 58 624 57 747	-11 372 -11 002 -12 016 -13 315	22 093 22 006 23 318 22 570	18 147 18 372 18 539 18 099	3 946 3 634 4 779 4 471	68 475 71 108 69 926 67 002	75 901 78 476 77 163 75 846	-7 426 -7 368 -7 237 -8 844	5 283 4 270 6 924 6 966	-2 298 -2 557 -1 519 -2 707	-4 441 -5 655 -1 832 -4 585	-1.7 -2.2 -0.7 -1.7
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	48 666 46 697 46 338 46 619	59 528 58 242 58 640 60 517	-10 862 -11 545 -12 302 -13 898	23 865 24 003 24 483 24 726	19 135 19 040 19 781 19 959	4 730 4 963 4 702 4 767	72 531 70 700 70 821 71 345	78 663 77 282 78 421 80 476	-6 132 -6 582 -7 600 -9 131	7 932 5 098 4 688 6 928	-2 364 -2 926 -2 479 -2 353	-564 -4 410 -5 391 -4 556	-0.2 -1.6 -1.9 -1.6
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	46 079 47 137 48 218 49 443	60 026 62 384 63 747 65 613	-13 947 -15 247 -15 529 -16 170	25 827 26 893 26 970 28 127	19 947 20 053 20 477 21 422	5 880 6 840 6 493 6 705	71 906 74 030 75 188 77 570	79 973 82 437 84 224 87 035	-8 067 -8 407 -9 036 -9 465	5 825 6 377 4 954 9 440	-2 686 -2 439 -2 807 -3 017	-4 928 -4 469 -6 889 -3 042	-1.7 -1.5 -2.3 -1.0
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	49 072 52 284 53 839 55 980	65 111 67 878 71 605 73 879	-16 039 -15 594 -17 766 -17 899	27 748 28 237 26 032 29 106	21 958 21 880 22 070 22 159	5 790 6 357 3 962 6 947	76 820 80 521 79 871 85 086	87 069 89 758 93 675 96 038	-10 249 -9 237 -13 804 -10 952	8 436 10 214 6 319 4 902	-3 504 -2 554 -3 031 -3 090	-5 317 -1 577 -10 516 -9 140	-1.8 -0.5 -3.4 -2.9
2006 Q1 Q2	60 337 64 967	79 939 83 988	-19 602 -19 021	29 943 30 027	22 903 22 724	7 040 7 303	90 280 94 651	102 842 106 831	-12 562 -12 180	7 549 	-3 332 	-8 345 	-2.6
2003 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	16 575 16 202 15 889 16 631 15 327 14 739	19 842 19 698 19 988 19 406 19 546 19 290	-3 267 -3 496 -4 099 -2 775 -4 219 -4 551	7 780 7 996 8 089 7 961 8 036 8 006	6 278 6 400 6 457 6 270 6 405 6 365	1 502 1 596 1 632 1 691 1 631 1 641	24 355 24 198 23 978 24 592 23 363 22 745	26 120 26 098 26 445 25 676 25 951 25 655	-1 765 -1 900 -2 467 -1 084 -2 588 -2 910				
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	15 781 15 541 15 016 15 840 15 165 15 614	19 563 18 938 20 139 20 316 19 858 20 343	-3 782 -3 397 -5 123 -4 476 -4 693 -4 729	8 075 8 199 8 209 8 177 8 190 8 359	6 573 6 614 6 594 6 574 6 560 6 825	1 502 1 585 1 615 1 603 1 630 1 534	23 856 23 740 23 225 24 017 23 355 23 973	26 136 25 552 26 733 26 890 26 418 27 168	-2 280 -1 812 -3 508 -2 873 -3 063 -3 195		 		
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	15 008 15 177 15 894 15 741 15 485 15 911	20 307 19 460 20 259 20 791 20 564 21 029	-5 299 -4 283 -4 365 -5 050 -5 079 -5 118	8 442 8 645 8 740 8 971 8 966 8 956	6 714 6 708 6 525 6 711 6 672 6 670	1 728 1 937 2 215 2 260 2 294 2 286	23 450 23 822 24 634 24 712 24 451 24 867	27 021 26 168 26 784 27 502 27 236 27 699	-3 571 -2 346 -2 150 -2 790 -2 785 -2 832		 	 	
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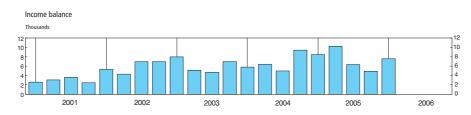
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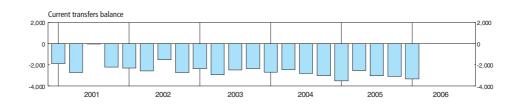
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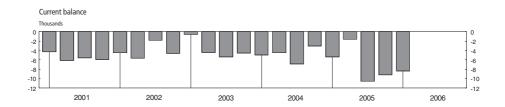
Balance of payments: current account Balance of trade in goods











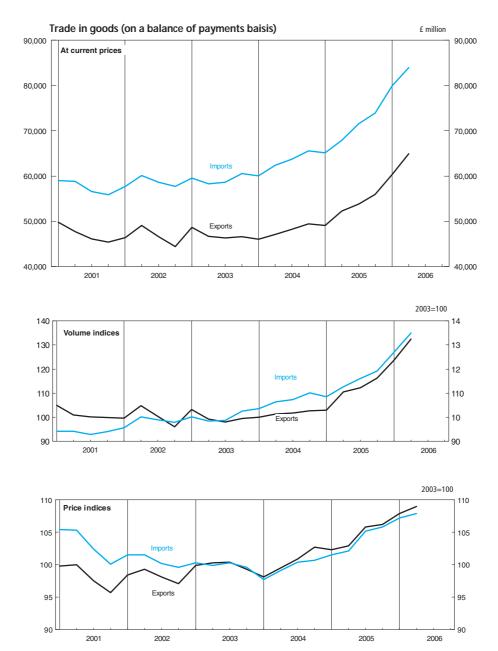
2.14 Trade in goods (on a balance of payments basis)

2003 = 100

		Volume	indices (s	easonally	adjusted)				Price in	dices (not	seasonally	adjusted)		
	То	tal		cluding	Total ex oil and e			Total		To	otal exclud oil	ling	Total ex oil and e	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Terms of trade ²	Exports	Imports	Terms of trade ²	Exports	Imports
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	BQKU 101.5 100.3 100.0 101.5 110.5	BQKV 93.8 98.2 100.0 106.9 114.2	BQKI 100.8 99.9 100.0 102.0 112.0	BQKJ 93.5 98.6 100.0 106.3 114.2	BOMA 103.3 101.8 100.0 102.0 112.7	ELAL 93.1 98.2 100.0 106.8 115.0	BQKR 98.3 98.2 100.0 100.3 104.3	BQKS 103.3 100.7 100.0 99.5 103.7	BQKT 95.2 97.5 100.0 100.8 100.6	BQKK 98.8 98.7 100.0 98.9 100.2	BQKL 104.4 101.1 100.0 98.7 100.6	BQKM 94.6 97.6 100.0 100.2 99.6	BQAK 97.3 97.7 100.0 99.0 100.4	ELBA 103.9 100.9 100.0 99.0 100.7
2001 Q1	104.9	94.2	104.7	94.0	107.4	94.2	99.8	105.4	94.7	100.2	106.4	94.2	98.4	105.8
Q2	100.9	94.2	100.3	93.9	103.1	93.3	100.0	105.3	95.0	99.9	106.0	94.2	98.1	105.2
Q3	100.2	92.9	99.1	93.3	101.4	92.5	97.5	102.4	95.2	97.7	103.2	94.7	96.5	102.9
Q4	99.9	94.0	99.1	92.9	101.1	92.5	95.7	100.1	95.6	97.2	101.8	95.5	96.1	101.6
2002 Q1	99.7	95.7	99.2	95.8	101.7	96.5	98.4	101.5	96.9	99.7	102.6	97.2	98.6	102.3
Q2	104.8	100.2	103.9	100.6	105.0	100.0	99.3	101.5	97.8	99.6	101.8	97.8	98.7	101.6
Q3	100.5	99.0	100.6	99.5	102.6	99.1	98.1	100.2	97.9	98.2	100.3	97.9	97.3	100.2
Q4	96.1	97.9	95.8	98.4	98.1	97.2	97.1	99.6	97.5	97.2	99.8	97.4	96.3	99.7
2003 Q1	103.2	100.2	102.8	100.8	103.4	100.7	99.9	100.3	99.6	99.0	99.7	99.3	99.0	99.7
Q2	99.2	98.5	99.3	98.3	99.6	98.6	100.3	99.9	100.4	101.0	100.3	100.7	101.0	100.4
Q3	98.0	98.7	98.1	98.4	98.2	97.9	100.4	100.3	100.1	100.6	100.4	100.2	100.5	100.2
Q4	99.5	102.6	99.7	102.5	98.8	102.8	99.3	99.6	99.7	99.4	99.7	99.7	99.5	99.8
2004 Q1	100.1	103.6	100.0	103.4	99.8	103.7	98.1	97.7	100.4	98.0	97.8	100.2	98.1	98.1
Q2	101.4	106.4	102.2	105.5	102.7	105.9	99.5	99.1	100.4	98.6	98.6	100.0	98.7	98.9
Q3	101.8	107.4	102.9	107.1	102.5	107.3	100.9	100.4	100.5	98.8	99.1	99.7	99.0	99.3
Q4	102.7	110.1	103.1	109.4	103.1	110.1	102.7	100.7	102.0	100.3	99.3	101.0	100.4	99.5
2005 Q1	102.9	108.6	103.1	108.8	103.3	109.4	102.3	101.5	100.8	100.2	99.8	100.4	100.4	100.0
Q2	110.6	112.7	112.1	112.7	113.2	113.8	102.9	102.1	100.8	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.9
Q3	112.3	116.1	114.6	116.0	115.2	116.3	105.8	105.2	100.6	100.0	100.9	99.1	100.3	101.0
Q4	116.2	119.1	118.3	119.5	119.0	120.3	106.2	105.8	100.4	100.9	102.0	98.9	101.1	102.0
2006 Q1	123.7	127.0	126.3	127.6	128.7	128.7	107.9	107.2	100.7	102.2	102.8	99.4	102.3	102.7
Q2	132.4	135.0	135.5	136.1	137.5	137.6	109.0	107.9	101.0	102.2	102.8	99.4	102.4	102.9
2003 Jan	106.8	100.7	106.8	101.0	107.1	100.3	98.5	99.5	99.0	97.7	98.9	98.8	97.6	99.0
Feb	103.2	99.9	103.2	101.0	103.8	101.1	99.6	100.0	99.6	98.6	99.3	99.3	98.5	99.2
Mar	99.5	100.1	98.5	100.3	99.3	100.6	101.5	101.3	100.2	100.8	100.8	100.0	100.8	100.8
Apr	106.0	97.9	106.3	97.7	107.0	98.4	100.1	100.5	99.6	100.7	100.9	99.8	100.6	100.9
May	97.6	99.4	97.7	98.6	98.0	98.1	101.0	100.0	101.0	101.9	100.5	101.4	101.9	100.6
Jun	94.1	98.1	93.9	98.6	93.9	99.2	99.9	99.2	100.7	100.4	99.5	100.9	100.5	99.6
Jul	100.3	98.9	100.0	98.5	100.0	98.3	100.1	99.8	100.3	100.3	99.9	100.4	100.3	99.8
Aug	98.2	95.5	98.7	96.0	98.5	95.5	101.0	100.5	100.5	100.8	100.4	100.4	100.8	100.2
Sep	95.6	101.8	95.6	100.7	96.0	100.0	100.2	100.5	99.7	100.6	100.8	99.8	100.5	100.7
Oct	101.1	102.9	101.2	102.2	100.0	102.3	99.8	100.0	99.8	99.8	100.1	99.7	99.9	100.1
Nov	97.1	101.1	98.2	101.5	98.0	102.5	99.2	99.7	99.5	99.3	99.8	99.5	99.4	99.9
Dec	100.4	103.7	99.8	103.7	98.5	103.7	99.0	99.0	100.0	99.1	99.1	100.0	99.2	99.3
2004 Jan	97.6	105.1	96.8	103.9	97.0	104.4	98.2	98.0	100.2	98.2	98.1	100.1	98.5	98.4
Feb	99.8	101.5	100.7	101.7	100.8	102.5	97.2	96.7	100.5	97.3	97.0	100.3	97.4	97.3
Mar	103.0	104.3	102.4	104.5	101.7	104.2	98.8	98.4	100.4	98.4	98.2	100.2	98.5	98.5
Apr	102.0	106.7	102.6	105.5	103.2	105.8	99.1	98.6	100.5	98.7	98.4	100.3	98.8	98.6
May	99.4	104.7	100.1	104.2	100.8	105.0	100.3	99.8	100.5	99.0	99.0	100.0	99.1	99.3
Jun	102.8	107.7	103.9	106.8	104.2	106.8	99.1	98.9	100.2	98.0	98.4	99.6	98.1	98.7
Jul	102.4	108.8	103.0	107.7	103.0	108.0	99.3	99.1	100.2	98.0	98.5	99.5	98.2	98.8
Aug	100.7	106.9	101.5	107.6	101.0	107.7	101.0	100.6	100.4	98.5	99.0	99.5	98.7	99.2
Sep	102.2	106.6	104.1	106.0	103.5	106.2	102.5	101.4	101.1	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.1	100.0
Oct	100.1	109.1	101.2	109.2	101.0	109.3	104.2	102.2	102.0	100.8	99.9	100.9	101.0	100.1
Nov	101.8	109.4	102.6	108.0	103.2	109.5	103.1	100.9	102.2	100.7	99.6	101.1	100.8	99.7
Dec	106.3	111.8	105.6	110.9	105.2	111.6	100.9	99.1	101.8	99.3	98.5	100.8	99.4	98.8
2005 Jan	102.7	109.5	102.2	109.4	102.4	109.9	101.6	101.1	100.5	100.1	99.8	100.3	100.2	100.0
Feb	101.3	106.8	102.6	106.9	102.4	107.6	101.8	101.3	100.5	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.2	100.0
Mar	104.7	109.5	104.6	110.0	105.1	110.6	103.5	102.2	101.3	100.6	99.7	100.9	100.8	100.0
Apr	108.2	113.7	109.6	113.4	111.5	114.5	102.9	101.7	101.2	99.8	99.5	100.3	100.0	99.6
May	106.9	111.3	108.0	111.1	108.4	112.9	103.0	102.0	101.0	100.2	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.1
Jun	116.7	113.2	118.8	113.5	119.6	114.0	102.9	102.7	100.2	98.9	99.8	99.1	99.2	100.0
Jul	108.6	112.2	109.8	112.4	109.7	112.9	105.6	105.3	100.3	100.4	101.5	98.9	100.6	101.5
Aug	112.6	117.7	115.9	117.8	116.7	117.5	106.1	105.3	100.8	100.0	100.6	99.4	100.3	100.7
Sep	115.6	118.5	118.1	117.7	119.2	118.6	105.7	104.9	100.8	99.6	100.6	99.0	99.9	100.7
Oct	116.1	115.7	117.9	115.4	118.8	117.3	106.5	105.6	100.9	100.7	101.7	99.0	101.0	101.7
Nov	115.0	119.3	117.5	119.5	117.9	119.3	106.1	106.0	100.1	100.9	102.3	98.6	101.1	102.2
Dec	117.5	122.4	119.5	123.5	120.3	124.3	106.0	105.9	100.1	101.0	102.1	98.9	101.2	102.1
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	119.2 125.3 126.7 135.7 132.3 129.2	124.0 130.9 126.2 133.2 137.4 134.3	121.8 128.6 128.6 139.2 [†] 135.7 131.6	123.8 132.4 126.5 135.3 138.1 135.0	123.7 131.0 131.5 141.7 [†] 137.9 133.0	124.0 133.6 128.6 137.3 139.0 136.5	107.4 107.8 108.6 110.1 108.4 108.6	106.7 107.2 107.6 109.0 107.3 107.4	100.7 100.6 100.9 101.0 101.0	101.6 102.1 102.9 102.9 101.6 102.0	102.3 102.9 103.2 103.4 102.4 102.7	99.3 99.2 99.7 99.5 [†] 99.2 99.3	101.8 102.2 103.0 103.1 101.8 102.3	102.3 102.8 103.1 103.3 102.5 102.8

¹ Defined as ships, aircraft, precious stones and silver.

² Price index for exports expressed as a percentage of price index for imports.



Prices

Not seasonally adjusted except series RNPE

	Producer index (200		Con	sumer pr (2005	ices ind =100)	lex ^{2,3}		Retail p	orices index	: (13 January	1987=100)	Pension index ⁶ (13 1987=	3 January	
	Motoriolo	Output		items	indire	ctuding taxes	All item	ns (RPI)	All items of mortgage payment	e interest	All items of mortgage paymer indirect (RPI	interest its and taxes			Purch-
	Materials and fuel purchased by manu- facturing p industry (SA) ¹	home		Percent- age change on a year earlier		Percent- age change on a year earlier		Percent- age change on a year earlier	Index	Percent- age change on a year earlier	Index	Percent- age change on a year earlier	One- person household	Two- person household	asing power of the pound ⁷ (NSA) (1985= 100)
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	RNPE 98.8 94.4 95.7 99.4 111.1	99.7 99.8 101.3 103.8	95.4 96.7	D7G7 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.3 2.1	96.6 97.9	EL2S 1.3 2.2	CHAW 173.3 176.2 181.3 186.7 192.0	CZBH 1.8 1.7 2.9 3.0 2.8	CHMK 171.3 175.1 180.0 184.0 188.2	CDKQ 2.1 2.2 2.8 2.2 2.3	CBZW 163.7 167.5 172.0 175.5 179.4	CBZX 2.4 2.3 2.7 2.0 2.2	CZIF 152.7 155.3 158.1 160.9 165.1	CZIU 158.5 160.9 163.8 166.4 170.0	FJAK 55 54 52 51 49
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	100.9 101.8 98.2 94.2	99.7 100.1 99.8 99.3	94.5 94.5	0.9 1.5 1.5 1.0		 	171.8 173.9 174.0 173.8	2.6 1.9 1.8 1.0	168.9 171.8 172.1 172.4	1.9 2.3 2.4 2.0	161.1 164.1 164.6 165.0	1.6 2.6 2.8 2.4	150.6 153.3 153.0 153.9	156.5 159.3 158.9 159.3	55 54 54 55
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	94.2 95.2 94.2 93.9	99.2 99.8 99.9 100.1	95.4	1.5 0.9 1.0 1.5		 	173.9 176.0 176.6 178.2	1.2 1.2 1.5 2.5	172.9 175.0 175.5 176.9	2.4 1.9 2.0 2.6	165.5 167.1 167.8 169.5	2.7 1.8 1.9 2.7	154.7 155.3 155.0 156.1	160.1 161.0 160.7 161.7	54 54 54 53
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	95.9 94.8 95.4 96.7	100.9 101.1 101.3 101.7	96.6 96.8	1.5 1.3 1.4 1.3	96.5 96.7	 	179.2 181.3 181.8 182.9	3.0 3.0 2.9 2.6	177.9 180.1 180.5 181.5	2.9 2.9 2.8 2.6	170.6 171.8 172.3 173.2	3.1 2.8 2.7 2.2	156.7 157.9 158.3 159.4	162.6 163.7 164.0 165.0	53 52 52 52
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	95.7 98.6 100.5 102.9	102.4 103.4 104.2 105.1	98.0	1.3 1.4 1.3 1.4	97.8 97.9	1.3 1.4 1.2 1.4	183.8 186.3 187.4 189.2	2.6 2.8 3.1 3.4	182.0 184.0 184.3 185.6	2.3 2.2 2.1 2.3	173.8 175.4 175.6 177.1	1.9 2.1 1.9 2.3	159.7 160.9 160.5 162.3	165.4 166.6 166.1 167.6	51 51 50 50
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	105.7 108.4 113.5 116.9					1.8 2.1 2.6 2.3	189.7 191.9 192.6 193.7	3.2 3.0 2.8 2.4	186.0 188.1 188.7 189.8	2.2 2.2 2.4 2.3	177.5 179.3 179.9 181.0	2.1 2.2 2.4 2.2	163.4 164.8 165.1 167.1	168.3 169.8 170.1 171.7	50 49 49 49
2006 Q1 Q2	120.9 123.0p	† 108.1 † 109.5	100.8 p102.1		100.9 102.2	2.0 2.3		2.4 3.0	190.1 193.4	2.2 2.8	181.4 184.3	2.2 2.8	168.2 171.6	172.4 175.4	49 48
2004 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	99.1 100.2 102.3 105.0 103.0 100.6	103.8 104.2 104.5 105.2 105.3 104.9	98.1 98.2 98.4	1.4 1.3 1.1 1.2 1.5	97.9 98.0 98.3 98.5	1.4 1.3 1.0 1.2 1.4 1.7	188.1 188.6 189.0	3.0 3.2 3.1 3.3 3.4 3.5	183.8 184.3 184.7 185.1 185.4 186.4	2.2 2.2 1.9 2.1 2.2 2.5	175.1 175.7 176.1 176.6 176.9 177.9	2.0 2.0 1.7 2.0 2.2 2.5	 	 	51 50 50 50 50 50
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	105.0 105.0 107.0 107.2 107.7 110.2		98.8 99.3		98.8 99.3	1.7 1.7 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.2	189.6 190.5	3.2 3.2 3.2 3.2 2.9 2.9	185.2 185.9 186.8 187.8 188.2 188.3	2.1 2.4 2.3 2.1 2.2	176.7 177.4 178.3 179.0 179.4 179.5	2.0 2.0 2.3 2.3 2.2 2.2	 	 	50 50 50 49 49
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	113.4 113.5 113.5 114.8 117.1 118.9	107.3 108.0 107.9 107.7	100.1 100.4 100.6 100.7 100.7 101.0	2.4 2.5 2.3 2.1	100.1 100.5 100.6 100.8 100.8 101.1	2.6 2.6 2.5 2.3		2.9 2.8 2.7 2.5 2.4 2.2	188.3 188.6 189.3 189.5 189.7 190.2	2.4 2.3 2.5 2.4 2.3 2.0	179.5 179.8 180.5 180.7 180.9 181.5	2.5 2.3 2.5 2.3 2.3 2.0			49 49 49 49 49
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	120.8 120.8 121.0 123.4 122.7 122.9p	108.1 108.4 109.2 109.6	100.5 100.9 101.1 101.7 102.2 p102.5	2.0 1.8 2.0 2.2	100.6 100.9 101.1 101.7 102.3 102.6	2.1 1.9 2.1	195.0 196.5 197.7	2.4 2.4 2.4 2.6 3.0 3.3	189.4 190.1 190.8 192.3 193.6 194.2	2.3 2.3 2.1 2.4 2.9 3.1	180.7 181.4 182.2 183.2 184.5 185.2	2.3 2.3 2.2 2.3 2.8 3.2		 	49 49 49 48 48 48
Jul	124.3p	110.0	p102.5	2.4	102.6	2.4	198.5	3.3	194.2	3.1	185.2	3.2			48

Sources: Office for National Statistics:

Enquiries: Columns 1-2 01633 812106; Columns 3-15 020 7533 5853.

Note: Figures marked with a 'p' are provisional.

1 Includes the climate change levy introduced in April 2001 and the aggregates levy introduced in April 2002.

2 Rebased from 1996=100 with effect from the January 2006 CPI release. Inflation rates before 1997 and index levels before 1996 are estimated. Further details are given in Economic Trends No.541 December 1998.

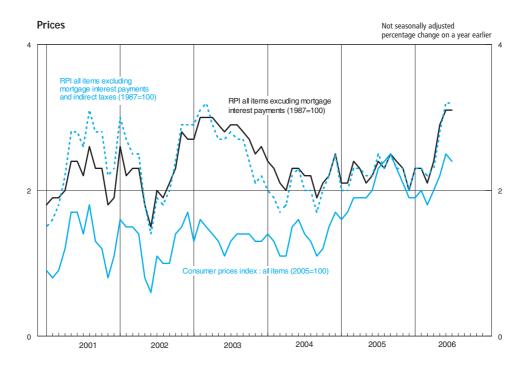
3 Before December 2003, the consumer prices index (CPI) was published in the UK as the harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP).

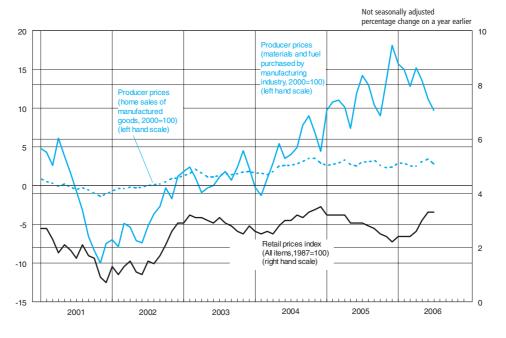
⁴ New series published with effect from the March 2006 CPI release. The index is not available before December 2002.

⁵ The taxes excluded are council tax, VAT, duties, vehicle excise duty, insurance tax and airport passenger duty.

⁶ Pensioner price indices exclude housing costs, as these are often atypical for a pensioner household, based on RPI.

⁷ Movements in the purchasing power of the pound are based on movements in the retail prices index.





4.1 Labour market activity¹ United Kingdom

Thousands, seasonally adjusted²

		Emp	oloyment ca	tegories						
	Employees	Self- employed	Unpaid family workers	Government training and employment programmes	Total in employment	Unemployed	Total economically active	Economically inactive	Total aged 16 and over	Employment rate: age 16-59/64 ³
Total	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSF	MGSI	MGSL	MGSU
2002 Q1	24 247	3 321	97	112	27 777	1 511	29 288	17 369	46 657	74.3
Q2	24 365	3 336	97	106	27 905	1 515	29 420	17 306	46 727	74.5
Q3	24 366	3 355	94	97	27 912	1 561	29 473	17 325	46 798	74.4
Q4	24 521	3 363	94	96	28 074	1 514	29 588	17 284	46 872	74.7
2003 Q1	24 452	3 435	83	94	28 065	1 524	29 588	17 358	46 946	74.6
Q2	24 456	3 555	88	93	28 191	1 463	29 654	17 366	47 020	74.8
Q3	24 360	3 647	108	107	28 222	1 499	29 721	17 377	47 098	74.6
Q4	24 388	3 659	99	108	28 254	1 458	29 712	17 470	47 183	74.6
2004 Q1	24 550	3 628	103	116	28 398	1 432	29 830	17 438	47 268	74.8
Q2	24 518	3 670	98	125	28 410	1 434	29 844	17 509	47 352	74.7
Q3	24 662	3 586	91	128	28 467	1 392	29 859	17 585	47 444	74.7
Q4	24 720	3 644	97	126	28 586	1 418	30 004	17 546	47 550	74.9
2005 Q1	24 819	3 630	104	126	28 679	1 409	30 087	17 569	47 656	74.9
Q2	24 860	3 621	101	116	28 698	1 435	30 132	17 629	47 762	74.7
Q3	24 965	3 660	93	107	28 825	1 434	30 259	17 605	47 863	74.9
Q4	24 869	3 700	90	109	28 769	1 541	30 310	17 647	47 957	74.5
2006 Q1	24 967	3 748	87	94	28 896	1 586	30 482	17 568	48 050	74.7
Q2	25 032	3 719	91	95	28 938	1 677	30 615	17 528	48 143	74.6
Males	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	MGSA	MGSD	MGSG	MGSJ	MGSM	MGSV
2002 Q1	12 467	2 449	30	70	15 016	919	15 935	6 587	22 522	78.9
Q2	12 535	2 442	31	61	15 068	910	15 978	6 586	22 564	79.0
Q3	12 517	2 457	36	60	15 070	945	16 015	6 591	22 606	78.9
Q4	12 671	2 460	34	61	15 226	891	16 117	6 533	22 650	79.5
2003 Q1	12 594	2 505	26	56	15 181	926	16 107	6 586	22 694	79.1
Q2	12 602	2 604	32	53	15 291	886	16 177	6 560	22 738	79.5
Q3	12 512	2 672	41	61	15 285	896	16 180	6 602	22 783	79.3
Q4	12 482	2 680	38	60	15 261	879	16 140	6 691	22 830	79.0
2004 Q1	12 581	2 657	42	68	15 348	841	16 190	6 688	22 878	79.4
Q2	12 544	2 695	41	73	15 353	841	16 195	6 731	22 926	79.2
Q3	12 630	2 653	35	75	15 393	815	16 208	6 769	22 977	79.3
Q4	12 651	2 686	37	75	15 450	834	16 284	6 753	23 037	79.3
2005 Q1	12 709	2 668	41	70	15 488	830	16 318	6 778	23 096	79.3
Q2	12 710	2 662	38	71	15 481	834	16 316	6 839	23 155	79.1
Q3	12 751	2 678	34	63	15 526	849	16 376	6 837	23 213	79.1
Q4	12 721	2 718	30	62	15 531	910	16 441	6 825	23 266	78.8
2006 Q1	12 733	2 726	28	60	15 548	926	16 474	6 845	23 318	78.7
Q2	12 790	2 706	35	55	15 587	975	16 562	6 810	23 371	78.7
Females 2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	MGSB	MGSE	MGSH	MGSK	MGSN	MGSW
	11 780	872	66	42	12 760	593	13 353	10 782	24 135	69.4
	11 831	895	65	45	12 837	606	13 443	10 720	24 163	69.7
	11 850	898	58	37	12 843	615	13 458	10 734	24 192	69.7
	11 850	903	60	35	12 848	623	13 471	10 751	24 222	69.6
2003 Q1	11 858	930	57	38	12 883	598	13 481	10 771	24 252	69.7
Q2	11 853	951	56	40	12 900	578	13 477	10 805	24 283	69.7
Q3	11 848	975	67	46	12 937	603	13 541	10 775	24 315	69.7
Q4	11 906	979	61	47	12 993	579	13 572	10 780	24 352	69.8
2004 Q1	11 969	971	61	48	13 049	591	13 640	10 749	24 390	70.0
Q2	11 974	975	57	52	13 057	592	13 649	10 778	24 427	69.8
Q3	12 033	933	55	53	13 074	577	13 651	10 816	24 467	69.9
Q4	12 068	959	59	50	13 136	584	13 721	10 793	24 514	70.1
2005 Q1	12 110	962	63	55	13 191	579	13 769	10 791	24 560	70.1
Q2	12 150	959	63	44	13 216	600	13 817	10 790	24 606	70.1
Q3	12 214	982	59	44	13 299	584	13 883	10 768	24 651	70.4
Q4	12 148	982	60	48	13 238	632	13 869	10 822	24 691	69.8
2006 Q1	12 233	1 022	58	34	13 348	660	14 008	10 723	24 731	70.3
Q2	12 241	1 013	56	41	13 351	702	14 053	10 718	24 772	70.1

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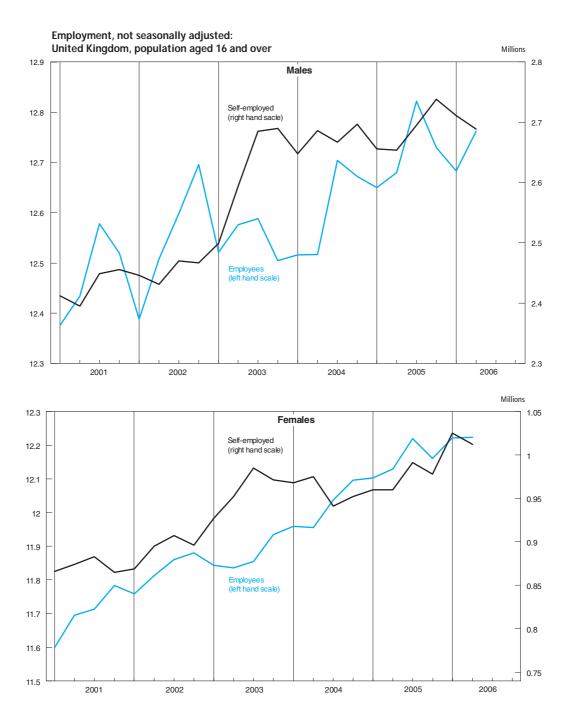
4.2 Labour market activity¹ United Kingdom

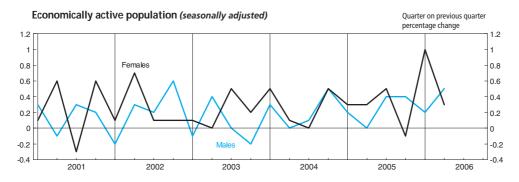
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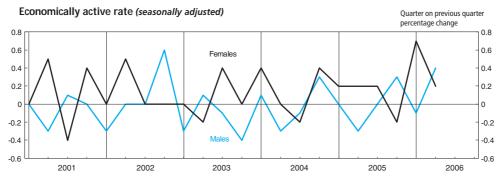
		Emp	oloyment ca	tegories						
	Employees	Self- employed	Unpaid family workers	Government training and employment programmes	Total in employment	Unemployed	Total economically active	Economically inactive	Total aged 16 and over	Employment rate: age 16-59/64 ²
Total	MGTA	MGTD	MGTG	MGTJ	MGTM	MGTP	MGTS	MGTV	MGSL	MGUH
2002 Q1	24 146	3 315	95	117	27 672	1 517	29 189	17 468	46 657	74.0
Q2	24 321	3 326	95	105	27 847	1 468	29 315	17 411	46 727	74.4
Q3	24 458	3 377	97	90	28 022	1 633	29 656	17 142	46 798	74.7
Q4	24 576	3 363	95	99	28 133	1 476	29 609	17 263	46 872	74.9
2003 Q1	24 363	3 426	83	99	27 971	1 525	29 497	17 450	46 946	74.3
Q2	24 412	3 545	86	91	28 134	1 416	29 550	17 470	47 020	74.6
Q3	24 442	3 670	110	101	28 323	1 572	29 895	17 203	47 098	74.9
Q4	24 440	3 661	100	110	28 311	1 422	29 733	17 450	47 183	74.7
2004 Q1	24 475	3 616	104	121	28 316	1 430	29 746	17 522	47 268	74.6
Q2	24 471	3 661	96	122	28 349	1 389	29 738	17 614	47 352	74.5
Q3	24 741	3 607	91	123	28 562	1 466	30 029	17 416	47 444	75.0
Q4	24 768	3 649	97	128	28 642	1 383	30 025	17 525	47 550	75.0
2005 Q1	24 752	3 616	106	130	28 604	1 405	30 009	17 647	47 656	74.6
Q2	24 809	3 613	98	112	28 633	1 392	30 025	17 737	47 762	74.5
Q3	25 041	3 686	92	102	28 920	1 509	30 429	17 434	47 863	75.2
Q4	24 891	3 715	89	111	28 807	1 525	30 332	17 625	47 957	74.6
2006 Q1	24 904	3 736	90	97	28 827	1 589	30 416	17 634	48 050	74.4
Q2	24 985	3 702	90	93	28 870	1 643	30 513	17 630	48 143	74.4
Males	MGTB	MGTE	MGTH	MGTK	MGTN	MGTQ	MGTT	MGTW	MGSM	MGUI
2002 Q1	12 388	2 446	31	73	14 938	932	15 870	6 652	22 522	78.5
Q2	12 508	2 431	30	60	15 030	888	15 918	6 646	22 564	78.8
Q3	12 598	2 470	36	57	15 161	971	16 132	6 475	22 606	79.4
Q4	12 696	2 467	34	63	15 260	867	16 127	6 523	22 650	79.7
2003 Q1	12 521	2 499	27	59	15 107	938	16 045	6 649	22 694	78.7
Q2	12 576	2 594	31	52	15 253	864	16 116	6 621	22 738	79.3
Q3	12 588	2 685	41	58	15 372	921	16 293	6 489	22 783	79.8
Q4	12 505	2 690	38	62	15 295	855	16 150	6 680	22 830	79.2
2004 Q1	12 516	2 648	44	70	15 279	852	16 130	6 748	22 878	79.0
Q2	12 517	2 686	40	71	15 313	820	16 133	6 792	22 926	79.0
Q3	12 704	2 667	35	73	15 478	842	16 320	6 657	22 977	79.7
Q4	12 672	2 697	37	77	15 483	811	16 294	6 742	23 037	79.5
2005 Q1	12 650	2 656	43	72	15 422	839	16 261	6 835	23 096	78.9
Q2	12 680	2 654	37	70	15 440	814	16 254	6 901	23 155	78.8
Q3	12 822	2 695	33	61	15 610	878	16 488	6 724	23 213	79.5
Q4	12 730	2 738	29	63	15 560	900	16 459	6 806	23 266	79.0
2006 Q1	12 683	2 711	31	61	15 487	937	16 424	6 895	23 318	78.4
Q2	12 762	2 689	36	54	15 541	955	16 496	6 875	23 371	78.5
Females	MGTC	MGTF	MGTI	MGTL	MGTO	MGTR	MGTU	MGTX	MGSN	MGUJ
2002 Q1	11 758	869	64	44	12 735	585	13 319	10 816	24 135	69.2
Q2	11 813	895	65	45	12 818	579	13 397	10 766	24 163	69.6
Q3	11 860	907	60	33	12 862	662	13 524	10 668	24 192	69.8
Q4	11 880	896	61	36	12 873	609	13 482	10 740	24 222	69.8
2003 Q1	11 843	927	55	40	12 865	587	13 452	10 801	24 252	69.6
Q2	11 836	952	55	39	12 881	552	13 434	10 849	24 283	69.6
Q3	11 855	985	69	43	12 951	651	13 601	10 714	24 315	69.7
Q4	11 934	971	62	48	13 016	567	13 583	10 770	24 352	70.0
2004 Q1	11 959	968	60	51	13 037	579	13 616	10 774	24 390	69.9
Q2	11 955	975	56	50	13 036	569	13 605	10 822	24 427	69.7
Q3	12 037	941	56	50	13 084	624	13 708	10 759	24 467	70.0
Q4	12 096	952	60	51	13 159	571	13 730	10 783	24 514	70.2
2005 Q1	12 102	960	62	58	13 183	565	13 748	10 812	24 560	70.0
Q2	12 129	960	62	42	13 193	578	13 771	10 835	24 606	69.9
Q3	12 219	991	59	41	13 310	631	13 941	10 710	24 651	70.5
Q4	12 160	978	60	49	13 247	625	13 872	10 819	24 691	69.9
2006 Q1	12 221	1 025	58	36	13 341	652	13 992	10 739	24 731	70.2
Q2	12 223	1 012	55	39	13 330	688	14 017	10 754	24 772	70.0

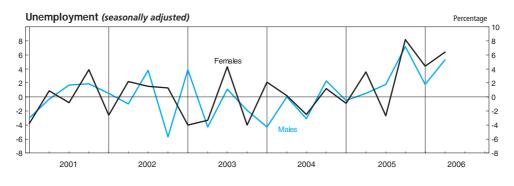
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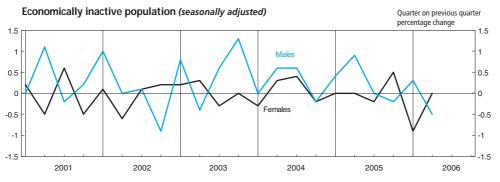
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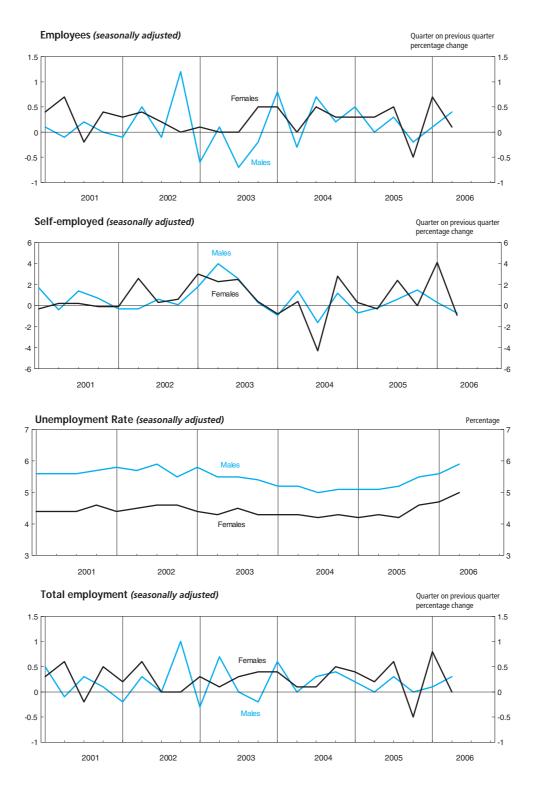












Labour market activity by age¹ **United Kingdom**

Thousands, seasonally adjusted²

	Total	aged 16 and	d over								
	-			16	6-24	25	5-49	50-5	59/64	60/65 a	and over
	Total	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
In employment	MGRZ	MGSA	MGSB	MGUR	MGUS	MGUU	MGUV	MGUX	MGUY	MGVA	MGVB
2004 Q1	28 398	15 348	13 049	2 151	2 011	9 149	7 828	3 714	2 558	334	651
Q2	28 410	15 353	13 057	2 166	1 978	9 127	7 856	3 721	2 554	340	669
Q3	28 467	15 393	13 074	2 157	1 987	9 161	7 872	3 736	2 561	338	653
Q4	28 586	15 450	13 136	2 156	1 994	9 189	7 889	3 759	2 588	345	666
2005 Q1	28 679	15 488	13 191	2 171	1 986	9 189	7 927	3 773	2 586	356	692
Q2	28 698	15 481	13 216	2 158	1 979	9 195	7 943	3 774	2 592	354	703
Q3	28 825	15 526	13 299	2 148	1 973	9 215	8 010	3 800	2 610	363	707
Q4	28 769	15 531	13 238	2 115	1 931	9 218	7 981	3 815	2 591	383	734
2006 Q1	28 896	15 548	13 348	2 122	1 990	9 237	7 988	3 807	2 619	382	751
Q2	28 938	15 587	13 351	2 111	1 988	9 243	7 982	3 838	2 621	394	760
Unemployed 2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	MGSC 1 432 1 434 1 392 1 418	MGSD 841 841 815 834	MGSE 591 592 577 584	MGVG 329 328 342 350	MGVH 233 246 248 248	MGVJ 370 368 332 343	MGVK 285 281 262 269	MGVM 133 136 133 131	MGVN 64 56 59 60	MGVP 10 11	MGVQ
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	1 409 1 435 1 434 1 541	830 834 849 910	579 600 584 632	341 362 370 392	231 249 237 262	346 342 336 370	278 278 270 294	134 123 133 137	60 64 63 66	 10 11	10 14 10
2006 Q1	1 586	926	660	388	251	395	323	133	69	10	17
Q2	1 677	975	702	416	276	412	336	136	73	11	16
Economically ina	MGSI	MGSJ	MGSK	MGVV	MGVW	MGVY	MGVZ	MGWB	MGWC	MGWE	MGWF
2004 Q1	17 438	6 688	10 749	929	1 095	827	2 453	1 318	1 188	3 614	6 014
Q2	17 509	6 731	10 778	936	1 132	853	2 432	1 320	1 203	3 622	6 010
Q3	17 585	6 769	10 816	950	1 136	864	2 443	1 318	1 197	3 637	6 041
Q4	17 546	6 753	10 793	960	1 142	842	2 434	1 310	1 171	3 641	6 046
2005 Q1	17 569	6 778	10 791	971	1 180	856	2 401	1 306	1 176	3 645	6 034
Q2	17 629	6 839	10 790	979	1 182	871	2 400	1 327	1 168	3 661	6 040
Q3	17 605	6 837	10 768	997	1 211	872	2 354	1 305	1 154	3 663	6 049
Q4	17 647	6 825	10 822	1 021	1 237	847	2 370	1 304	1 173	3 652	6 042
2006 Q1	17 568	6 845	10 723	1 033	1 198	814	2 344	1 333	1 144	3 665	6 036
Q2	17 528	6 810	10 718	1 029	1 184	802	2 348	1 316	1 141	3 662	6 046
Economic activit 2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	ty rate (per 6 MGWG 63.1 63.0 62.9 63.1	MGWH 70.8 70.6 70.5 70.7	MGWI 55.9 55.9 55.8 56.0	MGWK 72.7 72.7 72.5 72.3	MGWL 67.2 66.3 66.2	MGWN 92.0 91.8 91.7 91.9	MGWO 76.8 77.0 76.9 77.0	MGWQ 74.5 74.5 74.6 74.8	MGWR 68.8 68.4 68.6 69.3	MGWT 8.7 8.8 8.7 8.9	MGWU 9.9 10.1 9.9 10.0
2005 Q1	63.1	70.7	56.1	72.1	65.3	91.8	77.4	74.9	69.2	9.1	10.4
Q2	63.1	70.5	56.2	72.0	65.3	91.6	77.4	74.6	69.4	9.0	10.6
Q3	63.2	70.5	56.3	71.6	64.6	91.6	77.9	75.1	69.8	9.2	10.6
Q4	63.2	70.7	56.2	71.1	63.9	91.9	77.7	75.2	69.4	9.7	11.0
2006 Q1	63.4	70.6	56.6	70.8	65.2	92.2	78.0	74.7	70.1	9.6	11.3
Q2	63.6	70.9	56.7	71.1	65.7	92.3	78.0	75.1	70.2	10.0	11.4
Unemployment of 2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	rate (per cer MGSX 4.8 4.8 4.7 4.7	MGSY 5.2 5.2 5.0 5.1	MGSZ 4.3 4.3 4.2 4.3	MGWZ 13.3 13.2 13.7 14.0	MGXA 10.4 11.1 11.1	MGXC 3.9 3.9 3.5 3.6	MGXD 3.5 3.5 3.2 3.3	MGXF 3.5 3.5 3.4 3.4	MGXG 2.4 2.2 2.2 2.3	MGXI 2.8 3.0	MGXJ
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4.7 4.8 4.7 5.1	5.1 5.1 5.2 5.5	4.2 4.3 4.2 4.6	13.6 14.4 14.7 15.6	10.4 11.2 10.7 11.9	3.6 3.6 3.5 3.9	3.4 3.4 3.3 3.6	3.4 3.2 3.4 3.5	2.3 2.4 2.4 2.5	 2.7 2.8	1.3 1.9 1.4
2006 Q1	5.2	5.6	4.7	15.4	11.2	4.1	3.9	3.4	2.6	2.4	2.2
Q2	5.5	5.9	5.0	16.5	12.2	4.3	4.0	3.4	2.7	2.8	2.1

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 Seasonally adjusted estimates are revised in September each year.
 Data for more detailed age groups are published in *Labour Market Trends*.
 The activity rate is the percentage of people in each age group who are

economically active.

5 The unemployment rate is the percentage of economically active people who are unemployed on the ILO measure.

4.4 Jobs and claimant count United Kingdom

	United King	laom							Thousands
			Jobs ¹				Claimant count ⁵	6,7	Vacancies:
			Employee jo	obs ^{3,4}			Percentage of workforce	Total	average for three months
	Workforce jobs ^{2,3,4}	All industries	Manufacturing industries	Production industries	Service industries	Total	jobs and claimant count ⁸	not seasonally adjusted	ending in month shown ⁹
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006	DYDC 29 985 30 283 30 572 30 810	BCAJ 26 107 26 175 26 381 26 650	YEJA 3 599 3 411 3 255 3 132 3 040	YEJF 3 800 3 598 3 424 3 293 3 207	YEID 20 904 21 202 21 557 21 916	BCJD 946.6 933.0 853.5 861.8	BCJE 3.1 3.0 2.7 2.7	BCJA 958.8 945.9 866.1 874.4	AP2Y
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	29 974 29 985 30 029 30 122	26 154 26 107 26 103 26 182	3 647 3 599 3 554 3 513	3 852 3 800 3 749 3 703	20 863 20 904 20 975 21 108	952.5 950.6 946.5 937.0	3.1 3.1 3.1 3.0	1 014.6 958.1 951.8 910.6	
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	30 168 30 283 30 384 30 489	26 133 26 175 26 172 26 284	3 465 3 411 3 365 3 325	3 652 3 598 3 546 3 500	21 115 21 202 21 232 21 397	941.0 943.5 934.1 913.7	3.0 3.0 3.0 2.9	1 001.1 954.3 939.0 889.2	
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	30 524 30 572 30 558 30 747	26 334 26 381 26 396 26 569	3 284 3 255 3 217 3 187	3 458 3 424 3 381 3 346	21 480 21 557 21 614 21 770	888.8 859.2 836.1 830.0	2.8 2.7 2.7 2.6	947.2 871.8 839.0 806.7	
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	30 832 30 810 30 827 30 926	26 663 26 650 26 647 26 683	3 168 3 132 3 106 3 081	3 328 3 293 3 266 3 242	21 866 21 916 21 922 21 987	823.3 852.2 871.6 900.1	2.6 2.7 2.8 2.8	879.8 865.8 874.4 877.6	
2006 Q1 Q2	30 979 	26 705 	3 049 3 040	3 213 3 207	22 029 	922.6 950.3 [†]	3.0 3.0	976.4 966.6	
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	 26 334 26 381	3 308 3 297 3 284 3 272 3 263 3 255	3 484 3 472 3 458 3 444 3 434 3 424	21 480 21 557	897.2 888.7 880.5 871.9 858.1 847.7	2.9 2.8 2.8 2.7 2.7	952.4 957.0 932.0 905.2 869.7 840.5	599.2 604.8 615.8 619.9 625.2 628.7
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	 	 26 396 26 569	3 246 3 232 3 217 3 205 3 194 3 187	3 412 3 398 3 381 3 368 3 356 3 346	 21 614 21 770	837.1 835.5 835.7 834.2 830.0 825.9	2.7 2.7 2.7 2.7 2.6 2.6	841.5 847.6 827.8 806.8 803.0 810.2	640.8 642.4 638.8 638.0 641.1 646.9
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	26 663 26 650	3 182 3 174 3 168 3 160 3 145 3 132	3 343 3 334 3 328 3 319 3 304 3 293	21 866 21 916	819.6 819.0 831.4 839.2 854.2 863.3	2.6 2.6 2.7 2.7 2.7	872.1 885.0 882.3 871.8 867.6 858.2	647.7 643.2 636.5 630.7 633.8 632.7
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	 	 26 647 26 674	3 118 3 109 3 106 3 093 3 086 3 081	3 279 3 270 3 266 3 256 3 249 3 242	21 922 21 984	866.1 869.3 879.3 891.2 901.3 907.9	2.7 2.7 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.9	871.0 880.7 871.5 864.8 875.3 892.7	625.8 [†] 618.0 611.3 595.6 591.6 596.5
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	 	3 065 3 057 3 049 3 048 3 043 3 040	3 227 3 220 3 213 3 213 3 209 3 207	 	905.1 925.0 937.8 945.1 950.7 955.0	2.9 2.9 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0	955.3 984.7 989.1 981.2 965.7 952.9	602.8 603.3 596.2 596.3 593.8 598.2

- 1 Estimates of employee jobs and workforce jobs for Great Britain now use the Annual Business Inquiry as a benchmark on which quarterly movements are based. For further information see Labour Market Statistics First Release, April 2001 which is held on the National Statistics website www.statistics.gov.uk. The Northern Ireland component of workforce jobs and employee jobs has not changed.
- 2 Workforce jobs comprise employee jobs, self-employed jobs, HM Forces and participants in work-related government supported training, which includes the Project Work Plan.
- 3 For all dates, individuals with two jobs as employees of different employers are counted twice.
- 4 Annual estimates relate to mid-year. Figures for the four quarters relate to March, June, September and December. For claimant count, unlike employment and workforce figures, the annual figure is an annual average.
 5 Unadjusted claimant count figures have been affected by changes in the
- 5 Unadjusted claimant count figures have been affected by changes in the coverage. The seasonally adjusted figures, however, as given in this table are estimated on the current basis, allowing for the discontinuities, except for the effect of the Jobseeker's Allowance introduced in October 1996 (see also below).
- The seasonally adjusted figures now relate only to claimants aged 18 or over in order to maintain the consistent series, available back to 1971 (1974 for the regions), allowing for the effect of the change in benefit regulations for under 18 year olds from September 1988 (see pages 398-400 of November 1995 Labour Market Trends).

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- 6 Claimant count figures do not include students claiming benefit during a vacation who intend to return to full-time education.
 7 Quarterly and annual values are now the mean of the monthly and quarterly
- 7 Quarterly and annual values are now the mean of the monthly and quarterly data respectively.
- 8 The denominator used to calculate claimant count unemployment rates comprises the workforce jobs *plus* the claimant count.
- 9 The ONS Vacancy Survey, a monthly business survey of the number of job vacancies held by employers across the UK economy, has been running since April 2001; the results were adopted as National Statistics in June 2003.

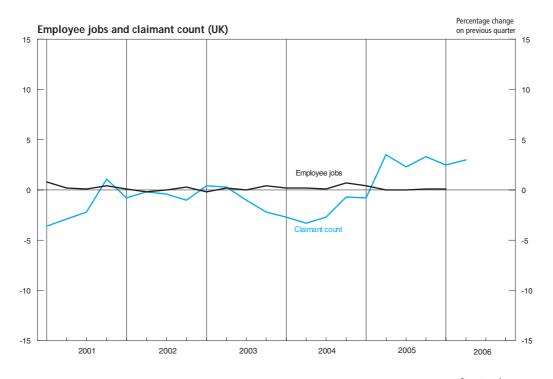
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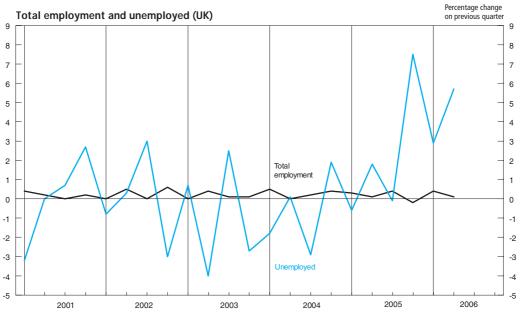
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4.5 Regional claimant count rates^{1,2} by Government Office Region

Percentages

	North East	North West ³	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East
2000 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	DPDM 6.5 6.4 6.1 5.9	IBWC 4.3 4.1 4.0 3.9	DPBI 4.6 4.4 4.2 4.1	DPBJ 3.5 3.4 3.3 3.2	DPBN 4.1 4.0 3.9 3.9	DPDP 2.6 2.4 2.3 2.2	DPDQ 4.0 3.8 3.6 3.5	DPDR 2.0 1.9 1.8 1.7
2001 Q1	5.8	3.8	4.0	3.2	3.9	2.1	3.3	1.6
Q2	5.6	3.7	3.9	3.1	3.7	2.0	3.2	1.5
Q3	5.4	3.6	3.8	3.0	3.6	2.0	3.2	1.5
Q4	5.5	3.6	3.8	3.0	3.6	2.0	3.4	1.6
2002 Q1	5.2	3.5	3.6	2.9	3.5	2.0	3.5	1.6
Q2	5.1	3.5	3.6	2.9	3.5	2.1	3.5	1.6
Q3	5.0	3.5	3.6	2.9	3.5	2.1	3.6	1.7
Q4	4.8	3.4	3.5	2.8	3.5	2.1	3.6	1.7
2003 Q1	4.7	3.3	3.4	2.8	3.5	2.1	3.6	1.7
Q2	4.6	3.3	3.4	2.9	3.5	2.1	3.6	1.7
Q3	4.5	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.5	2.1	3.6	1.7
Q4	4.3	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.5	2.1	3.6	1.7
2004 Q1	4.2	3.0	3.0	2.6	3.4	2.0	3.6	1.7
Q2	4.0	2.9	2.8	2.5	3.3	2.0	3.5	1.6
Q3	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.4	3.2	2.0	3.4	1.6
Q4	3.9	2.8	2.7	2.4	3.2	2.0	3.4	1.6
2005 Q1	3.7	2.7	2.7	2.4	3.1	2.0	3.4	1.6
Q2	3.9	2.8	2.8	2.5	3.4	2.1	3.4	1.6
Q3	4.0	2.9	2.9	2.6	3.5	2.1	3.5	1.7
Q4	4.0	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.7	2.2	3.5	1.7
2006 Q1	4.2	3.2	3.3	2.8	3.9	2.3	3.5	1.8
Q2	4.3	3.3	3.3	2.9	4.0	2.4	3.5	1.9

	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
2000 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	DPBM 2.7 2.5 2.4 2.3	VASQ 3.6 3.4 3.3 3.2	DPBP 4.5 4.4 4.3 4.3	DPBQ 4.8 4.6 4.4 4.3	DPAJ 3.7 3.6 3.4 3.3	DPBR 5.5 5.3 5.1 5.2	BCJE 3.8 3.6 3.5 3.4
2001 Q1	2.1	3.1	4.2	4.1	3.2	5.0	3.2
Q2	2.1	3.0	4.0	3.9	3.1	4.9	3.2
Q3	2.0	2.9	3.8	3.9	3.0	4.8	3.1
Q4	2.0	3.0	3.7	3.9	3.1	4.7	3.1
2002 Q1	2.0	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.0	4.6	3.1
Q2	2.0	2.9	3.6	3.9	3.0	4.5	3.1
Q3	1.9	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.0	4.3	3.1
Q4	1.9	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.0	4.3	3.0
2003 Q1	1.9	2.9	3.4	3.7	3.0	4.2	3.0
Q2	1.9	2.9	3.4	3.7	3.0	4.1	3.0
Q3	1.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	3.0	4.2	3.0
Q4	1.8	2.8	3.2	3.7	2.9	4.1	2.9
2004 Q1	1.7	2.7	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.9	2.8
Q2	1.6	2.6	3.0	3.5	2.7	3.7	2.7
Q3	1.5	2.6	2.9	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.7
Q4	1.6	2.5	2.9	3.3	2.6	3.5	2.6
2005 Q1	1.5	2.5	2.8	3.2	2.6	3.4	2.6
Q2	1.6	2.6	2.9	3.2	2.7	3.3	2.7
Q3	1.6	2.7	3.0	3.2	2.7	3.3	2.8
Q4	1.6	2.8	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.3	2.8
2006 Q1	1.8	2.9	3.2	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.0
Q2	1.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.3	3.0

Note: Quarterly claimant count figures relate to the average of the three months in each quarter.

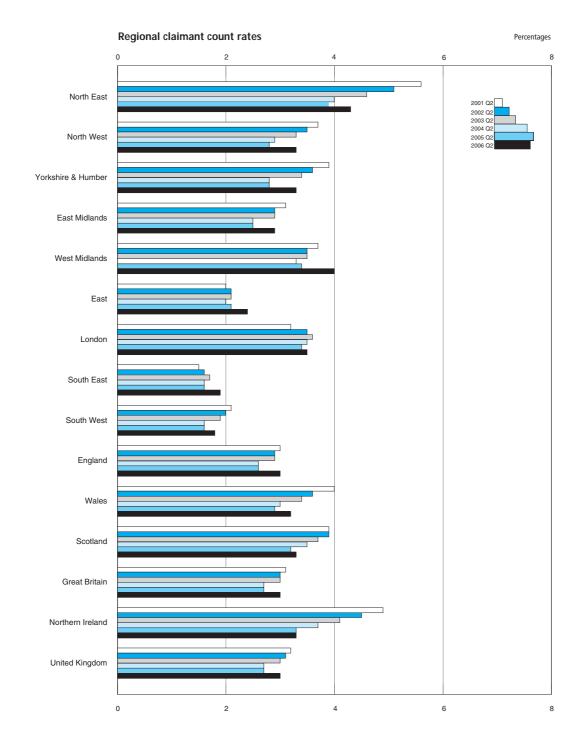
of the change in benefit regulations for under 18 year olds from September 1988 (see pages 398-400 of November 1995 Labour Market Trends). The denominators used to calculate claimant count rates are the sum of the appropriate mid-year estimates of employee jobs, the self-employed, government-supported trainees, HM Forces and claimants of unemployment-related benefits.

3 Includes Merseyside.

¹ Government Office Regions came into effect in April 1994. It was decided that from May 1997 sub-national data should be published for these areas rather than standard statistical regions (SSRs). Data by SSRs are available on request.

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2 The seasonally adjusted figures now relate only to claimants aged 18 or over, in order to maintain the consistent series available back to 1971 for Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom (1974 for Wales and Scotland; 1986 for the Government Office Regions), allowing for the effect



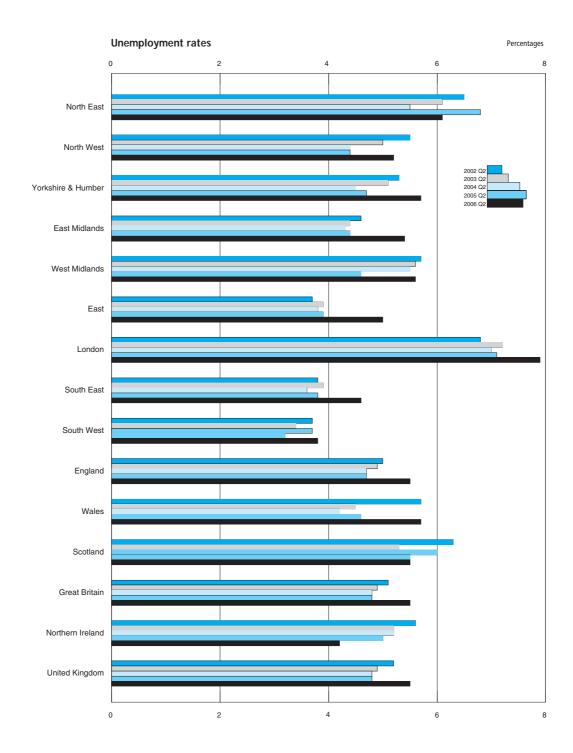
4.5A Unemployment rates by Government Office Region

Percentages, seasonally adjusted 2

	North East	North West ³	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East
	YCNC	YCND	YCNE	YCNF	YCNG	YCNH	YCNI	YCNJ
2000 Q1	8.8	6.0	6.4	5.1	6.1	3.9	7.6	3.5 3.3 3.1
Q2	8.9	5.3	6.1	4.8	6.1	<i>3.7</i>	7.4	3.3
Q3 Q4	8.9	5.4	5.9	4.8	<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.7</i>	6.9	3.1
Q4	7.7	5.3	6.1	4.7	6.0	3.6	6.8	3.4
2001 Q1	7.6	5.2	5.4	4.7	5.6	3.5	6.5	3.4 3.2
Q2	7.4	5.3	5.5	5.0	5.5	3.6	6.2	3.2
Q3	7.1	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.4	4.0	6.6	3.4 3.4
Q4	7.2	5.4	5.1	4.5	5.5	3.9	7.4	3.4
2002 Q1	7.3	5.4	5.1	4.7	5.6	3.7	6.9	3.6
Q2	6.5	5.5	5.3	4.6	<i>5.7</i>	3.7	6.8	3.8
Q3	6.2	5.5	5.6	4.7	5.9	3.9	7.1	4.0
Q4	7.3	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.7	4.0	6.6	4.0
2003 Q1	6.6	4.9	5.3	4.0	6.0	4.7	7.0	3.9
Q2	6.1	5.0	5.1	4.4	5.6	3.9	7.2	3.9
Q3 Q4	6.6	4.9	4.9	4.6	5.9 5.7	3.9	7.2	3.9
Q4	6.3	4.7	5.0	4.4	5.7	3.5	7.0	3.9
2004 Q1	5.6	4.5	4.8	4.7	5.5	3.5	7.0	3.9
Q2	5.5	4.4	4.5	4.3	5.5	3.8	7.0	3.6
Q3	6.0	4.4	4.6	4.0	5.0	3.5	7.2 7.2	3.7
Q4	6.4	4.6	4.7	4.2	4.8	3.8	7.2	3.5
2005 Q1	5.7	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.7	3.9	6.7	3.7
Q2	6.8	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.6	3.9	7.1	3.8
Q3	6.6	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.7	4.0	6.7	4.0
Q4	6.5	4.8	5.3	4.5	5.3	4.5	7.3	4.2
2006 Q1	6.7	4.9	5.3	4.9	5.1	4.8	7.6	4.4
Q2	6.1	5.2	5.7	5.4	5.6	5.0	7.9	4.6

	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
2000 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	YCNK 4.3 4.3 4.0 3.9	YCNL 5.5 5.3 5.1 5.1	YCNM 6.7 6.1 6.7 5.8	YCNN 7.5 7.1 6.6 6.2	YCNO 5.8 5.5 5.3 5.2	ZSFB 6.5 6.7 5.6 6.1	MGSX 5.8 5.5 5.3 5.2
2001 Q1	3.9	4.9	6.0	5.9	5.0	6.2	5.1
Q2	3.6	4.8	6.1	6.3	5.0	6.1	5.0
Q3	3.6	4.9	5.5	6.6	5.1	6.0	5.1
Q4	3.6	5.0	5.8	6.7	5.2	5.9	5.2
2002 Q1	3.5	5.0	5.7	6.6	5.1	6.1	5.2
Q2	3.7	5.0	5.7	6.3	5.1	5.6	5.2
Q3	4.0	5.2	5.2	6.4	5.3	6.1	5.3
Q4	4.0	5.0	5.1	6.1	5.1	5.5	5.1
2003 Q1	3.8	5.1	4.8	6.0	5.1	5.3	5.1
Q2	3.4	4.9	4.5	5.3	4.9	5.2	4.9
Q3	3.2	5.0	4.7	5.9	5.0	5.6	5.0
Q4	3.1	4.8	4.8	5.8	4.9	6.3	4.9
2004 Q1	3.0	4.7	4.6	5.8	4.8	5.3	4.8
Q2	3.7	4.7	4.2	6.0	4.8	5.2	4.8
Q3	3.2	4.6	4.9	5.2	4.7	5.0	4.7
Q4	3.4	4.7	4.2	5.6	4.7	4.6	4.7
2005 Q1	3.6	4.6	4.5	5.6	4.7	4.8	4.7
Q2	3.2	4.7	4.6	5.5	4.8	5.0	4.8
Q3	3.6	4.7	4.6	5.4	4.8	4.3	4.7
Q4	4.0	5.1	4.9	5.2	5.1	4.5	5.1
2006 Q1	3.6	5.3	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.4	5.2
Q2	3.8	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.5	4.2	5.5

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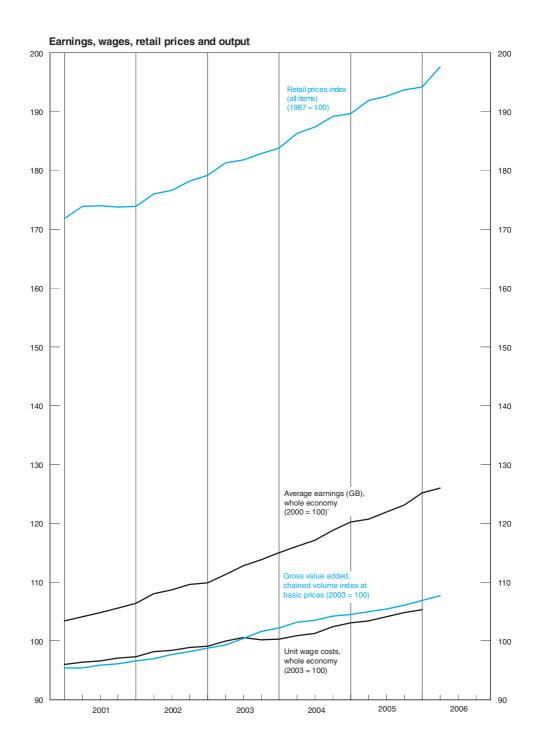


Average earnings (including bonuses)¹ Great Britain

2000 = 100

	Whole economy+	Three- month average ²	Private sector	Three- month average ²	Public sector	Three- month average ²	Manufac- turing indust- ries ³	Three- month average ^{2,3}	Product- ion indust- ries	Three- month average ²	Service indust- ries	Three- month average ²	Private sector services	Three- month average ²
2002 2003 2004 2005	LNMQ 108.2 111.9 116.8 121.5	LANDO	LNKY 107.9 111.3 116.0 120.6	LAND	LNNJ 109.3 114.8 119.8 125.4	LNNE	LNMR 108.0 111.9 116.0 120.2	LAINO	LNMS 107.9 111.7 115.8 120.0	LNINE	LNMT 108.1 112.0 116.8 121.6	LANNUL	JJGH 107.8 110.9 115.7 120.3	
2002 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	106.0 106.8 106.4 107.9 108.0 108.2	LNNC 2.9 2.7 2.8 3.2 3.5 3.8	105.9 106.6 105.9 108.0 107.8 108.1	LNND 2.5 2.3 2.6 3.1 3.4 3.9	107.1 107.3 107.9 108.3 108.6 108.9	LNNE 4.9 4.8 4.6 4.1 3.8 3.5	106.1 106.1 105.8 107.0 107.7 108.2	LNNG 3.0 2.8 3.0 2.9 3.2 3.3	106.2 105.9 106.2 106.8 107.5 108.0	LNNF 2.9 2.6 2.9 2.8 3.2 3.3	106.0 106.9 106.2 107.9 108.0 108.2	LNNH 2.8 2.7 2.7 3.2 3.4 3.9	105.5 106.7 105.7 107.8 107.8 108.1	JJGJ 2.2 2.1 2.2 2.9 3.3 4.0
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	108.5 108.7 109.0 109.3 110.1 109.5	3.8 3.8 3.7 4.0 3.9	108.3 108.6 108.8 109.0 109.7 108.6	3.9 3.8 3.8 3.9 3.6	109.7 109.0 110.0 110.9 111.7 112.2	3.6 3.4 3.6 3.7 4.3 4.7	108.4 108.9 108.9 109.5 109.7 110.0	3.6 3.7 3.7 3.8 3.9 4.1	108.2 108.8 108.9 109.4 109.6 109.9	3.6 3.8 3.9 4.0 4.2	108.6 108.9 109.2 110.2 108.9	3.9 3.8 3.8 3.7 4.0 3.8	108.1 108.4 108.6 108.7 109.7 108.1	4.0 3.9 3.8 3.7 3.9 3.5
2003 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	109.0 109.8 110.9 110.7 111.4 111.7	3.5 3.0 3.3 3.2 3.3 3.0	108.6 109.0 110.1 110.0 110.9 111.1	3.2 2.6 2.9 2.7 2.9 2.5	112.6 112.9 113.3 113.9 113.6 114.7	5.0 5.1 5.1 5.1 4.9 5.0	110.2 110.6 111.8 110.3 111.1 111.4	4.1 4.6 4.4 4.0 3.1	110.2 110.3 112.0 110.2 110.9 111.3	4.1 4.5 4.3 4.0 3.2	108.9 109.5 110.4 110.8 111.6 111.9	3.4 2.7 3.0 3.0 3.3 3.1	107.4 108.3 109.2 109.7 111.0 110.9	2.9 1.9 2.2 2.2 2.7 2.5
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	112.6 112.6 113.2 113.4 113.7 114.3	3.4 3.5 3.7 3.7 3.6 3.8	111.9 111.9 112.5 112.8 113.1 113.9	3.0 3.0 3.3 3.3 3.3 3.9	115.6 115.5 116.0 116.1 116.4 117.0	5.1 5.6 5.6 5.4 4.8 4.4	111.8 112.2 112.8 113.0 113.7 113.6	3.1 3.0 3.2 3.3 3.5 3.4	111.7 112.0 112.6 112.9 113.5 113.4	3.1 3.1 3.2 3.2 3.4 3.3	113.0 112.8 113.2 113.4 113.7 114.5	3.6 3.8 4.0 3.9 3.7 4.1	111.9 111.8 112.3 112.5 112.8 113.4	3.0 3.1 3.4 3.4 3.3 3.7
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	115.6 113.8 115.7 115.7 116.1 116.4	4.6 4.7 4.7 4.2 4.4 4.3	115.0 113.0 114.9 115.1 115.5 115.7	4.6 4.8 4.6 4.2 4.4 4.3	117.2 117.8 118.3 118.5 118.7 119.9	4.2 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.4	114.3 114.5 115.5 115.4 116.0 116.0	3.5 3.5 3.8 4.1 4.4	114.1 114.4 115.4 115.3 115.7 115.8	3.4 3.5 3.4 3.8 4.0 4.3	115.7 113.4 115.7 115.6 115.8 116.4	4.8 5.0 4.8 4.2 4.3 4.1	115.4 111.9 114.6 114.6 115.0 115.3	5.0 5.2 5.2 4.2 4.3 4.0
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	116.4 117.2 117.7 118.6 118.9 119.0	3.9 3.9 3.8 4.2 4.4 4.4	115.5 116.4 116.9 117.9 118.2 118.4	3.8 3.8 3.7 4.1 4.3 4.3	119.9 120.7 121.2 121.7 121.9 122.1	4.2 4.2 4.2 4.6 4.7 4.6	116.1 116.0 116.2 116.8 117.1 117.8	4.1 3.8 3.4 3.2 3.1 3.3	115.9 115.8 116.1 116.6 116.9 117.4	4.0 3.7 3.4 3.2 3.1 3.3	116.2 117.3 117.9 118.8 119.0 119.3	3.6 3.6 3.6 4.3 4.5 4.5	114.8 116.1 116.8 117.8 117.9 118.2	3.4 3.4 3.5 4.2 4.4 4.5
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Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	121.6 121.9 122.1 122.3 122.9 124.0	4.1 4.1 4.1 3.6 3.4 3.6	120.7 121.0 121.2 121.3 121.9 123.1	3.9 4.0 4.1 3.5 3.3 3.3	125.2 125.9 126.1 126.7 127.3 127.9	5.3 4.4 4.2 4.1 4.1 4.4	120.1 121.0 121.6 122.0 122.2 122.9	2.8 3.6 4.1 4.4 4.5 4.4	119.8 120.6 121.2 121.7 121.9 123.0	2.9 3.5 4.0 4.3 4.3 4.4	121.8 121.9 122.0 122.1 122.9 124.0	4.4 4.3 4.1 3.4 3.2 3.3	120.6 120.8 120.7 120.7 121.5 122.7	4.1 4.2 4.1 3.3 2.9 3.1
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	124.6 125.8 125.3 125.0 126.0 126.9	3.5 4.1 4.2 4.3 4.1 4.3	123.5 125.4 124.5 124.4 125.2 126.2	3.4 4.1 4.2 4.5 4.3 4.6	127.9 128.3 128.7 128.3 131.5 130.0	4.4 4.3 4.2 3.8 3.6 3.4	123.6 124.6 125.3 125.9 125.2 126.4	4.6 4.9 4.9 5.2 5.4 5.9	123.3 124.0 124.7 125.8 125.6 126.4	4.6 4.7 4.7 5.1 5.5 6.1	124.4 126.0 125.6 124.8 126.2 127.0	3.4 3.9 4.1 4.3 4.0 4.1	123.4 125.2 124.4 123.6 124.9 126.0	3.1 3.9 4.1 4.4 4.2 4.5

Data for the latest published month are provisional.
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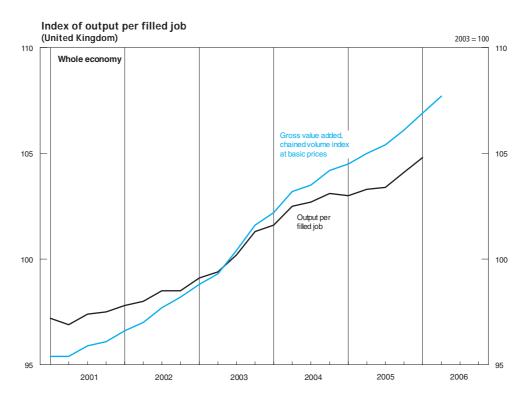
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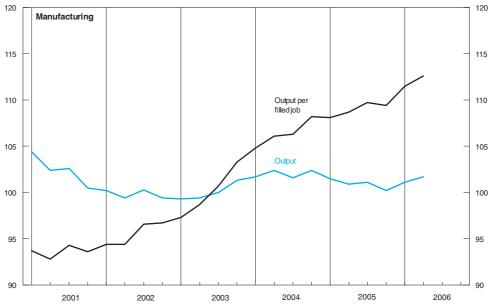
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2003 2004 2005	LNNM 100.0 100.8 101.7	LNOJ 100.0 95.6 92.5	LNOK 100.0 95.9 92.6	A4YM 100.0 102.2 103.2	LNNN 100.0 102.5 103.5	LNNW 100.0 105.4 107.0	LNNX 100.0 106.3 109.0	LZVB 100.0 102.7 103.5	LZVK 100.0 104.3 105.9	LZVF 100.0 105.6 108.2	LNNK 100.0 101.2 103.9	LNNQ 100.0 97.5 98.6
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	99.7 99.9 100.1 100.2	102.4 100.7 99.2 97.6	102.0 100.7 99.3 98.0	99.2 99.2 100.2 101.3	99.1 99.4 100.2 101.3	97.5 98.6 100.7 103.2	97.3 98.7 100.7 103.3	99.0 99.0 100.1 101.8	97.8 99.0 100.2 103.0	97.3 98.9 100.4 103.4	99.1 100.0 100.6 100.2	101.8 100.4 99.6 98.1
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	100.6 100.7 100.8 101.1	96.7 96.1 95.2 94.3	97.1 96.5 95.6 94.6	101.4 102.4 102.4 102.7	101.6 102.5 102.7 103.1	104.3 105.4 105.3 106.6	104.8 106.1 106.3 108.2	101.8 103.0 103.0 102.9	104.0 104.6 103.7 105.1	104.7 105.5 104.9 107.1	100.3 100.9 101.3 102.4	97.9 97.5 97.6 96.8
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	101.4 101.6 101.9 101.9	93.5 92.6 92.1 91.6	93.9 92.8 92.1 91.6	102.7 103.1 103.0 103.9	103.0 103.3 103.4 104.1	106.5 107.4 107.1 107.0	108.1 108.7 109.7 109.4	102.8 103.6 103.2 104.2	104.9 106.3 105.7 106.8	107.0 108.3 108.5 109.2	103.1 103.4 104.1 104.8	98.2 97.6 98.4 99.9
2006 Q1 Q2	102.0	90.8	90.6 90.3	104.2	104.8	108.8	111.5 112.6	104.7	106.8	109.7	105.3	99.8 99.8
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	 	97.2 97.0 97.0 96.6 96.4 96.4	 	 	 	104.5 104.3 105.5 106.0 106.2 106.1	 	 		 	97.7 98.0 97.9 97.3 97.5 97.7
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	 	 	96.1 95.6 95.1 94.9 94.6 94.3	 	 	 	105.4 106.0 107.5 107.1 108.6 108.9	 	 		 	98.5 97.7 96.6 97.4 96.3 96.7
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	 	94.2 93.9 93.5 93.2 92.8 92.4	 		 	108.5 108.9 106.8 108.1 108.7 109.4	 	 		 	97.0 97.2 100.4 98.0 97.3 97.5
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	 	 	92.2 92.1 92.0 91.6 91.6 91.5	 	 	 	110.0 109.9 109.3 108.9 109.4 110.0	 	 		 	97.5 98.4 99.4 100.1 99.9 99.9
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	 	90.9 90.7 90.4 90.4 90.4 90.0	 	 	 	111.0 111.1 112.3 112.0 112.7 [†] 113.2	 	 		 	99.5 100.2 99.7 100.4 99.3 99.7
Percentage	change, quai	rter on corres	ponding qua	rter of previou	ıs year							
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	LNNO 1.0 0.9 0.9 0.6	LNNR -4.3 -5.2 -5.2 -5.9	LNNS -3.8 -4.4 -4.3 -4.6	A4YN 1.2 1.3 1.6 2.8	LNNP 1.2 1.4 1.8 2.9	LNNT 3.9 4.3 5.2 6.9	LNNU 3.1 4.5 4.2 6.8	LZVD 2.0 1.2 2.3 3.5	LZVM 3.7 2.4 2.7 6.3	LZVH 3.4 3.5 2.9 7.6	LOJE 1.9 1.9 2.3 1.3	LOJF 1.4 -1.5 -0.9 -3.2
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	0.8 0.8 0.6 0.8	-5.6 -4.6 -4.0 -3.4	-4.9 -4.2 -3.8 -3.4	2.2 3.1 2.2 1.4	2.6 3.1 2.4 1.7	7.0 6.8 4.5 3.3	7.6 7.5 5.6 4.7	2.8 4.0 2.9 1.1	6.3 5.7 3.5 2.0	7.6 6.6 4.6 3.6	1.2 0.9 0.6 2.2	-3.9 -2.9 -2.0 -1.3
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	0.8 0.9 1.2 0.8	-3.3 -3.7 -3.3 -2.9	-3.3 -3.8 -3.6 -3.2	1.2 0.7 0.6 1.2	1.4 0.8 0.7 1.0	2.1 1.9 1.7 0.4	3.2 2.5 3.2 1.2	1.0 0.6 0.2 1.3	0.9 1.7 1.9 1.6	2.2 2.6 3.4 1.9	2.8 2.5 2.8 2.3	0.3 0.1 ¹ 0.8 3.2
2006 Q1 Q2	0.6	-2.9 	-3.4 -2.7	1.5	1.7	2.1 	3.2 3.6	1.8	1.8	2.5 	2.1 	1.6 2.3

The full productivity and unit wage costs data sets with associated articles can be found on the National Statistics web site at www.statistics.gov.uk/productivity. Contact the Labour Market Statistics helpline (020 7533 6094) for further information.

2 Output per worker is the ratio of gross value added (GVA) at basic prices to LFS total employment. On 29 July 2004, ONS published details on the National Statistics website of a change in productivity methodology. Output per worker is the new headline measure.

³ Output per filled job is the ratio of GVA at basic prices to productivity jobs.
4 Output per hour worked is the ratio of GVA at basic prices to productivity hours.
5 Unit wage costs are calculated as total wages and salaries per job divided by output per job.



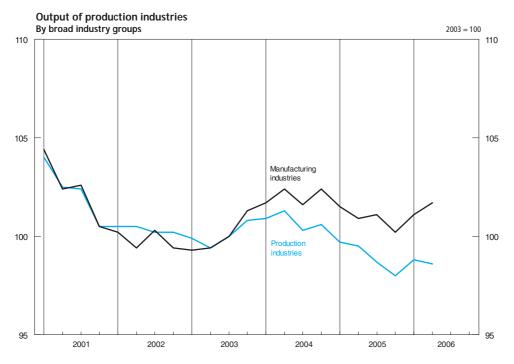


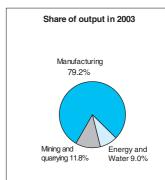
5.1 Output of the production industries¹

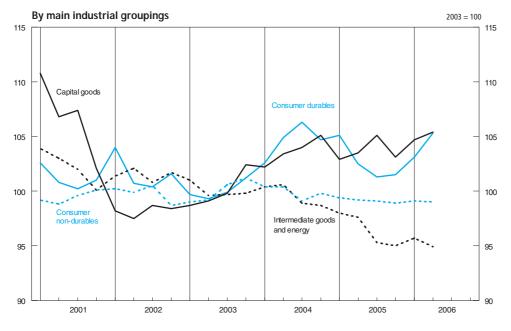
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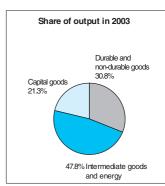
			Broad indus	stry groups		Main industrial groupings					
	Production industries+	Mining and quarrying including oil and gas extraction	Manufact- uring+	Electricity, gas and water supply	Oil and gas extraction	Consumer durables	Consumer non-durables	Capital goods	Intermediate goods and energy		
2003 weights	1 000	118	792	90	107	36	272	213	478		
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	CKYW 102.3 100.3 100.0 100.8 99.0	CKYX 105.0 105.4 100.0 92.1 84.3	CKYY 102.5 99.8 100.0 102.0 100.9	CKYZ 98.0 98.4 100.0 101.1 100.8	CKZO 107.3 105.9 100.0 91.6 82.7	UFIU 101.2 101.7 100.0 104.6 102.6	UFJS 99.4 99.9 100.0 100.0 99.2	UFIL 106.8 98.2 100.0 103.7 103.7	JMOH 102.3 101.5 100.0 99.7 96.5		
2001 Q1	104.0	104.1	104.4	99.8	106.3	102.6	99.2	110.8	103.9		
Q2	102.5	106.3	102.4	98.6	108.7	100.8	98.8	106.8	103.0		
Q3	102.4	105.5	102.6	97.3	107.7	100.2	99.6	107.4	102.0		
Q4	100.5	104.1	100.5	96.4	106.3	101.0	100.1	102.1	100.1		
2002 Q1	100.5	105.4	100.2	97.2	105.4	104.0	100.2	98.2	101.4		
Q2	100.5	109.6	99.4	97.6	110.8	100.7	99.9	97.5	102.1		
Q3	100.2	101.0	100.3	99.2	101.1	100.4	100.5	98.7	100.8		
Q4	100.2	105.7	99.4	99.7	106.4	101.6	98.7	98.4	101.7		
2003 Q1	99.9	105.0	99.3	98.1	105.1	99.7	99.0	98.7	101.0		
Q2	99.4	99.8	99.4	98.9	99.5	99.3	99.2	99.1	99.6		
Q3	100.0	98.9	100.0	100.6	99.1	99.9	100.6	99.8	99.7		
Q4	100.8	96.3	101.3	102.3	96.3	101.2	101.2	102.4	99.8		
2004 Q1	100.9	94.3	101.7	102.2	94.4	102.6	100.4	102.2	100.4		
Q2	101.3	94.8	102.4	100.7	94.5	104.9	100.4	103.4	100.6		
Q3	100.3	90.9	101.6	101.0	90.2	106.3	99.1	104.0	98.9		
Q4	100.6	88.6	102.4	100.6	87.2	104.7	99.8	105.1	98.7		
2005 Q1	99.7	87.3	101.5	99.9	85.9	105.1	99.4	102.9	98.0		
Q2	99.5	87.8	100.9	101.8	86.5	102.5	99.2	103.5	97.6		
Q3	98.7	80.8	101.1	100.8	79.0	101.3	99.1	105.1	95.3		
Q4	98.0	81.3	100.2	100.8	79.3	101.5	98.9	103.1	95.0		
2006 Q1	98.8 _†	81.7	101.1	100.9	79.7	103.1	99.1	104.7	95.7		
Q2		78.5 [†]	101.7 [†]	97.9†	76.1	105.3	99.0	105.4	94.9		
2003 Jul	100.3	100.2	100.3	99.8	100.3	101.4	100.9	99.6	100.1		
Aug	99.5	99.4	99.4	100.7	99.6	98.3	100.3	98.9	99.5		
Sep	100.1	97.2	100.4	101.3	97.3	100.0	100.5	100.8	99.5		
Oct	101.4	98.1	101.6	104.6	98.3	101.0	102.2	101.6	101.0		
Nov	100.2	96.2	100.8	100.4	96.0	102.2	100.4	102.5	99.0		
Dec	100.6	94.7	101.4	101.9	94.6	100.3	101.0	103.1	99.4		
2004 Jan	100.8	94.8	101.6	102.0	94.9	101.8	100.4	102.3	100.2		
Feb	100.5	93.3	101.3	103.3	93.2	102.4	99.9	101.6	100.2		
Mar	101.4	94.9	102.3	101.4	95.1	103.7	100.9	102.6	100.9		
Apr	101.4	94.5	102.4	101.6	94.5	104.9	101.2	102.6	100.6		
May	101.3	93.8	102.5	100.5	93.5	104.2	99.9	104.5	100.4		
Jun	101.3	96.0	102.3	99.9	95.6	105.7	100.2	103.0	100.9		
Jul	100.6	96.2	101.3	100.2	95.7	107.6	98.0	103.6	100.2		
Aug	100.2	90.9	101.3	102.0	90.3	105.6	99.6	103.2	98.7		
Sep	100.2	85.7	102.3	100.7	84.6	105.7	99.8	105.2	97.7		
Oct	99.9	86.8	101.7	101.3	85.4	105.4	99.7	104.5	97.5		
Nov	100.9	88.9	102.7	100.5	87.6	103.2	100.1	105.5	99.1		
Dec	101.0	90.0	102.7	100.0	88.4	105.4	99.7	105.1	99.5		
2005 Jan	100.2	86.9	102.3	99.7	85.8	104.5	100.5	103.7	98.2		
Feb	100.3	86.9	102.3	100.2	85.5	106.6	100.0	103.3	98.6		
Mar	98.5	88.0	99.9	99.7	86.5	104.2	97.6	101.6	97.2		
Apr	99.6	88.1	100.8	103.3	86.8	105.0	98.2	103.1	98.4		
May	99.5	89.3	100.9	101.1	88.2	101.5	99.1	103.5	97.8		
Jun	99.3	85.9	101.1	100.9	84.5	100.9	100.2	104.1	96.5		
Jul	99.2	83.2	101.5	100.7	81.9	100.5	100.1	105.5	95.9		
Aug	98.1	75.8	101.2	100.1	73.4	101.1	98.8	105.3	94.3		
Sep	98.6	83.4	100.6	101.4	81.6	102.1	98.5	104.6	95.8		
Oct	97.5	81.8	99.8	98.0	80.0	100.8	98.2	102.9	94.5		
Nov	98.1	80.9	100.2	102.5	78.7	101.4	98.8	103.5	95.1		
Dec	98.5	81.2	100.6	101.9	79.1	102.3	99.9	103.0	95.4		
2006 Jan	98.8	83.4	100.9	100.5	81.3	101.3	99.3	103.8	96.1		
Feb	98.4	81.3	100.8	99.7	79.3	102.3	99.0	104.7	95.0		
Mar	99.1	80.5	101.5	102.5	78.5	105.8	99.0	105.6	95.8		
Apr	98.5	80.0	101.3 [†]	98.4 [†]	77.8	105.7	98.9 [†]	105.1	94.8		
May	98.7	78.9	101.8	97.2	76.4	105.3	99.2	105.6	94.9		
Jun	98.6	76.6	102.0	98.0	74.0	104.9	99.0	105.4	94.9		

¹ Figures contain, where appropriate, an adjustment for stock changes.









Engineering and construction: output and orders Seasonally adjusted index numbers at constant prices¹

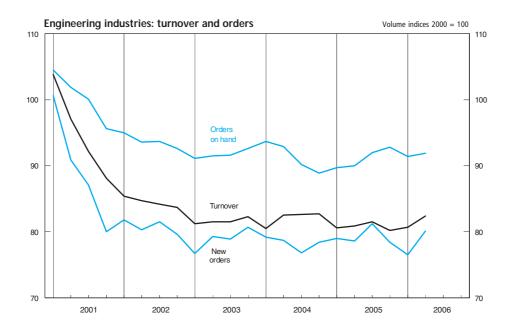
				Engir	neering (2000 =	100)					Construction (GB) (2000 = 100)	
		Total			Home			Export				
	Orders on hand ²	New orders ³	Turnover	Orders on hand ²	New orders ³	Turnover	Orders on hand ²	New orders ³	Turnover	Gross output ⁴ +	Orders received	
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	JIQI 95.6 92.6 92.6 88.9 92.8	JIQH 89.6 80.8 78.9 78.3 79.3	JIQJ 95.3 84.5 81.6 82.1 80.8	JIQC 105.4 104.5 108.4 102.5 104.8	JIQB 94.5 87.9 87.9 83.9 86.2	JIQD 98.4 91.8 90.2 89.3 88.9	JIQF 79.1 72.4 65.8 65.8 72.3	JIQE 83.0 71.2 66.8 70.8 70.1	JIQG 91.2 74.8 70.3 72.6 70.1	SFZX 102.0 106.3 111.7 115.2 113.9	SGAA 99.5 102.5 97.8 106.2 112.3	
2001 Q1	104.5	100.6	103.8	105.9	100.7	104.2	102.1	100.5	103.3	101.2	108.4	
Q2	101.9	90.9	97.1	108.3	98.5	99.4	91.2	80.6	94.1	101.3	95.6	
Q3	100.1	87.1	92.2	108.0	92.0	96.1	86.8	80.5	87.1	102.1	103.6	
Q4	95.6	80.0	88.1	105.4	87.0	94.0	79.1	70.5	80.3	103.5	90.5	
2002 Q1	95.0	81.8	85.4	104.9	88.0	92.2	78.1	73.5	76.3	105.3	107.6	
Q2	93.6	80.3	84.7	105.6	89.8	92.6	73.3	67.5	74.2	104.7	90.7	
Q3	93.7	81.5	84.2	106.2	88.6	91.4	72.5	72.1	74.8	106.8	109.2	
Q4	92.6	79.6	83.7	104.5	85.4	91.2	72.4	71.8	73.7	108.5	102.5	
2003 Q1	91.1	76.7	81.2	103.4	86.0	90.9	70.2	64.4	68.3	108.7	104.7	
Q2	91.5	79.3	81.5	105.2	89.2	90.6	68.3	65.9	69.5	110.4	95.8	
Q3	91.6	78.9	81.5	106.2	87.6	89.8	66.9	67.2	70.4	113.5	98.0	
Q4	92.6	80.7	82.3	108.4	88.8	89.5	65.8	69.8	72.8	114.4	92.7	
2004 Q1	93.7	79.2	80.5	108.4	83.7	87.1	68.8	73.1	71.9	117.1	109.5	
Q2	92.9	78.7	82.5	106.8	83.4	89.1	69.3	72.5	73.8	114.2	108.1	
Q3	90.2	76.8	82.6	103.7	82.0	89.4	67.3	69.7	73.6	115.1	101.0	
Q4	88.9	78.4	82.7	102.5	86.3	91.5	65.8	67.8	71.2	114.2	106.2	
2005 Q1	89.7	79.0	80.6	101.0	84.2	89.5	70.5	72.0	68.9	114.4	107.5	
Q2	90.0	78.6	80.9	100.9	86.0	89.6	71.4	68.7	69.5	115.0	116.7	
Q3	92.0	81.2	81.5	103.3	88.7	89.1	72.8	71.1	71.5	113.1	110.2	
Q4	92.8	78.4	80.2	104.8	85.8	87.4	72.3	68.4	70.6	113.0	114.9	
2006 Q1	91.4	76.5	80.7	102.1	80.2	86.8	73.1	71.6	72.7	114.0	118.3 [†]	
Q2	91.9	80.1	82.4	102.3	86.3	90.2	74.2	71.7	72.2		123.4	
2003 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	91.7 91.5 91.6 92.2 94.0 92.6	80.9 76.6 79.2 81.9 85.5 74.7	82.9 79.9 81.6 82.6 81.8 82.4	104.9 106.1 106.2 107.1 109.9 108.4	87.1 89.1 86.7 90.6 96.7 79.1	91.6 87.9 90.0 90.8 89.5 88.2	69.3 66.8 66.9 67.0 67.2 65.8	72.6 59.8 69.3 70.2 70.5 68.7	71.4 69.3 70.5 71.8 71.8 74.7	 	111.1 80.7 102.3 87.3 102.7 88.2	
2004 Jan	94.1	83.0	80.3	109.2	87.2	87.6	68.6	77.4	70.5		90.8	
Feb	91.3	67.9	80.3	106.0	69.7	85.1	66.4	65.4	73.9		127.0	
Mar	93.7	86.7	81.0	108.4	94.3	88.5	68.8	76.6	71.2		110.5	
Apr	92.0	72.3	81.1	105.1	71.4	87.6	69.7	73.6	72.6		105.3	
May	92.9	83.2	82.7	105.9	88.8	89.2	70.9	75.9	74.1		113.4	
Jun	92.9	80.6	83.6	106.8	90.1	90.5	69.3	67.9	74.6		105.7	
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	92.9 90.8 90.2 89.0 88.6 88.9	80.5 71.7 78.1 75.1 79.4 80.8	83.3 81.6 82.9 81.9 83.8 82.5	107.0 104.4 103.7 102.3 102.0 102.5	87.5 74.4 84.2 81.5 88.8 88.7	90.1 87.6 90.5 90.5 93.5 90.5	68.9 67.6 67.3 66.5 65.7 65.8	71.2 68.0 70.0 66.4 66.8 70.3	74.3 73.7 72.8 70.6 70.9 72.0	 	110.8 102.1 90.3 102.5 109.1 106.9	
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	89.9 89.2 89.7 89.0 89.6 90.0	81.9 76.3 78.7 76.6 79.9 79.2	81.1 81.2 79.5 81.8 80.4 80.5	104.5 102.5 101.0 102.4 101.5 100.9	94.8 79.5 78.2 91.9 81.7 84.3	90.7 90.7 87.2 90.0 88.9 89.8	65.0 66.6 70.5 66.2 69.5 71.4	64.6 72.0 79.4 56.1 77.6 72.4	68.6 68.7 69.3 71.1 69.2 68.3	 	103.0 101.8 117.6 107.1 129.1 114.0	
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	89.9 92.0 92.0 92.3 92.2 92.8	77.4 86.2 79.9 78.0 77.2 79.9	80.5 81.4 82.5 79.6 80.3 80.6	100.1 103.2 103.3 103.9 103.4 104.8	82.1 98.1 85.8 86.6 82.2 88.6	88.9 89.6 88.8 87.9 87.4 86.8	72.6 73.0 72.8 72.7 73.1 72.3	71.2 70.2 71.9 66.6 70.5 68.2	69.4 70.7 74.3 68.6 70.9 72.4	 	107.3 114.0 109.4 115.0 113.9 115.8	
2006 Jan	91.4	73.0	80.2	101.8	71.4	85.6	73.7	75.1	73.0		136.1 [†]	
Feb	93.1	83.8	80.6	104.6	94.7	87.4	73.5	69.1	71.7		103.7	
Mar	91.4	72.8	81.4	102.1	74.5	87.5	73.1	70.5	73.5		115.1	
Apr	92.2	80.5 [†]	81.2	102.6	85.1	88.4 [†]	74.5	74.4	71.6		103.3	
May	92.1	79.8	82.8	101.9	84.2	90.7	75.5	73.7	72.4		153.6	
Jun	91.9	79.9	83.3	102.3	89.6	91.5	74.2	66.9	72.6		113.4	

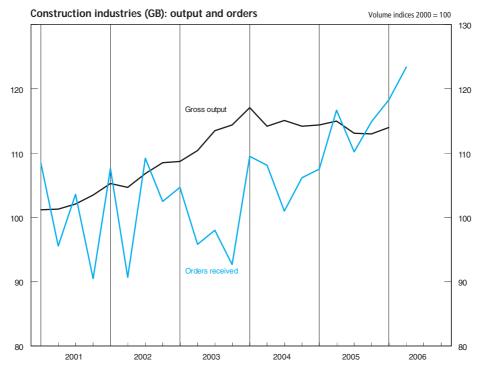
¹ The figures shown represent the output of UK-based manufacturers classified to subsections DK and DL of the Standard Industrial Classification (2003).

Sources: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: Columns 1-9 01633 812540; Department of Trade and Industry; Enquiries: Columns 10-11 020 7215 1953

² Annual and quarterly indices represent the value at the end of the period in question, rather than the average value for that period.
3 Net of cancellations.

⁴ This index is based on a gross output series which includes repair and maintenance estimates, unrecorded output by self-employed workers and small firms and output by the direct labour departments of the public sector.



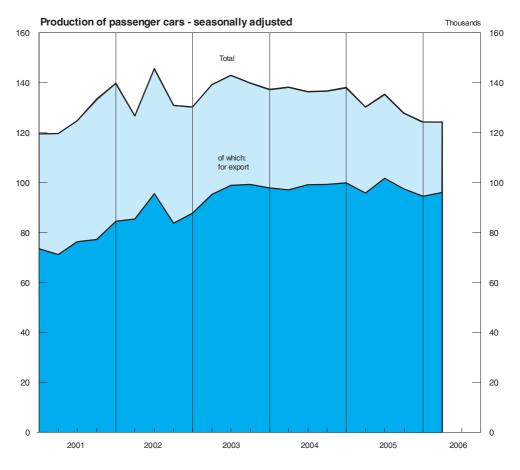


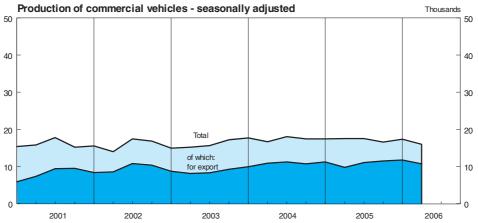
5.3 Motor vehicle and steel production

		Passeng	er cars ¹						
	Not season	ally adjusted	Seasonall	y adjusted	Not season	ally adjusted	Seasonally	y adjusted	Crude steel
	Total production (thousands)	of which for export (thousands)	Total production (thousands)	of which for export (thousands)	Total production (thousands)	of which for export (thousands)	Total production (thousands)	of which for export (thousands)	production (NSA) ² (thousand tonnes)
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	FFAA 124.4 135.8 138.1 137.2 133.0	FFAB 74.5 87.3 95.3 98.3 98.7	FFAO 124.4 135.8 138.1 137.2 133.0	FFAP 74.5 87.3 95.3 98.3 98.7	FFAC 16.1 15.9 15.7 17.4 17.2	FFAD 8.0 9.5 8.6 10.7 10.9	FFAQ 16.1 15.9 15.7 17.5 17.2	FFAR 8.0 9.5 8.6 10.7 10.8	BCBS 13 542.7 11 667.1 13 128.4 13 765.8 13 239.0
2001 Q1	129.0	75.5	119.5	73.5	17.2	6.6	15.4	5.9	3 651.7
Q2	124.1	76.5	119.7	71.1	16.6	7.7	15.8	7.3	3 729.6
Q3	111.9	61.0	124.8	76.3	14.5	7.4	17.9	9.4	3 205.5
Q4	132.4	85.1	133.5	77.2	16.1	10.3	15.2	9.5	2 955.9
2002 Q1	149.9	85.0	139.8	84.5	16.7	8.4	15.6	8.4	3 046.3
Q2	134.1	94.0	126.7	85.4	14.8	9.4	14.0	8.5	3 060.0
Q3	130.6	80.7	145.7	95.5	14.9	9.3	17.4	10.8	2 801.9
Q4	128.7	89.3	131.0	83.7	17.3	10.9	16.8	10.3	2 758.9
2003 Q1	141.4	91.5	130.4	87.7	16.5	9.3	14.9	8.7	3 081.0
Q2	144.4	101.3	139.3	95.3	15.5	8.3	15.2	8.1	3 258.7
Q3	130.4	85.8	143.0	98.9	13.4	6.9	15.6	8.3	3 264.3
Q4	136.2	102.7	139.9	99.3	17.6	9.7	17.2	9.2	3 524.4
2004 Q1	148.5	101.2	137.4	97.8	19.3	10.4	17.7	9.9	3 380.7
Q2	142.7	102.3	138.3	97.1	16.9	11.2	16.7	10.9	3 681.4
Q3	126.3	88.3	136.5	99.1	15.6	9.7	18.0	11.2	3 405.2
Q4	131.4	101.5	136.7	99.2	17.9	11.4	17.4	10.7	3 298.5
2005 Q1	144.3	99.1	138.1	99.9	18.4	11.3	17.4	11.2	3 310.9
Q2	138.7	105.3	130.4	95.8	18.2	10.7	17.5	9.7	3 528.4 [†]
Q3	125.7	91.5	135.5	101.7	14.9	9.2	17.5	11.0	3 106.0
Q4	123.3	98.9	127.8	97.5	17.3	12.2	16.6	11.5	3 293.7
2006 Q1	136.4	100.5	124.3 _†	94.5	19.2	12.6	17.4	11.7	3 551.1
Q2	130.1	102.5	124.3 [†]	96.1 [†]	16.1	10.9	16.0 [†]	10.7 [†]	3 664.7
2003 Jul	146.3	93.1	143.1	97.2	15.2	7.6	17.0	9.0	1 245.8*
Aug	91.4	57.5	143.1	97.4	7.8	3.8	14.7	7.5	977.8
Sep	153.5	106.8	142.7	102.2	17.1	9.2	15.1	8.3	1 040.7
Oct	153.4	113.8	140.2	98.3	16.8	9.5	14.8	8.0	1 198.0*
Nov	142.9	110.5	137.6	100.4	19.0	9.8	17.5	9.6	1 117.8
Dec	112.4	83.8	141.8	99.1	17.0	9.9	19.4	10.0	1 208.6*
2004 Jan	141.3	96.4	141.5	101.9	20.5	9.6	19.8	10.5	1 009.3
Feb	141.1	93.0	133.2	94.0	17.3	10.0	16.4	10.1	1 024.9
Mar	163.0	114.3	137.6	97.6	20.2	11.7	16.9	9.1	1 346.5*
Apr	129.6	95.7	135.6	96.4	15.7	10.1	16.3	10.0	1 155.5
May	143.1	102.3	142.3	98.0	16.9	11.9	17.6	11.9	1 160.7
Jun	155.5	108.9	136.9	96.9	18.2	11.6	16.2	10.7	1 365.2*
Jul	140.5	100.5	142.3	104.5	14.9	10.1	17.3	11.7	1 042.6
Aug	83.2	56.7	131.7	95.0	10.2	5.7	18.2	10.2	1 015.8
Sep	155.3	107.6	135.5	97.8	21.7	13.3	18.6	11.7	1 346.8*
Oct	135.1	107.2	135.6	102.2	18.6	12.2	18.0	11.3	1 091.5
Nov	149.3	114.4	139.3	99.5	20.1	12.3	17.2	10.3	1 001.4
Dec	109.7	82.8	135.2	95.9	14.9	9.7	17.0	10.5	1 205.6*
2005 Jan	136.0	89.2	140.4	98.1	17.7	10.7	17.1	10.9	1 033.5
Feb	143.5	98.3	136.8	99.4	18.0	10.7	17.1	10.6	1 016.8
Mar	153.3	109.9	137.1	102.2	19.6	12.6	17.9	12.0	1 260.6*
Apr	139.8	105.1	137.9	96.6	18.9	11.4	18.6	9.7	1 161.8
May	132.0	99.1	128.8	94.0	17.5	10.7	18.1	10.6	1 152.1†
Jun	144.3	111.7	124.6	96.7	18.3	10.0	15.7	8.9	1 214.5*
Jul	130.2	93.8	131.1	96.6	14.2	8.5	17.3	10.6	966.4
Aug	97.1	71.8	142.8	110.4	10.8	6.8	17.9	11.3	1 180.2*
Sep	149.9	108.9	132.7	98.2	19.7	12.4	17.3	11.2	959.4
Oct	124.8	99.4	126.8	95.6	18.4	12.4	16.7	10.6	986.2
Nov	149.7	119.4	131.2	99.7	20.0	13.8	17.1	12.0	1 279.5*
Dec	95.3	77.9	125.5	97.2	13.6	10.3	16.0	11.8	1 028.0
2006 Jan	119.1	86.5	121.1	92.4	18.2	11.8	17.4	12.0	1 053.5
Feb	131.2	95.2	124.5	94.8	18.2	12.1	17.3	12.0	1 077.3
Mar	159.0	119.7	127.2	96.2	21.3	13.8	17.5	11.2	1 420.3*
Apr	1118.6	95.2	127.3	99.0	16.3	11.8	17.3	12.1	1 128.3
May	132.3	105.4	122.4	95.2 [†]	15.1	10.3	14.7	9.6	1 385.2*
Jun	139.3	106.8	123.2	94.1	17.0	10.6	15.9 [†]	10.4	1 151.2
Jul	115.6	87.0	119.2	91.4	15.3	10.4	17.7	12.1	1 062.2

Sources: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: Columns 1-8 01633 812810; ISSB Ltd; Enquiries: Column 9 020 7343 3900

Annual and quarterly figures are monthly averages.
 The totals are for 'usable steel' in accordance with the system used by the EC and the International Iron and Steel Institute, but in a change from previous publications, figures are actual production totals based on four- or five-week periods (not seasonally adjusted). The latest month's figure is provisional.





Indicators of fixed investment in dwellings

	Fixed investment in dwellings	Orders received		ousing starts (G easonally adjus			ing completions easonally adjus		Mix-adjusted price of new
	(£ million, chained volume measures, reference year 2003)	by contractors for new houses (GB) (£ million, 2000 prices)	Private enterprise (thousands)	Registered social landlords ² (thousands)	Local authorities (thousands)	Private enterprise (thousands)	Registered social landlords ² (thousands)	Local authorities (thousands)	dwellings at mortgage completion stage (NSA) ³ (£)
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	DFEG 34 141 36 800 38 462 41 541 42 853	SGAB 7 122 7 805 8 219 9 472 9 917	FCAB 162.8 164.6 177.5 194.2 [†] 145.6	CTOR 16.8 16.2 16.2 19.1 [†] 16.2	CTOV 0.3 0.2 0.3 0.2 0.2	FCAD 140.0 [†] 149.3 158.3 167.0 120.0	CTOT 20.9 19.3 17.2 20.6 16.6	CTOX 0.3 0.2 0.3 0.1 0.2	WMPS 134 234 161 533 186 427 205 818 218 342
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	8 427 8 435 8 796 8 483	1 767 1 772 1 822 1 761	39.2 43.8 43.5 36.3	5.7 4.2 3.2 3.7	0.2 - - 0.1	32.5 34.4 35.6 37.5	5.6 4.7 4.6 5.9	0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1	130 771 130 774 135 507 137 368
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	8 499 8 958 9 400 9 943	1 916 1 782 2 031 2 075	41.7 42.5 44.0 36.3	5.4 3.8 3.4 3.6	0.1 0.1 - -	33.6 36.9 36.4 42.4	5.1 4.6 4.7 4.9	0.2	143 996 157 646 164 293 173 254
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	9 467 9 536 9 752 9 707	2 095 2 108 1 894 2 123	44.2 46.9 45.8 40.6	5.0 4.4 3.8 3.0	0.1 0.2 - 0.1	34.6 39.3 37.5 46.8	4.5 4.1 4.5 4.1	0.1 0.1 - 0.1	175 947 187 676 188 711 193 373
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	10 193 10 430 10 370 10 548	2 346 2 287 2 488 2 351	47.2 52.2 [†] 51.1 43.8	6.5 4.3 3.6 4.6	0.1 - -	33.9 [†] 43.3 43.8 46.0	5.1 4.3 5.3 5.8	0.1 - -	194 276 204 679 212 505 211 812
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	10 318 10 533 11 024 10 978	2 293 2 612 2 569 2 444	44.7 52.7 48.2 	7.0 [†] 4.6 4.6 	0.1 0.1 —	35.8 43.9 40.3	6.4 5.2 5.1	0.1 - 	214 704 216 780 220 477 221 407
2006 Q1 Q2	11 291 	2 361 [†] 2 558							220 350 222 217
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	796 754 796 880 697 710							195 238 192 165 195 426 201 796 203 015 209 225
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	- - - -	758 889 841 742 805 803	 	 		 	 	 	211 663 211 314 214 537 214 509 212 354 208 574
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun		669 795 828 905 805 902		 	 	 	 	 	212 952 213 093 218 067 213 950 217 361 219 029
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	 	905 835 829 840 819 786	 	 	 	 			221 548 220 141 219 742 223 550 217 427 223 244
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	 	745 [†] 770 846 762 907 889						 	222 234 215 685 223 132 219 768 223 755 223 129

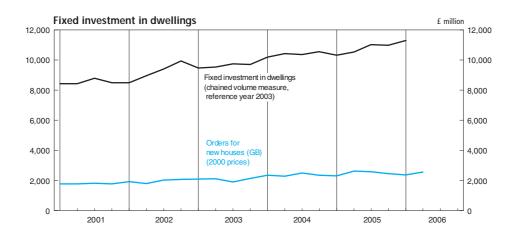
¹ Monthly data collection ceased after March 2003. Seasonally adjusted data Monthly data collection ceased after March 2003. Seasonally adjusted data for Great Britain are no longer updated. Seasonally adjusted data for England are available by visiting the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) website at www.communities.gov.uk

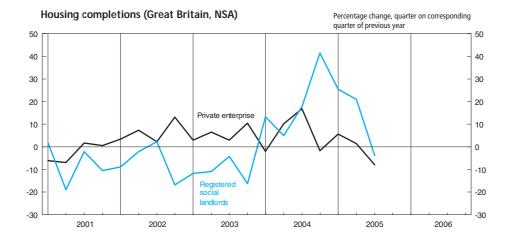
Includes registered and non-registered social landlords.

all mortgage lenders rather than building societies only. From February 2002, monthly data have been obtained from the enlarged survey and quarterly data from 2002Q2 are based on monthly prices. From September 2005, figures are based on the new Regulated Mortgage Survey (CML/BankSearch). Prices have been chain-linked to adjust for the structural change arising from the new sur-

Sources: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: Column 1 020 7533 6010; Department of Trade and Industry; Column 2 020 7215 1953; Department for Communities and Local Government; Columns 3-8 0117 372 8055; Column 9 020 7944 3325

³ Series is based on mortgage lending by all financial institutions rather than building societies only, as previously published. This change has been made necessary because of the mergers, takeovers and conversions to plc status affecting the building society sector. The series is based on the DCLG's survey of mortgage lenders (at completion stage), but now includes





Number of property transactions^{1,2,3}

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	Not seasonally adjusted England and Wales	Seasonally adjusted England and Wales ^{4,5}	Not seasonally adjusted England, Wales and Northern Ireland		Not seasonally adjusted England and Wales	Seasonally adjusted England and Wales ^{4,5}	Not seasonally adjusted England, Wales and Northern Ireland
	FTAP		FTAR	Jul	152	134	154
2001	1 457		1 497	Aug	166	149	171
2002	1 586		1 627	Sep	139	133	144
2003	1 345		1 397	Oct	147	133	151
2004	1 792		1 838	Nov	127	131	131
2005	1 529		1 577	Dec	118	128	122
		FTAQ		2003 Jan	131	125	137
2001 Q1	327	347	337	Feb	103	119	109
Q2	347	358	359	Mar	106	119	113
Q3	396	368	405	Apr	101	112	108
Q4	387	384	396	May	101	105	105
0000 04	0.40	075	054	Jun	103	101	107
2002 Q1	342	375	351	led.	100	110	105
Q2 Q3	395 457	404 415	404 468	Jul Aug	132 112	116 105	135 116
Q3 Q4	392	391	404	Sep	114	104	118
QŦ	032	091	404	Oct	120	108	124
2003 Q1	340	363	359	Nov	110	118	113
Q2	306	317	320	Dec	111	113	113
Q3	358	325	369	200			
Q4	340	339	349	2004 Jan	157	155	160
				Feb	148	172	152
2004 Q1	447	477	457	Mar	142	150	145
Q2	452	470	463	Apr	140	156	143
Q3	494	446	507	May	145	155	148
Q4	398	398	410	Jun	167	159	172
2005 Q1	300	337	310	Jul ⁶	175	158	179
Q2	352	356	363	Aug ⁶	159	144	163
Q3	447	404	461	Sep	160	145	165
Q4	430	432	443	Oct	148	144	152
2000 04		405	400	Nov	123	123	127
2006 Q1	392	425	403	Dec	128	132	132
Q2	426	442	437	2005 Jan	100	103	104
2001 Jan	123	114	127	Feb	100	118	104
Feb	99	117	102	Mar	98	116	103
Mar	105	116	108	Apr	109	114	112
Apr	101	114	105	May	109	117	113
May	121	122	126	Jun	134	126	138
Jun	125	122	128				
				Jul	132	124	136
Jul	132	121	135	Aug	153	133	158
Aug	140	123	143	Sep	163	147	167
Sep	124	124	127	Oct	140	134	144
Oct	140	126	143	Nov	144	145	148
Nov	137	137	141	Dec	146	154	150
Dec	110	122	112	2006 Jan	131	134	134
2002 Jan	131	124	134	Feb	126	145	129
Feb	108	126	110	Mar	136	146	140
Mar	104	126	106	Apr	121	144	124
Apr	129	135	132	May	144	149.	148
May	137	138	140	Jun	160	149 [†]	165
Jun	129	131	132			-	
				Jul	150	139	153

- 1 Figures are based on counts of the relevant administrative form successfully processed each month. For completions up to and including November 2003, this was the Particulars Delivered form; since December 2003 it has been the Land Transaction Return, associated with the introduction of Stamp Duty Land Tax (although in December 2003 most forms processed were still Particulars Delivered forms). The count of Land Transaction Return forms is based on the month when the Stamp Duty Land Tax certificate is issued. Figures for the latest month includes estimates for returns where a certificate has been issued but the form was not captured on the database at the time the count was taken. These figures are therefore subject to revision the following month.
- 2 Because of the change in administrative arrangements associated with the introduction of Stamp Duty Land Tax, the figures from December 2003 on wards may not be comparable with the earlier series. In particular, Land Transaction Returns in respect of transactions subject to Stamp Duty Land Tax are being submitted more promptly by conveyancers than Particulars Delivered forms in respect of transactions subject to stamp duty. The overhang of particulars delivered forms into the first quarter of 2004 has boosted the total property transactions processed figures in that quarter.
- Other reasons for higher figures since the introduction of Stamp Duty Land Tax include some types of transaction requiring a Land Transaction Return which did not require a Particulars Delivered form, and higher numbers of registering commercial transactions.
- Because of the time lags involved, the series above should be lagged by one month to give a broad representation of transactions completed in the month. However, this relationship was weaker in the second quarter of 2002, because of the operational pressures in the network of Stamp Offices which delayed the processing of a proportion of property transactions.
- The Jubilee celebrations meant that the late May bank holiday was taken in June 2002. Seasonal features in the data arising from the May bank holiday will therefore not automatically be removed by the process of seasonal adjustment. Caution should therefore be taken when interpreting monthly movements in-
- volving May or June 2002 data. The sum of seasonally adjusted components does not exactly match the unadjusted (definitive) annual total.
 6 On 19 July 2004 the Inland Revenue ended the arrangement under which a
- Stamp Duty Land Tax certificate could be issued even though some of the information had not been provided (the 'light touch' process). This is likely to have reduced the transaction count for July and August by a few thousand.

 Source: HM Revenue and Customs; Enquiries: 020 7147 2941

Change in inventories Chained volume measures¹

 $\mathfrak L$ million, reference year 2003

			Manufacturin	g industries		Elect-				
	Mining and quarrying	Materials and fuel	Work in progress	Finished goods	Total	ricity, gas and water supply	Wholesale ²	Retail ²	Other industries ³	Changes in inventories
Level of inventories a December 2005	nt end- 1 030	16 197	15 797	19 429	51 423	1 797	27 132	26 056	46 458	153 896
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	FAEA 61 -47 91 -18	FBNF -678 -226 326 65	FBNG 289 295 235 –450	FBNH -135 222 30 43	DHBM -523 290 592 -342	FAEB -222 182 80 -24	FAJX 610 -32 563 -254	FBYN -106 -136 253 1 102	DLWX 1 824 1 544 165 -75	CAFU 1 643 1 802 1 743 389
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	46 -32 -22 -29	92 -108 -141 -339	-195 305 -259	613 -130 -265 -590	705 -433 -101 -1 188	-71 132 -74 -119	57 854 475 –598	698 1 136 -50 -68	-388 -1 272 283 2 348	1 047 385 511 346
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	-28 55 -99 6	482 -8 -557 -115	-29 306 -243 -684	-236 -31 273 -144	217 267 –527 –943	77 -33 -44 -13	108 -370 291 378	-156 894 445 58	-789 -1 457 2 198 3 448	-571 -644 2 264 2 934
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	-27 12 -35 4	-435 -76 355 163	420 -547 -199 -288	-1 177 580 283 18	-1 192 -43 439 -107	159 -145 39 -45	270 436 –582 180	927 -128 -362 563	-518 918 1 526 2 308	-381 1 050 1 025 2 903
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	4 -28 -19 -4	246 -186 -219 -20	197 151 103 412	57 -125 7 117	500 -160 -109 509	-106 188 133 371	110 496 157 215	-352 -631 712 -141	1 536 654 234 –1 008	1 692 519 1 108 -58
2006 Q1 Q2	-69 18	-73 -40	428 -133	55 128	410 -45	-250 278	-651 -434	270 -54	1 907 1 175	1 617 938

¹ Estimates are given to the nearest ${\mathfrak L}$ million but cannot be regarded as accurate to this degree.
2 Excluding the motor trades.

Sources: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: Columns 1-8 020 7533 6264; Columns 9-10 020 7533 6031

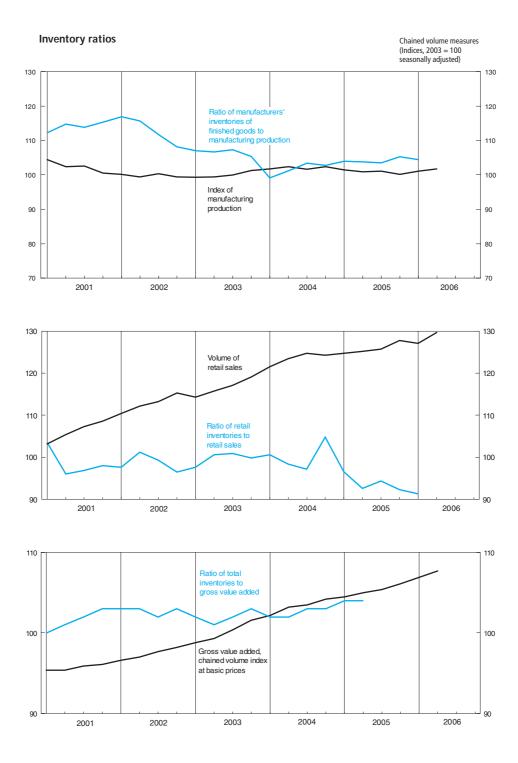
5.7 Inventory ratios

	Manuf	acturers' inventories 1 t	o manufacturing produ	uction	Retail inventories 1 to Total inventories 1,			
	Materials and fuel	Work in progress	Finished goods	Total inventories	retail sales ²	gross value added		
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	FAPG 89.4 89.5 88.3 90.3	FAPH 105.7 105.9 107.3 104.8	FAPI 112.3 114.8 113.8 115.3	FAPF 102.4 103.4 103.0 103.5	FAPC 103.5 96.0 96.9 98.0	FDCA 100 101 102 103		
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	90.2 89.3 87.3 85.6	102.4 101.5 100.5 99.4	116.9 115.7 111.7 108.2	103.3 102.3 99.9 97.7	97.6 101.2 99.3 96.5	103 103 102 103		
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	88.2 88.0 84.4 82.9	106.6 105.9 103.3 101.1	107.1 106.7 107.3 105.4	100.4 100.0 98.1 96.3	97.6 100.6 100.9 99.8	102 101 102 103		
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	80.4 79.4 81.7 82.1	100.9 98.0 97.8 96.1	99.1 101.2 103.4 102.8	93.1 92.6 94.2 93.7	100.6 98.4 97.2 104.8	102 102 103 103		
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	84.0 83.5 82.1 82.9	91.4 93.0 92.0 89.4	104.0 103.8 103.5 105.3	93.3 93.5 92.7 92.8	96.6 92.6 94.4 92.3	104 104 		
2006 Q1	81.7	98.2	104.4	94.6	91.3			

Source: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: Columns 1-6 020 7533 6264

³ This series includes a quarterly alignment adjustment. For a description see notes to the *Economic Trends Annual Supplement*. For details of adjust-ments, see notes section in the Sector and Financial Accounts article in *UK*

Chained volume measures, reference year 2003.
 Classes 64-65 excluding activity headings 6510 and 6520, retail distribution of motor vehicles and parts, and filling stations.
 Including quarterly alignment adjustment. For details of adjustments see notes section in the Sector and Financial Accounts article in *UK Economic* Accounts.



Retail sales, new registrations of cars and credit business (Great Britain)

	Malus of		Volume	of retai	il sales pe	r week (ave	rage 2000=1	00) ¹			Consumer credit (£ million) ³		
	Value of retail				Predom	inantly non-	food stores					of w	hich
	sales per week: total (average 2000= 100) ¹	All retailing	Predomin- antly food stores+	Total+	Non- special- ised stores	Textile, clothing and footwear stores	Household goods stores	Other stores	Non-store retailing and repair+	New regist- rations of cars (NSA, '000s) ²	Total net lending ⁴	Credit cards ⁵	Other lending ⁵
Average weekly sales in 2000 (£ million)	3 984	3 984	1 712	2 045	361	536	533	615	226				
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	EAQV 105.9 110.6 113.7 118.7 119.9	EAPS 106.1 112.2 116.3 123.2 125.8	EAPT 104.1 108.2 111.9 116.5 119.7	EAPV 107.8 115.5 121.1 129.6 131.8	EAPU 106.0 110.5 113.8 118.0 119.3	EAPX 109.4 121.0 128.9 139.1 143.7	EAPY 109.6 117.8 122.3 130.8 131.2	EAPW 105.9 111.6 117.4 127.0 129.3	EAPZ 106.0 113.3 107.0 116.9 118.0		RLMH 19 687 23 508 22 512 [†] 25 423 19 603	VZQX 6 283 7 616 8 914 9 982 [†] 6 151	VZQY 13 489 15 933 13 758 15 437 13 475
2001 Q1	102.8	103.2	102.7	103.9	104.8	105.0	105.9	100.6	100.4	704.2	3 855	1 354	2 690
Q2	105.5	105.4	103.5	106.9	106.6	107.0	109.7	104.5	105.8	617.7	5 185	1 697	3 451
Q3	107.1	107.3	104.5	109.4	107.5	110.9	110.5	108.3	110.1	725.6	4 532	1 226	3 274
Q4	108.1	108.6	105.4	111.3	107.7	114.0	113.2	109.4	108.5	530.0	6 115	2 006	4 074
2002 Q1	109.5	110.4	106.7	114.1	109.3	118.3	115.7	111.7	105.6	758.7	5 654	1 956	3 802
Q2	110.5	112.2	107.9	115.9	110.1	120.4	117.3	114.1	110.7	650.0	5 280 [†]	1 675	3 565
Q3	111.2	113.2	108.9	116.3	112.7	122.5	118.2	111.2	118.4	744.6	6 520	2 042	4 403
Q4	112.9	115.3	110.8	118.3	113.2	123.9	121.0	114.2	121.1	528.7	6 054	1 943	4 163
2003 Q1	112.3	114.3	110.0	118.8	111.7	126.1	118.2	117.0	107.3	737.6	5 488	2 229	3 343
Q2	113.1	115.7	111.6	120.3	113.3	127.5	122.4	116.2	105.8	642.7	6 096	2 544	3 525
Q3	114.4	117.1	112.6	122.0	115.3	130.7	123.6	117.1	106.1	742.8	5 675	2 172	3 466
Q4	115.9	119.1	113.4	124.9	117.0	132.1	126.3	122.1	109.4	523.1	5 253	1 969	3 424
2004 Q1	117.7	121.5	114.6	128.3	117.1	137.2	128.7	126.8	112.4	762.2	6 590	2 394	4 091
Q2	119.0 [†]	123.4 [†]	116.0 [†]	130.2 ¹	119.8 ¹	139.5	130.4	127.9 [†]	117.5 [†]	629.8	6 422	2 542 [†]	3 886
Q3	119.6	124.7	117.1	131.8	121.6	139.8	134.3 [†]	128.5	118.1	709.9	6 384	2 578	3 762
Q4	118.9	124.3	117.3	130.7	119.1	140.8	132.9	126.7	119.3	496.9	6 027	2 468	3 698
2005 Q1	119.4	124.7	118.6	130.4	121.7	141.7	131.1	125.2	119.9	697.9	6 396	2 262	4 021
Q2	119.4	125.2	119.0	130.9	118.6	143.7	129.6	128.2	120.6	594.4	5 151	1 569	3 641
Q3	119.6	125.7	119.4	132.1	119.1	143.3	130.6	131.3	115.7	677.1	4 223	1 141	3 007
Q4	120.9	127.8	120.9	134.8	122.1	146.1	135.3	131.9	117.3	473.9	3 833	1 179	2 806
2006 Q1	120.4	127.1	121.2	133.2	122.7	145.9	132.8	128.7	117.4	661.7	3 416	865	2 352
Q2	122.7	129.7	122.2	136.9	125.9	149.8	139.0	130.4	121.0		3 198	749	2 632
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	117.9 117.5 117.8 118.5 119.0 [†] 119.3	121.1 121.1 122.1 122.6 123.3 [†] 124.1	114.2 114.5 115.0 115.4 116.1 [†] 116.5	128.0 127.8 128.9 129.4 129.9 131.0	116.1 117.6 117.5 118.8 120.1	137.2 135.7 138.4 139.5 140.0 [†] 139.0	127.4 128.8 129.6 129.2 129.9 [†] 131.7	127.6 126.1 126.8 127.0 127.0 129.5	111.2 111.1 114.4 114.7 117.9 [†] 119.4	199.6 92.3 470.3 191.1 197.6 241.1	2 239 [†] 2 200 2 217 1 772 2 203 2 377	642 [†] 552 1 335 734 753 973	1 597 [†] 1 648 882 1 038 1 450 1 404
Jul	118.7	123.6	115.8	130.8	120.1	136.5	134.3	129.2	117.4	188.2	2 160	947	1 213
Aug	119.5	124.5	117.5	131.4	122.8	141.5	133.2	126.1	115.3	87.3	2 208	918	1 290
Sep	120.3	125.6	117.7	132.8	121.8	141.1	135.2	129.9	121.0	434.4	2 150	821	1 329
Oct	119.7	124.8	117.6	131.4	120.5	142.2	132.6	127.5	118.5	171.8	1 806	697	1 109
Nov	119.8	125.2	117.8	132.0	121.4	141.2	136.0	126.7	119.3	175.6	2 137	865	1 271
Dec	117.6	123.2	116.8	129.0	116.1	139.4	130.8	126.0	120.0	149.5	1 986	733	1 253
2005 Jan	119.7	125.1	119.4	130.4	121.9	140.5	133.3	124.2	120.5	180.0	2 296	933	1 362
Feb	119.1	124.7	118.5	130.1	121.2	142.3	130.5	124.3	123.3	77.5	1 815	677	1 138
Mar	119.3	124.5	118.0	130.7	122.1	142.1	129.8	126.7	116.7	440.4	2 379	856	1 523
Apr	119.4	125.1	118.8	130.5	118.9	143.3	129.1	127.6	123.2	178.9	1 508	201	1 307
May	118.6	124.4	118.7	129.8	116.3	142.3	129.2	127.4	118.3	189.2	1 562	785	777
Jun	120.1	126.0	119.3	132.2	120.2	145.2	130.4	129.4	120.3	226.3	1 982	422	1 560
Jul	119.4	125.2	119.3	131.0	117.6	142.0	129.7	130.6	116.8	175.3	1 346	393	953
Aug	119.6	125.5	118.5	132.3	119.6	143.3	130.4	131.8	117.6	84.2	1 592	446	1 146
Sep	119.8	126.3	120.1	132.9	120.1	144.4	131.6	131.4	113.4	417.6	1 465	407	1 058
Oct	120.1	126.7	120.5	133.1	121.0	143.1	132.2	132.5	115.7	153.9	1 366	520	846
Nov	121.0	127.9	121.2	134.7	122.8	149.8	132.0	131.0	116.5	160.8	1 022	276	746
Dec	121.4	128.7	121.1	136.2	122.4	145.6	140.6	132.2	119.1	159.2	1 357	253	1 105
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	119.8 120.4 120.9 121.7 122.5 123.7	126.6 126.9 127.8 128.7 129.6 130.5	120.4 121.2 121.8 121.6 121.3 123.5	132.7 132.9 133.8 135.9 137.4 137.3	121.8 120.7 125.1 125.8 126.7 125.3	142.9 146.8 147.5 148.4 151.0 150.0	134.0 131.7 132.7 138.2 138.6 139.9	129.2 129.1 128.0 129.1 130.7 131.0	117.1 115.9 118.9 118.0 122.9 122.0	154.0 74.8 432.9 	1 374 1 480 661 1 014 1 293 833	557 419 126 214 210 67	818 1 061 535 801 1 083 765
Jul	123.4	130.2	124.0	136.6	126.6	152.3	135.1	130.0	118.8		1 122	155	967

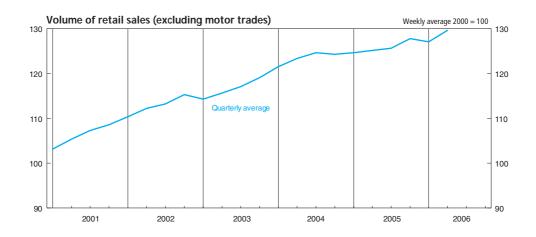
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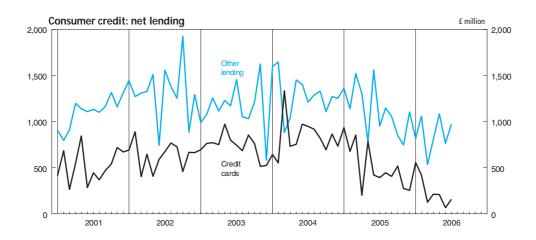
² Seasonally adjusted data are not published in Economic Trends. Data up to 5 These figures fall outside the scope of National Statistics.

¹⁹⁹⁸ are published in the Economic Trends Annual Supplement.
3 Covers all institutions providing finance for consumers, including loans by banks on personal accounts and on bank credit cards and charge cards, by insurance companies, retailers and other specialist lenders, but excluding loans for house purchase.

¹ Great Britain only, excluding the motor trades. Information for periods earlier than those shown is available from ONS Newport (tel 01633 812509).

4 Net lending equals changes in amounts outstanding adjusted to remove distortions arising from revaluations of debt such as write-offs.





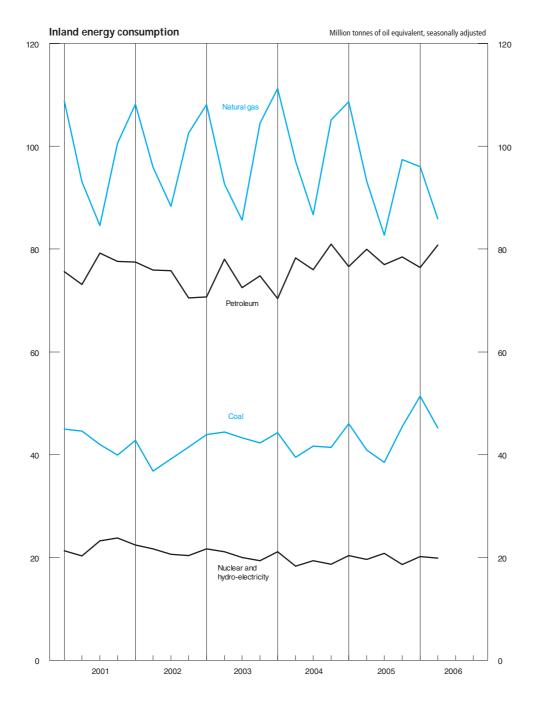
Inland energy consumption: primary fuel input basis

Million tonnes of oil equivalent

		S	easonally adjusted and	temperature corre	cted ¹ (annualised rat	es)	
					Primary electricity	5	
	Coal ²	Petroleum ³	Natural gas ⁴	Nuclear	Wind and natural flow hydro ⁶	Net imports ⁷	Total
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	FDAI 42.9 40.1 43.5 41.7 42.7	FDAJ 76.4 74.9 74.0 76.4 78.0	FDAK 96.7 98.7 97.7 100.0 95.5	FDAL 20.8 20.0 20.0 18.1 18.4	FDAM 0.4 0.5 0.4 0.6 0.7	FDAW 0.9 0.7 0.2 0.6 0.7	FDAH 238.1 235.0 235.8 237.5 236.1
2001 Q1	45.0	75.6	108.8	19.9	0.3	1.1	250.7
Q2	44.6	73.1	93.1	19.0	0.4	0.9	231.0
Q3	42.0	79.2	84.6	21.8	0.5	0.9	229.0
Q4	39.9	77.6	100.6	22.6	0.5	0.7	241.8
2002 Q1	42.8	77.5	108.2	21.2	0.6	0.6	251.0
Q2	36.8	75.9	95.9	20.0	0.7	1.0	230.2
Q3	39.2	75.8	88.3	19.9	0.5	0.2	224.0
Q4	41.5	70.5	102.6	18.9	0.4	1.1	235.0
2003 Q1	43.9	70.7	108.1	21.0	0.4	0.3	244.4
Q2	44.4	78.0	92.7	20.6	0.4	0.1	236.3
Q3	43.3	72.5	85.6	19.7	0.4	-0.1	221.5
Q4	42.3	74.8	104.5	18.6	0.4	0.4	241.0
2004 Q1	44.3	70.4	111.2	20.2	0.5	0.4	247.0
Q2	39.5	78.3	97.1	17.2	0.5	0.6	233.2
Q3	41.7	76.0	86.7	17.9	0.8	0.7	223.8
Q4	41.4	81.0	105.1	17.3	0.6	0.8	246.3
2005 Q1	46.0	76.6	108.7	19.2	0.7	0.5	251.6
Q2	40.9	80.0	93.2	18.2	0.7	0.7	233.6
Q3	38.5	77.0	82.7	19.4	0.7	0.7	219.0
Q4	45.5	78.5	97.4	16.9	0.7	1.0	240.1
2006 Q1	51.4 [†]	76.4 [†]	96.0 [†]	19.0	0.6	0.6	244.0 [†]
Q2	45.2	80.8	85.9	18.2	0.7	1.0	231.8
2003 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	46.5 45.4 37.9 42.8 43.2 40.9	65.9 77.8 73.9 69.9 77.1 77.5	82.7 82.8 91.4 98.3 104.4 110.7	18.1 17.7 23.5 18.5 17.6 19.7	0.4 0.4 0.3 0.4 0.4	0.3 -0.6 - 0.3 1.0	213.7 224.4 226.4 229.9 243.0 250.2
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	43.1 45.2 44.5 41.3 38.8 38.3	82.4 61.6 67.1 80.1 85.0 69.7	109.7 113.3 110.7 102.1 100.0 89.2	18.6 19.6 22.3 18.1 16.7 16.8	0.6 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5	0.7 0.6 - 0.5 0.4 0.8	255.2 240.8 245.1 242.7 241.5 215.3
Jul	38.7	87.6	86.4	19.7	0.6	0.8	233.9
Aug	45.4	65.9	84.5	17.3	0.8	0.7	214.7
Sep	40.8	74.3	89.2	16.8	0.8	0.6	222.6
Oct	40.5	88.3	100.4	18.0	0.8	1.2	249.1
Nov	45.0	71.7	106.1	16.8	0.6	0.7	240.8
Dec	38.7	83.1	108.8	17.0	0.5	0.7	248.9
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	45.0 48.1 45.0 42.7 37.9 42.1	80.8 67.0 82.0 83.1 76.7 80.0	111.0 108.1 106.9 98.9 96.0 84.6	21.3 18.8 17.4 17.6 19.1 17.7	0.8 0.6 0.6 0.6 0.8 0.8	0.6 0.3 0.6 0.6 1.0	259.5 242.9 252.5 243.5 231.5 225.9
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	39.1 40.2 36.2 41.0 51.3 44.4	70.7 75.3 84.9 76.4 82.0 77.1	80.3 78.2 89.7 96.0 98.1 98.3	21.2 21.2 15.9 16.6 17.3 16.8	0.7 0.7 0.8 0.8 0.7 0.5	0.6 1.0 0.4 0.9 1.0	212.6 216.7 227.8 231.7 250.5 238.0
2006 Jan	53.1 [†]	73.6 [†]	97.3 [†]	19.8	0.7	0.8	245.2 [†] 241.7 245.2 235.8 239.3 220.2
Feb	51.9	74.7	95.7	18.5	0.5	0.2	
Mar	49.1	80.9	95.1	18.7	0.6	0.9	
Apr	43.3	80.5	90.6	19.4	0.7	1.2	
May	46.6	82.5	88.6	19.5	0.9	1.2	
Jun	45.5	79.3	78.7	15.7	0.5	0.5	

¹ For details of temperature correction see DTI energy statistics website at www.dti.gov.uk/energy/inform/dukes/dukes2005/01longterm.pdf
2 Includes solid renewable sources (wood, straw and waste), a small amount of renewable primary heat sources (solar, geothermal, etc.) and net foreign trade and stock changes in other solid fuels.
3 Excludes non-energy use.
4 Includes gas used during production, colliery methane, landfill gas and sewage gas. Excludes gas flared or re-injected and non-energy use of gas.
5 Not temperature corrected.
6 Includes generation by solar photovoltaics (PV). Excludes generation from pumped storage stations.
7 Not seasonally adjusted.

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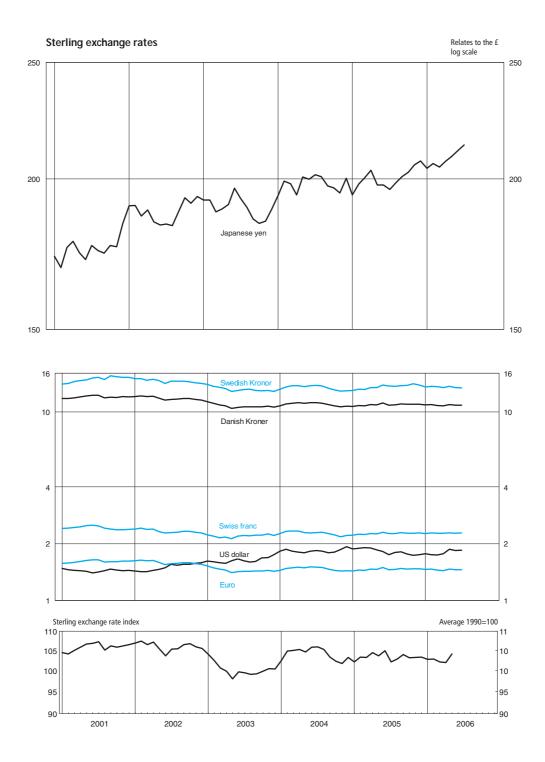
6.1 Sterling exchange rates and UK reserves¹

Not seasonally adjusted

			Sterling	exchange rat		UK inter- national	Sterling			
	Japanese yen	US dollar	Swiss franc	Euro ³	Danish kroner	Norwegian kroner	Swedish kronor	Hong Kong dollar	reserves ⁴ at end of period (£ million)	exchange rate index 1990 = 100
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	AJFO 174.90 187.84 189.34 198.10 200.14	AUSS 1.4400 1.5026 1.6346 1.8320 1.8197	AJFD 2.430 2.334 2.197 2.276 2.265	THAP 1.6087 1.5909 1.4456 1.4739 1.4629	AJFK 11.987 11.821 10.742 10.965 10.901	AJFJ 12.944 11.953 11.562 12.342 11.718	AJFI 14.886 14.570 13.189 13.453 13.577	AJFU 11.2335 11.7265 12.7337 14.2707 14.1477	THFE 27 773 26 566 25 724 25 908 28 018	AGBG 105.8 106.0 100.2 104.1 103.3
2001 Q1	172.26	1.4584	2.424	1.5814	11.7988	12.965	14.230	11.3765	30 457	104.5
Q2	174.19	1.4208	2.487	1.6280	12.1436	13.039	14.847	11.0866	30 632	106.4
Q3	174.67	1.4380	2.432	1.6152	12.0231	12.928	15.203	11.2092	29 662	106.1
Q4	178.45	1.4428	2.375	1.6111	11.9887	12.845	15.264	11.2548	27 773	106.1
2002 Q1	188.79	1.4260	2.396	1.6263	12.0863	12.700	14.895	11.1230	28 053	106.9
Q2	185.29	1.4630	2.329	1.5923	11.8379	11.956	14.564	11.4015	28 623	105.3
Q3	184.85	1.5495	2.305	1.5747	11.6973	11.662	14.538	12.0871	27 950	105.7
Q4	192.42	1.5720	2.304	1.5716	11.6733	11.494	14.285	12.2547	26 566	106.0
2003 Q1	190.67	1.6017	2.189	1.4937	11.0987	11.313	13.709	12.5030	26 388	102.3
Q2	191.90	1.6194	2.163	1.4256	10.5851	11.344	13.032	12.6352	25 199	99.1
Q3	189.14	1.6108	2.209	1.4300	10.6264	11.794	13.103	12.5605	26 954	99.2
Q4	185.64	1.7065	2.228	1.4334	10.6591	11.796	12.913	13.2305	25 724	100.2
2004 Q1	197.07	1.8391	2.306	1.4708	10.9571	12.703	13.507	14.2983	25 266	104.1
Q2	198.21	1.8052	2.305	1.4992	11.1529	12.387	13.712	14.0831	25 178	105.2
Q3	199.95	1.8189	2.285	1.4877	11.0633	12.478	13.627	14.1861	25 382	104.8
Q4	197.18	1.8648	2.206	1.4388	10.6958	11.798	12.966	14.5080	25 908	102.4
2005 Q1	197.53	1.8904	2.234	1.4424	10.7362	11.889	13.092	14.7449	25 801	102.9
Q2	199.56	1.8559	2.276	1.4744	10.9788	11.863	13.572	14.4506	26 844	104.3
Q3	198.44	1.7844 [†]	2.273	1.4635	10.9160	11.534	13.709	13.8685	26 728	102.9
Q4	205.02	1.7481	2.275	1.4706	10.9687	11.584	13.935	13.5546	28 018	103.2
2006 Q1	204.86	1.7528	2.272	1.4570	10.8723	11.697	13.623	13.5963	28 097	102.5
Q2	208.95	1.8272	2.272	1.4540	10.8441	11.385	13.515	14.2001	26 415	
2003 Jul	192.72	1.6242	2.209	1.4277	10.613	11.828	13.130	12.6671	25 785	99.4
Aug	189.42	1.5950	2.200	1.4286	10.617	11.800	13.186	12.4395	26 550	99.0
Sep	185.29	1.6131	2.219	1.4338	10.649	11.755	12.994	12.5590	26 954	99.2
Oct	183.76	1.6787	2.220	1.4334	10.651	11.807	12.917	12.9962	26 131	99.8
Nov	184.47	1.6901	2.250	1.4426	10.729	11.832	12.973	13.1201	26 617	100.4
Dec	188.70	1.7507	2.214	1.4246	10.602	11.749	12.850	13.5923	25 724	100.3
2004 Jan	193.82	1.8234	2.262	1.4447	10.760	12.425	13.203	14.1598	25 329	102.4
Feb	199.16	1.8673	2.324	1.4774	11.008	12.983	13.566	14.5165	24 689	104.8
Mar	198.22	1.8267	2.332	1.4890	11.092	12.701	13.752	14.2349	25 266	105.0
Apr	194.04	1.8005	2.337	1.5022	11.182	12.458	13.775	14.0381	25 377	105.2
May	200.69	1.7876	2.293	1.4894	11.082	12.222	13.594	13.9374	24 819	104.6
Jun	199.91	1.8275	2.285	1.5050	11.189	12.482	13.767	14.2499	25 178	105.8
Jul	201.66	1.8429	2.294	1.5023	11.170	12.730	13.818	14.3740	24 579	105.9
Aug	200.87	1.8216	2.297	1.4933	11.105	12.437	13.725	14.2077	25 189	105.2
Sep	197.32	1.7922	2.265	1.4676	10.916	12.268	13.337	13.9777	25 382	103.3
Oct	196.54	1.8065	2.229	1.4455	10.751	11.895	13.093	14.0707	25 557	102.2
Nov	194.76	1.8603	2.177	1.4311	10.635	11.658	12.877	14.4662	25 757	101.7
Dec	200.23	1.9275	2.212	1.4401	10.705	11.841	12.928	14.9890	25 908	103.2
2005 Jan	193.97	1.8764	2.217	1.4331	10.664	11.783	12.979	14.6292	25 840	102.1
Feb	198.10	1.8871	2.248	1.4499	10.791	12.064	13.172	14.7185	26 080	103.3
Mar	200.51	1.9078	2.237	1.4440	10.753	11.821	13.126	14.8801	25 801	103.2
Apr	203.34	1.8960	2.267	1.4652	10.916	11.980	13.433	14.7865	26 103	104.4
May	197.70	1.8538	2.258	1.4611	10.877	11.805	13.428	14.4439	26 595	103.6
Jun	197.64	1.8179	2.302	1.4952	11.132	11.805	13.854	14.1362	26 844	104.9
Jul	195.99	1.7509	2.267	1.4547	10.850	11.523	13.717	13.6141	25 950	102.1
Aug	198.48	1.7943	2.266	1.4592	10.885	11.551	13.631	13.9444	25 437	102.8
Sep	200.86	1.8081	2.287	1.4761	11.009	11.527	13.779	14.0356	26 728	103.9
Oct	202.62	1.7640	2.273	1.4674	10.950	11.490	13.835	13.6823	26 435	103.1
Nov	205.41	1.7341	2.274	1.4719	10.980	11.522	14.080	13.4469	27 482	103.2
Dec	207.02	1.7462	2.279	1.4725	10.976	11.740	13.889	13.5390	28 018	103.3
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	204.09 205.95 204.53 206.83 208.79 211.22	1.7678 1.7470 1.7435 1.7685 1.8702 1.8428	2.259 2.281 2.276 2.268 2.278 2.271	1.4582 1.4637 1.4500 1.4402 1.4637 1.4560	10.880 10.926 10.819 10.746 10.914 10.857	11.724 11.801 11.567 11.300 11.413 11.443	13.568 13.672 13.629 13.442 13.654 13.449	13.7079 13.5566 13.5288 13.7172 14.5016 14.3075	27 602 27 672 28 097 28 200 28 655 26 415	102.7 102.8 102.1 101.9 104.1
Jul	213.39	1.8447	2.282	1.4540	10.848	11.547	13.399	14.3403		

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 Average of daily telegraphic transfer rates in London.
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⁴ International reserves data are all valued at end-period market prices and exchange rates. They additionally include other reserve assets such as re-pos (sale and purchase agreements) and derivatives. Full details are shown in Table 1.2I of Financial Statistics.

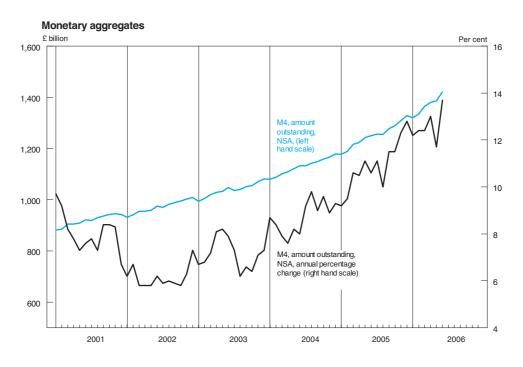


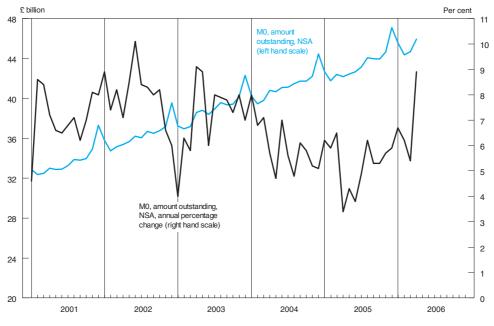
6.2 Monetary aggregates^{1,2}

			M0 ³			M4						
	Amo outstanding	ount J ^{4,5} (NSA)	An outsta	nount anding ⁵		An outstand	nount ing ⁵ (NSA)	Am outsta	ount Inding ⁵			
	£ million	Annual percentage change	£ million+	Annual percentage change	Velocity of circulation ratio	£ million	Annual percentage change	£ million+	Annual percentage change	Velocity of circulation ratio		
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	AVAD 37 319 39 540 42 317 44 466 47 093	VQNB 8.0 6.0 7.0 5.1 5.9	AVAE 35 000 37 237 40 000 42 284 44 274	VQMX 7.0 7.9 7.4 6.0 5.1	AVAM 29.77 29.00 28.60 28.58 28.29	AUYM 942 594 1 008 751 1 081 299 1 179 208 1 328 332	VQLC 6.7 7.3 7.3 9.3 12.8	AUYN 943 731 [†] 1 009 490 1 081 607 1 179 066 1 327 973	VQJW 7.7 6.3 7.2 8.6 11.4	AUYU 1.09 1.08 1.07 1.04 0.98		
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	32 489 32 896 33 797 37 319	8.4 6.5 6.2 8.0	33 114 33 283 33 940 35 000	7.1 6.8 6.8 7.4	29.99 30.00 29.70 29.38	905 746 921 500 937 099 942 594	VQRY 8.2 7.6 8.4 6.7	905 543 [†] 917 557 939 977 943 731	8.3 7.6 8.4 6.6	1.10 1.09 1.08 1.07		
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	35 157 36 225 36 511 39 540	8.2 10.1 8.0 6.0	35 544 36 639 36 672 37 237	7.5 8.9 8.2 7.1	29.13 29.12 28.95 28.78	955 216 975 727 989 433 1 008 751	5.7 6.1 5.9 7.3	955 602 970 975 992 875 1 009 490	5.8 6.1 5.9 7.3	1.09 1.09 1.08 1.07		
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	37 184 38 403 39 348 42 317	5.8 6.0 7.8 7.0	37 881 38 902 39 515 40 000	6.2 7.7 7.9 7.6	28.87 28.48 28.53 28.53	1 020 661 1 048 158 1 051 176 1 081 299	7.2 7.9 6.6 7.3	1 021 638 1 042 615 1 055 225 1 081 607	7.2 7.9 6.6 7.2	1.07 1.07 1.08 1.07		
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	39 812 41 109 41 748 44 466	7.1 7.0 6.1 5.1	40 562 41 408 41 810 42 284	7.2 5.8 5.5 5.5	28.52 28.65 28.57 28.58	1 101 926 1 133 432 1 148 480 1 179 208	7.8 8.0 9.0 9.3	1 103 440 1 127 001 1 153 444 1 179 066	7.9 8.0 9.1 9.2	1.05 1.05 1.04 1.03		
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	42 395 42 656 43 969 47 093	6.5 3.8 5.3 5.9	42 634 42 967 44 076 44 274	5.5 4.3 5.4 5.2	28.33 28.47 28.11 28.26	1 216 910 1 250 522 1 277 128 1 328 332	10.6 10.6 11.5 12.8	1 218 850 1 243 164 1 283 027 1 327 973	10.6 10.5 11.6 12.8	1.01 0.99 0.97 0.96		
2006 Q1 Q2	44 669 	5.4 	45 501 	6.5 	27.98 	1 365 615 1 420 964	12.4 13.7	1 367 732 1 412 582	12.4 13.7	0.94		
2003 Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	38 938 39 579 39 348 39 416 40 149 42 317	8.0 7.9 7.8 7.3 8.0 7.0	39 181 39 392 39 515 39 711 40 065 40 000	8.0 7.9 7.8 7.2 8.2 7.4		1 036 753 1 040 309 1 051 176 1 055 028 1 070 564 1 081 299	VQLC 7.3 6.2 6.6 6.4 7.1 7.3	1 039 107 [†] 1 039 737 1 051 529 1 054 375 1 067 685 1 079 454	7.2 6.3 6.6 6.3 7.1 7.3	 		
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	40 222 39 448 39 812 40 799 40 668 41 109	8.0 6.8 7.1 5.7 4.7 7.0	40 230 40 248 40 562 40 758 41 044 41 408	7.7 6.8 7.1 5.7 5.3 6.4		1 080 319 1 087 910 1 101 926 1 109 179 1 121 193 1 133 432	8.7 8.4 7.9 7.6 8.2 8.0	1 089 642 1 095 824 1 099 495 1 106 028 1 118 716 1 124 205	8.7 8.4 7.9 7.4 8.2 8.0			
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	41 115 41 489 41 748 41 721 42 222 44 466	5.6 4.8 6.1 5.8 5.2 5.1	41 349 41 389 41 810 42 026 42 082 42 284	5.5 5.1 5.8 5.8 5.0 5.7		1 133 334 1 143 250 1 148 480 1 158 430 1 166 766 1 179 208	9.2 9.8 9.0 9.6 8.9 9.3	1 134 054 1 144 704 1 149 038 1 159 036 1 165 116 1 173 933	9.0 10.0 9.1 9.7 9.0 9.0			
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	42 700 41 757 42 395 42 188 42 426 42 656	6.2 5.9 6.5 3.4 4.3 3.8	42 488 42 608 42 634 42 692 42 797 42 967	5.6 5.9 5.1 4.7 4.3 3.8	 	1 177 469 1 189 105 1 216 910 1 223 634 1 242 127 1 250 522	9.2 9.5 10.6 10.5 11.1 10.6	1 189 282 1 199 580 1 213 598 1 221 057 1 240 892 1 239 332	9.4 9.7 10.6 10.6 11.3 10.5	 		
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	43 127 44 078 43 969 43 926 44 644 47 093	4.9 6.2 5.3 5.3 5.7 5.9	43 351 43 913 44 076 44 236 44 412 44 274	4.8 6.1 5.4 5.3 5.5 4.7		1 256 355 1 255 440 1 277 128 1 288 383 1 308 227 1 328 332	11.1 10.0 11.5 11.5 12.3 12.8	1 256 631 1 257 712 1 276 283 1 291 692 1 307 077 1 322 811	11.1 10.1 11.4 11.8 12.4 12.8	 		
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	45 567 44 367 44 669 45 939 	6.7 6.2 5.4 8.9 	45 274 45 251 45 501 45 878	6.6 6.2 6.7 7.5 		1 319 981 1 335 378 1 365 615 1 379 504 [†] 1 386 746 1 420 964	12.2 12.4 12.4 13.0 11.7 13.7	1 332 517 1 346 835 1 359 457 1 376 785 1 385 569 1 406 039	12.2 12.4 12.2 13.0 11.7 13.5	 		

¹ A fuller range of monetary aggregates is published monthly in Financial

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 These figures fall outside the scope of National Statistics.
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 At end period.





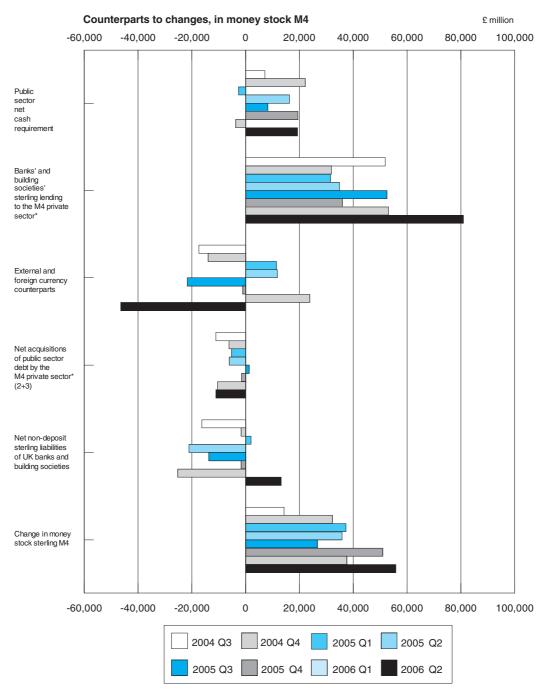
Counterparts to changes in money stock M41,2

 ${\mathfrak L}$ million, not seasonally adjusted

		Purchases by the M4 private sector ⁴ of:		private sector ⁴ of: of public sector		ancing		UK banks	and building s	societies		
	Public sector net cash require- ment+ ³	Central govern- ment debt	Other public sector debt	Purchase of British government stocks by overseas sector	Other	Public sector contribution M4	Sterling lending to the M4 private sector	External and foreign currency trans- actions	Net non- deposit sterling liabili- ties	External and foreign currency counter- parts	M4	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	ABEN -2 750 18 316 38 829 41 366 41 303	RCMD 7 526 -9 148 -31 962 -30 783 -11 274	AVBV 191 -110 -473 -1 147 -279	AVBZ 318 -897 10 378 2 235 30 793	AQGA 4 194 1 588 -3 067 -158 84	AVBF 8 842 11 543 -7 048 7 042 -957	AVBS 82 574 107 553 127 820 156 084 154 958	AVBW -21 607 -25 113 -27 161 4 380 31 302	AVBX -10 815 -25 149 -20 341 -67 477 -34 439	VQLP -17 732 -22 627 -40 603† 1 987 594	AUZI 58 994 68 834 73 271 100 030 150 864	
2001 Q1	-12 408	3 243	-268	-2 356	3 734	-3 343	30 987	-7 719	1 254	-1 629	21 178	
Q2	6 421	2 972	233	4 549	1 000	6 078	21 177	-7 262	-4 325	-10 811	15 669	
Q3	-6 103	4 439	95	-2 931	1 287	2 648	15 809	7 221	-8 836	11 438	16 842	
Q4	9 340	–3 128	131	1 056	–1 827	3 459	14 601	-13 847	1 092	-16 730	5 305	
2002 Q1	-6 179	2 873	-260	-1 045	2 398	-124	24 577	-7 089	-3 172	-3 646	14 192	
Q2	7 087	-4 266	101	-266	-1 001	2 188	24 515	1 613	-8 069	879	20 247	
Q3	399	-2 120	93	-1 960	208	540	34 146	-8 547	-11 077	-6 379	15 063	
Q4	17 009	-5 635	-44	2 374	-17	8 939	24 315	-11 090	-2 831	-13 481	19 332	
2003 Q1	-318	-4 248	31	1 934	430	-6 038	21 776	2 357	-4 432	854	13 663	
Q2	16 293	-8 454	-210	2 855	-2 099	2 676	34 669	-1 532	-6 969	-6 485	28 845	
Q3	5 852	-10 522	-184	980	-1 222	-7 056	30 472	-2 300	-17 743	-4 501	3 373	
Q4	17 002	-8 738	-110	4 609	-176	3 370	40 903	-25 686	8 803	-30 471	27 390	
2004 Q1	259	-11 970	-499	978	1 670	-11 519	34 788	30 397	-33 204	31 089	20 463	
Q2	11 692	-1 846	-343	2 204	-136	7 162	37 493	4 568	-16 199	2 227	33 024	
Q3	7 216	-11 055	-26	125	-1 441	-5 431	51 904	-15 857	-16 348	-17 423	14 268	
Q4	22 199	-5 912	-279	–1 072	-251	16 830	31 899	-14 728	-1 726	-13 906	32 275	
2005 Q1	-2 597	-4 916	-321	8 136	1 411	-14 558	31 595	18 232	2 046	11 507	37 315	
Q2	16 312	-5 907	-152	5 424	-306	4 523	34 880	17 534	-21 074	11 805	35 864	
Q3	8 242	1 171	174	12 628	-815	-3 856	52 484	-8 218	-13 694	-21 661	26 715	
Q4	19 346	-1 622	20	4 605	-206	12 934	35 999	3 754	-1 717	-1 057	50 970	
2006 Q1	–3 671 [†]	-10 467 [†]	3 [†]	5 790	1 108	-18 818	53 172	28 496	-25 246	23 813	37 603	
Q2	19 235	-11 176	16	8 109	305	270	80 964	-38 611	13 304	-46 416	55 927	
2003 Jul	-6 066	-2 472	-235	-1 339	880	-6 555	7 695	-900	-11 353	1 319	-11 112	
Aug	3 454	-5 675	53	228	-771	-3 166	5 269	-9 972	11 432	-10 971	3 563	
Sep	8 464	-2 375	-3	2 091	-1 331	2 665	17 507	8 572	-17 823	5 151	10 921	
Oct	-1 576	-5 271	-96	-1 161	3 016	-2 766	23 364	-21 906	5 433	-17 729	4 125	
Nov	5 551	1 071	-41	7 050	-49	-518	9 725	8 850	-2 980	1 751	15 077	
Dec	13 026	-4 538	28	-1 280	-3 143	6 654	7 815	-12 630	6 350	-14 492	8 188	
2004 Jan	-14 375	493	-292	-786	3 019	-10 368	20 704	7 285	-18 931	11 090	-1 311	
Feb	-68	-4 662	237	1 267	225	-5 536	4 735	12 057	-3 581	11 015	7 675	
Mar	14 701	-7 801	-444	497	-1 574	4 386	9 349	11 055	-10 691	8 984	14 099	
Apr	-2 239	-2 121	-158	-1 908	80	-2 530	10 447	6 561	-7 175	8 548	7 303	
May	3 207	-1 617	-26	1 168	-68	328	8 540	3 210	325	1 974	12 402	
Jun	10 724	1 892	-159	2 944	-148	9 364	18 506	-5 203	-9 349	-8 295	13 319	
Jul	-6 886	-4 326	139	-947	-117	-10 243	14 255	940	-5 114	1 770	-162	
Aug	3 256	2 294	-106	3 248	409	2 605	15 576	-6 240	-1 700	-9 080	10 240	
Sep	10 845	-9 023	-58	-2 176	-1 733	2 208	22 074	-10 557	-9 534	-10 114	4 190	
Oct	-1 486	-2 332	-118	1 345	-56	-5 337	15 016	-5 602	5 877	-7 002	9 954	
Nov	9 024	190	-43	-1 944	286	11 401	2 124	-1 068	-2 775	1 161	9 682	
Dec	14 661	-3 770	-118	-473	-480	10 766	14 759	-8 058	-4 828	-8 065	12 639	
2005 Jan	-16 853	-4 621	24	802	1 714	-20 539	16 638	-3 751	6 055	-2 840	-1 597	
Feb	627	2 044	-138	2 651	-406	-523	4 563	14 821	-7 219	11 764	11 641	
Mar	13 629	-2 339	-207	4 683	103	6 504	10 394	7 162	3 210	2 583	27 271	
Apr	-1 086	1 402	-250	1 938	-37	-1 909	8 592	2 511	-2 466	536	6 727	
May	5 121	-4 114	210	-680	-129	1 768	14 765	18 834	-14 632	19 386	20 735	
Jun	12 278	-3 194	-113	4 166	-139	4 664	11 524	-3 811	-3 976	-8 116	8 401	
Jul	-8 454	1 094	87	2 732	-551	-10 556	18 439	-1 503	-544	-4 785	5 837	
Aug	4 743	2 746	127	4 017	-150	3 449	5 005	-13 272	3 910	-17 439	-909	
Sep	11 952	-2 669	–39	5 879	-114	3 250	29 040	6 557	-17 060	564	21 787	
Oct	-4 861	688	–226	3 247	-187	-7 833	12 284	1 598	5 211	-1 836	11 260	
Nov	8 960	-2 966	225	261	-210	5 749	660	14 536	-1 344	14 065	19 600	
Dec	15 247	656	20	1 097	191	15 018	23 056	-12 381	-5 584	-13 286	20 110	
2006 Jan	-21 357 [†] 1 789 15 897 -1 501 7 498 13 238	1 196	134 [†]	1 347	1 098	-20 275	8 838	22 139	-19 047	21 890	-8 346	
Feb		-6 312	214	2 013	26	-6 295	16 670	-2 721	7 748	-4 707	15 401	
Mar		-5 352	-346	2 430	-17	7 753	27 664	9 078	-13 947	6 630	30 548	
Apr		4 321	303	4 784 [†]	-193 [†]	-1 853 [†]	26 826 [†]	-6 340 [†]	-4 739†	-11 316 [†]	13 894	
May		-9 271	-104	-1 256	728	107	16 133	-28 676	20 246	-26 692	7 810	
Jun		-6 226	-184	4 581	-231	2 016	38 006	-3 595	-2 203	-8 408	34 223	

For most periods the relationships between the columns are as follows: $6=1+2+3-4+5;\ 10=4+5+8;\ 11=1+2+3+7+9+10$

¹ A wider range of figures is published monthly in *Financial Statistics*.
2 These figures fall outside the scope of National Statistics.
3 Formerly the public sector borrowing requirement.
4 Comprises all UK residents other than the public sector, banks and building societies.



^{*}Private sector other than banks and building societies

6.4 Public sector receipts and expenditure

£ million, not seasonally adjusted

	Public sector current expenditure									Pu	blic sect	or currer	t receipts			
	Current expendi- ture on goods and services	Subsid- ies	social	Net current grants abroad	Other current grants	Interest paid to private sector and RoW	expendi-	Operat- ing surplus	Taxes on production	Taxes on income and wealth	Taxes on capital	Other current taxes	Compul- sory social contri- butions	Interest /divi- dends from private/ RoW	Rent and other current trans- fers	Total current receipts
2002 2003 2004 2005	GZSN 212 464 [†] 232 699 250 708 267 530		ANLY	GZSI -539 -850 [†] -424 -519	NNAI 27 351 30 275 32 550 32 845	ANLO	ANLT 387 633	ANBP 16 946 [†] 18 072 18 334 20 252	NMYE 138 365 145 970 154 628 158 024		NMGI	MJBC 22 788 [†] 25 174 26 881 28 276	ANBO 63 410 71 540 78 709 85 031	ANBQ 4 457 [†] 4 488 5 377 6 078	ANBS, 2 514 ¹ 2 242 2 072	ANBT 393 642 414 042 443 538
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	51 816 [†] 53 001 53 530 54 117	1 040 [†] 1 356 1 398 1 832	29 233 [†] 29 542 30 116 32 306	12 -126 -375 -50	7 516 6 510 7 130 6 195	5 236 5 437 4 631 6 230	94 853 95 720 96 430 100 630	4 284 [†] 4 289 4 297 4 076	32 611 33 940 35 825 35 989	45 799 [†] 28 564 35 520 32 898	556 607 619 599	5 494 [†] 5 679 5 825 5 790	17 103 15 142 15 278 15 887	1 071 [†] 1 080 1 119 1 187	717 [†] 520 757 520	107 635 89 821 99 240 96 946
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	56 739 58 158 58 449 59 353	1 457 2 327 1 457 1 504	30 672 31 166 32 419 34 855	-75 -185 -293 [†] -297	7 720 7 701 7 054 7 800	5 321 5 792 ¹ 5 349 6 181	101 834 104 959 104 435 109 396	4 520 4 443 4 460 4 649	34 073 36 517 36 564 38 816	46 246 29 407 36 132 32 355	545 606 631 634	5 898 6 355 6 469 6 452	17 222 17 670 18 245 18 403	1 155 1 081 1 088 1 164	677 520 524 521	110 336 96 599 104 113 102 994
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	61 166 62 020 63 028 64 494	1 428 1 682 1 451 1 899	32 433 33 593 34 067 36 425	-220 -187 -35 18	8 510 7 660 8 751 7 629	5 455 5 662 5 808 6 654	108 772 110 430 113 070 117 119	4 815 4 399 4 456 4 664	36 920 38 439 38 809 40 460	47 611 31 628 39 214 36 203	650 731 759 741	6 472 6 730 6 880 6 799	20 830 18 663 19 105 20 111	1 173 1 347 1 404 1 453	531 510	118 987 102 468 111 137 110 946
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	65 492 65 817 67 461 68 760	1 740 1 360 1 536 1 539	33 451 35 122 35 636 38 156	-372 -23 -150 26	9 612 7 247 8 153 7 833	6 424 6 483 6 316 7 086	116 347 116 006 118 952 123 400	4 852 4 819 5 298 5 283	37 286 39 262 40 497 40 979	54 147 35 554 44 099 39 414	713 804 844 793	6 816 7 112 7 427 6 921	22 330 20 555 20 832 21 314	1 431 1 538 1 550 1 559	506 499 497 495	128 081 110 143 121 044 116 758
2006 Q1	70 181	1 647	34 724	-44	9 913	6 583	123 004	5 119	38 833	60 787	837	7 299	23 908	1 482	495	138 760

Source: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries: 020 7533 5987

6.5 Public sector key fiscal indicators¹

£ million², not seasonally adjusted

	Surplus on cur	rent budget ³	Net inve	estment ⁴	Net bor	rowing ⁵	Net cash requirement		Public sec	tor net debt
	General government	Public sector	General government	Public sector	General government	Public sector	General government	Public sector	£ billion ⁶	Percentage of GDP ⁷
2002 2003 2004 2005	ANLW -6 571 [†] -18 330 -18 848 -15 974	ANMU -8 180 [†] -21 457 -21 611 -15 566	-ANNV 10 716 [†] 17 954 18 910 21 718	-ANNW 10 173 [†] 15 620 16 126 21 443	NNBK, -17 287 [†] -36 284 -37 758 -37 692	-ANNX 18 353 [†] 37 077 37 737 37 009	RUUS 16 421 38 214 41 321 41 866	RURQ 19 310 38 521 42 324 40 897	RUTN 349.0 380.2 421.9 461.6 [†]	RUTO 32.4 33.2 35.1 36.9
2002 Q1	9 498 [†]	9 330 [†]	4 617 [†]	4 718 [†]	4 881 [†]	-4 612 [†]	-6 383	-6 119	314.6	30.4
Q2	-8 996	-9 395	1 201	715	-10 197	10 110	7 126	7 045	321.5	30.7
Q3	-412	-742	2 887	2 430	-3 299	3 172	-145	1 329	325.5	30.6
Q4	-6 661	-7 373	2 011	2 310	-8 672	9 683	15 823	17 055	349.0	32.4
2003 Q1	5 932	4 793	6 898	6 620	-966	1 827	-1 305	-208	346.3	31.7
Q2	-11 189	-12 010	3 027	2 200	-14 216	14 210	16 404	16 266	354.8	32.0
Q3	-3 491	-4 054	3 903	3 337	-7 394	7 391	6 036	5 903	360.1	32.0
Q4	-9 582	-10 186	4 126	3 463	-13 708	13 649	17 079	16 560	380.2	33.2
2004 Q1	7 315	6 385	6 481	5 596	834	-789	486	1 003	381.1	32.8
Q2	-11 096	-11 858	3 633	2 835	-14 729	14 693	11 577	11 690	393.9	33.5
Q3	-5 286	-5 939	4 052	3 345	-9 338	9 284	6 968	7 370	399.6	33.6
Q4	-9 781	-10 199	4 744	4 350	-14 525	14 549	22 290	22 261	421.9	35.1
2005 Q1	8 064	7 618	8 506	8 613	-442	995	-2 098	-2 750	419.6	34.6
Q2	-9 770	-10 050	2 902	2 447	-12 672	12 497	15 948	16 246	434.1	35.4
Q3	-2 793	-2 162	4 922	4 915	-7 715	7 077	8 458	8 156	441.6 [†]	35.6
Q4	-11 475	-10 972	5 388	5 468	-16 863	16 440	19 558	19 245	461.6	36.9
2006 Q1	11 225	11 345	9 459	9 450	1 766	-1 895	-3 896	-3 459 [†]	457.2	36.1
Q2	-12 933	-12 798	3 860	3 435	-16 602	16 233	19 407	19 207	478.7	37.6

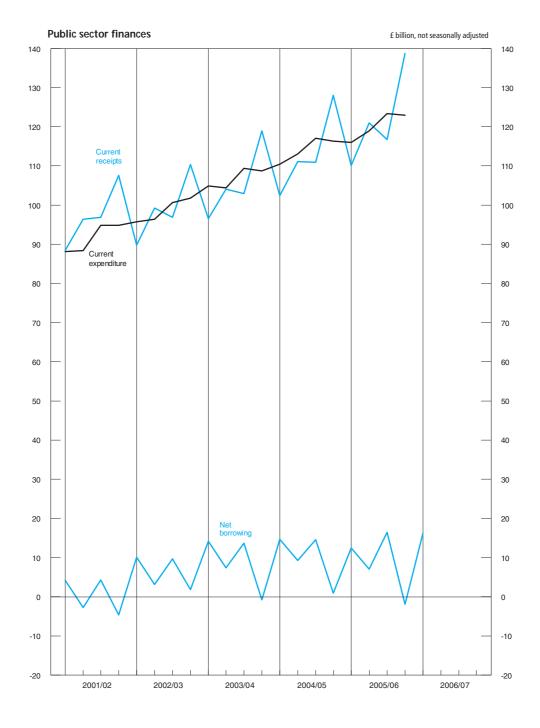
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Source: Office for National Statistics; Enquiries 020 7533 5984

³ Net saving, *plus* capital taxes.
4 Gross capital formation, *plus* payments *less* receipts of investment grants, less depreciation.

⁵ Net borrowing equals net investment *minus* surplus on current budget.

⁶ Net amount outstanding at end of period.
7 Net debt at end of the month, gross domestic product at market prices for 12 months centred on the end of the month.



Consumer credit and other household sector borrowing

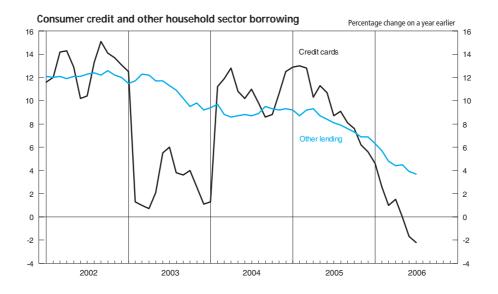
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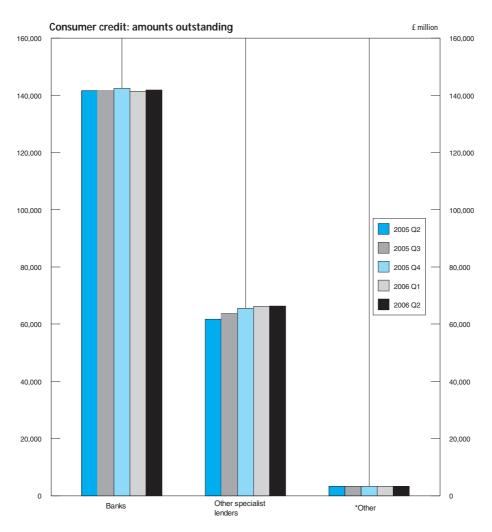
Consumer credit									
	Total	of w	vhich			Other			Loans secured
	net lending	Credit cards ¹	Other lending ¹	Banks	Building societies	specialist lenders	Retailers	Insurance companies	on dwellings (NSA) ²
Amounts outst 2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	anding VZRI 136 931 141 444 144 885 150 250	VZRJ 38 010 39 417 39 999 41 758	VZRK 98 979 102 048 104 873 108 447	VRVV 95 843 100 376 103 411 107 704	VZRG 411 423 446 435	VZRH 36 966 36 728 37 414 38 462	RLBO 2 523 2 510 2 523 2 478	VZQZ 1 229 1 221 1 206 1 178	AMWT 547 283 561 325 577 278 591 350
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	154 229 157 727 163 976 168 718	43 400 43 430 45 953 47 241	110 890 114 310 117 962 121 475	110 956 113 115 118 382 120 975	462 458 520 606	39 198 40 178 41 465 43 396	2 504 2 575 2 562 2 531	1 183 1 193 1 196 1 182	606 381 625 858 652 603 675 172
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	168 645 173 825 177 627 [†] 180 254	43 805 45 799 47 614 47 761	124 839 127 997 129 947 132 592	116 676 119 480 121 820 [†] 122 775	622 668 732 762	47 881 50 263 52 251 53 883	2 520 2 222 2 170 2 141	1 033 933 824 701	695 626 718 292 746 306 774 592
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	184 724 189 698 193 966 198 545	48 961 [†] 50 489 51 703 53 715	135 745 139 194 142 206 144 912	127 075 130 681 133 770 137 205	750 777 836 904	54 222 55 358 56 858 57 950	2 070 2 043 1 992 1 932	669 655 610 573	799 585 826 811 854 432 877 516
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	203 422 206 803 208 924 211 374	55 172 55 906 55 916 56 672	148 214 150 917 152 954 154 800	140 313 141 597 141 793 142 473	947 978 1 066 1 110	59 764 61 756 63 795 65 563	1 863 1 815 1 775 1 746	565 556 538 520	893 251 917 114 942 546 967 183
2006 Q1 Q2	211 042 211 565	55 687 54 992	155 245 156 638 [†]	141 429 141 877	1 158 1 178	66 238 _† 66 325 [†]	1 698 1 644	507 492	988 753
2003 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	169 686 [†] 166 802 168 474 169 826 171 780 173 597	47 462 [†] 43 580 43 707 44 131 45 046 45 681	122 224 [†] 123 222 124 767 125 695 126 734 127 916	121 323 [†] 119 762 116 309 116 815 117 937 119 230	599 613 630 654 653 681	44 292 42 614 47 717 49 535 49 795 50 611	2 542 2 538 2 510 2 486 2 470 [†] 2 216	1 143 1 089 1 033 990 959 933	
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	175 288 176 664 177 550 178 987 180 068 180 156	46 362 46 921 47 609 47 986 47 867 47 575	128 927 129 742 129 941 131 001 132 201 132 582	120 685 121 644 121 687 121 913 122 666 122 590	693 709 721 727 725 736	50 744 50 704 52 135 53 595 53 886 53 778	2 201 2 200 2 161 2 152 2 154 2 134	904 868 824 776 732 701	
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	181 790 183 627 184 686 186 330 187 654 189 588	48 063 48 480 48 916 49 771 49 892 50 363	133 727 135 147 135 770 136 559 137 762 139 224	125 306 126 661 126 965 128 427 129 116 130 709	746 749 759 770 785 788	53 137 53 453 54 100 55 011 55 269 55 672	2 088 2 038 2 063 2 061 2 038 2 038	681 672 669 668 664 655	
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	191 646 192 777 193 990 195 352 197 320 198 469	51 443 51 501 51 686 52 232 52 962 53 521	140 203 141 276 142 304 143 120 144 358 144 947	132 085 132 403 133 822 135 271 136 272 136 985	800 808 821 832 848 879	55 802 56 218 56 820 57 152 57 698 57 761	2 025 1 995 1 985 1 967 1 947 1 925	642 626 610 595 582 573	
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	200 341 201 739 203 439 204 192 205 287 206 718	54 272 54 772 55 188 54 916 55 527 55 762	146 069 146 968 148 251 149 276 149 760 150 956	138 248 138 908 140 343 140 619 141 049 141 734	897 912 959 941 963 990	58 785 59 165 59 704 60 867 61 057 62 015	1 904 1 879 1 858 1 832 1 819 1 811	568 566 565 563 560 556	
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	207 535 208 600 209 016 209 828 210 538 211 375	55 944 56 178 55 876 56 192 56 237 56 495	151 591 152 421 153 140 153 637 154 302 154 880	141 924 142 114 141 743 141 437 141 723 142 365	1 027 1 047 1 052 1 072 1 083 1 082	62 044 62 314 63 804 65 289 65 504 65 343	1 792 1 791 1 769 1 760 1 746 1 738	550 544 538 532 526 520	
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	212 113 211 538 211 146 211 518 211 937 211 606	56 792 56 176 55 762 55 737 55 500 54 812	155 321 155 362 155 384 155 781 156 437 156 794	142 910 141 989 141 355 141 988 142 260 141 987	1 101 1 127 1 177 1 157 1 180 1 194	66 106 66 034 66 216 66 954 [†] 66 530 66 537	1 723 1 705 1 694 1 682 1 668 1 642	515 511 507 503 498 492	
Jul	211 857	54 696	157 161	142 223	1 214	65 828	1 629	486	

Since January 1999, a more accurate breakdown between credit card and other lending has been available. Credit card lending by other specialist lenders can now be separately identified and is included within the credit card component. Data from January 1999 onwards are therefore not directly comparable with earlier periods.

 These figures fall outside the scope of National Statistics.

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 $^{^{\}star}$ Other is the sum of retailers, insurance companies and building societies

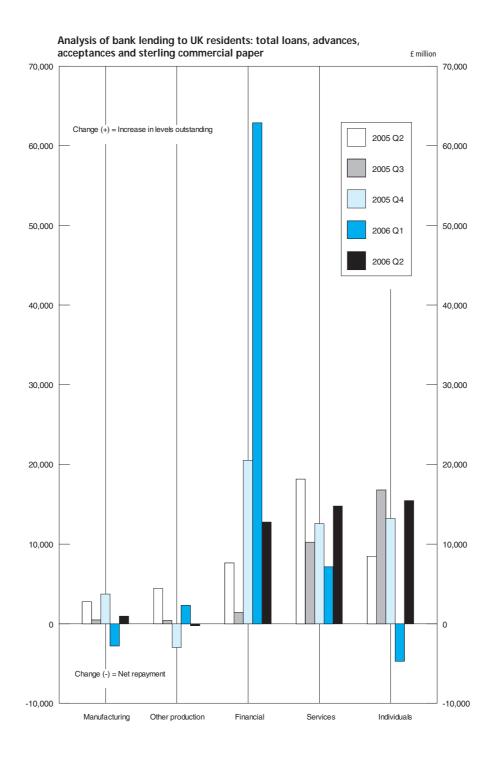
Analysis of bank lending to UK residents^{1,2}

 $\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{L}}$ million, not seasonally adjusted

	Manufacturing ³	Other production	Financial	Services	Individuals	Total loans, advances and acceptances
Total loans, advances, accep	tances and sterling	commercial paper				
Amounts outstanding	TBSF	BCEX	BCFH	BCFR	TBTW	TBSA
2005 Q2	43 892	40 642	497 342	296 820	674 527	1 553 222
Q3	44 538	41 118	501 621	307 164	689 722	1 584 162
Q4	48 568	38 311	527 289	318 441	702 175	1 634 785
2006 Q1	45 781 [†]	40 618	590 860 [†]	325 669 [†]	694 440 [†]	1 697 367 [†]
Q2	46 245	40 215	593 914	339 566	706 910	1 726 849
Of which in sterling						
2005 Q2 Q3 Q4	TBUF 30 466 31 060 31 509	BCEY 36 853 37 571 34 754	BCFI 250 928 260 562 272 689	BCFS 277 027 284 904 294 993	TBVW 673 685 688 579 701 220	TBUA 1 268 959 1 302 676 1 335 165
2006 Q1	31 057 [†]	37 047	292 021 [†]	299 428 [†]	693 055 [†]	1 352 609 [†]
Q2	32 223	36 408	306 681	314 607	705 450	1 395 369
Changes in sterling	TBWF	BCEZ	BCFJ	BCFT	TBXW	TBWA
2005 Q2	1 285	3 933	11 816	17 077	8 498	42 610
Q3	594	718	9 634	7 985	16 492	35 424
Q4	450	–2 927	11 872	11 793	13 481	34 668
2006 Q1	-453 [†]	2 294	19 332 [†]	4 396 [†]	-5 165 [†]	20 405 [†]
Q2	1 166	-640	13 737	15 179	15 330	44 772
Changes in foreign currencie	es TBYF	BCFA	BCFK	BCFU	TBZW	TBYA
2005 Q2	1 488	517	-4 193	1 096	-42	-1 133
Q3	-116	-288	-8 251	2 249	292	-6 115
Q4	3 269	-65	8 652	787	-270	12 373
2006 Q1	−2 357 [†]	20	43 530 [†]	2 731	423	44 347
Q2	−198	391	-957	-388	128	-1 024
Facilities granted						
Amounts outstanding	T045	DOED	DOE	DOE!	TORW	TOAA
2005 Q2 Q3 Q4	TCAF 85 567 83 697 87 320	BCFB 73 990 75 025 75 902	BCFL 556 131 565 990 593 097	BCFV 413 779 422 977 438 985	TCBW 762 253 782 659 792 984	TCAA 1 891 719 1 930 349 1 988 288
2006 Q1	86 030 [†]	74 670 [†]	664 340 [†]	447 750 [†]	792 780 [†]	2 065 569 [†]
Q2	85 602	78 963	670 214	467 925	809 673	2 112 378
Of which in sterling	TCCF	BCFC	BCFM	BCFW	TCDW	TCCA
2005 Q2	53 016	57 655	286 953	369 369	761 236	1 528 229
Q3	51 639	58 229	300 707	375 208	781 324	1 567 107
Q4	52 314	57 978	311 539	388 423	791 769	1 602 021
2006 Q1	52 797 [†]	57 610	333 404 [†]	393 624 [†]	791 141 [†]	1 628 576 [†]
Q2	52 659	61 251	347 722	414 138	807 952	1 683 723
Changes in sterling	TCEF	BCFD	BCFN	BCFX	TCFW	TCEA
2005 Q2	80	3 381	12 278	20 226	8 978	44 943
Q3	-1 377	573	13 754	5 948	21 687	40 584
Q4	675	–361	10 577	14 918	11 284	37 093
2006 Q1	483 [†]	–367 [†]	21 865 [†]	5 162 [†]	2 373 [†]	29 516 [†]
Q2	–137	3 641	13 395	20 514	19 746	57 159
Changes in foreign currencie	es TCGF	BCFE	BCFO	BCFY	TCHW	TCGA
2005 Q2	3 023	194	644	1 884	-35	5 710
Q3	-898	245	-7 052	2 812	306	-4 587
Q4	2 219	711	10 822	1 775	-207	15 320
2006 Q1	-1 685 [†]	-722 [†]	48 807 [†]	3 681 [†]	417	50 500 [†]
Q2	1 116	1 526	3 773	1 954	146	8 515

¹ Comprises loans, advances (including under reverse repos), finance leasing, acceptances, facilities and holdings of sterling commercial paper issued by UK residents, provided by reporting banks to their UK resident non-bank and non-building society customers. This analysis is based on the 1992 Standard Industrial Classification and excludes lending to residents in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man who are classified as non-residents for statistical purposes from end-September 1997. Holdings of investments and bills and adjustments for transit items are no longer included. For a more detailed breakdown of these data see *Financial Statistics* Table 4.5B.

² These figures fall outside the scope of National Statistics.
3 Includes lending under the DTI special scheme for domestic shipbuilding.

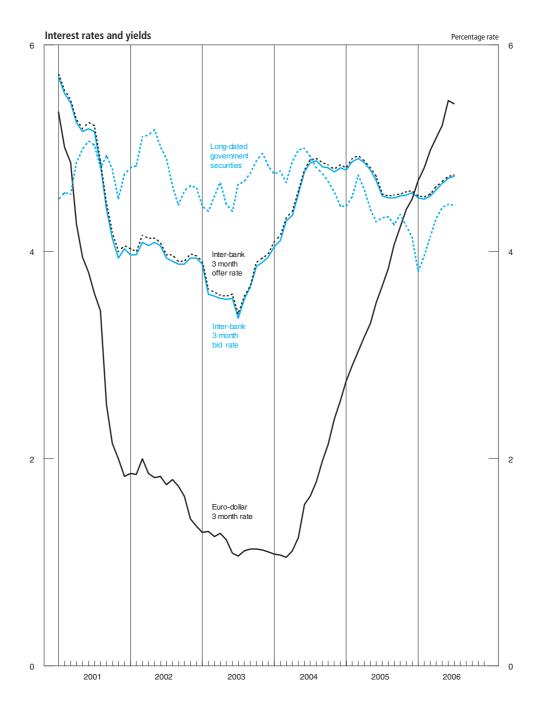


6.8 Interest rates and yields¹

Percentage	rate

			Last Friday					Last working day	
	Treasury bill yield ²	Inter-bank 3 months bid rate ³	Inter-bank 3 months offer rate ³	Sterling certificates of deposit 3 months bid rate	Sterling certificates of deposit 3 months offer rate	Selected retail banks: base rate	3 month US Treasury bills rate	3 month Euro-dollar rate	British government securities: long-dated ⁴ - 20 years
2002 2003 2004 2005	AJRP 3.92 3.90 4.75 4.48	HSAJ 3.94 3.95 4.81 4.57	HSAK 3.96 3.98 4.84 4.59	HSAL 3.90 3.95 4.78 4.57	HSAM 3.94 3.98 4.82 4.61	ZCMG 	LUST 1.20 0.93 2.18 3.92	AJIB 1.35 1.10 2.56 4.51	AJLX 4.83 4.64 4.77 4.39
2002 Jan	3.90	3.97	4.03	3.97	3.99	4.00	1.73	1.86	4.81
Feb	3.91	3.97	4.00	3.91	3.95	4.00	1.76	1.85	4.83
Mar	4.04	4.09	4.16	4.09	4.11	4.00	1.76	2.00	5.11
Apr	3.98	4.06	4.13	4.05	4.06	4.00	1.74	1.86	5.13
May	4.04	4.09	4.13	4.09	4.11	4.00	1.71	1.82	5.18
Jun	3.97	4.06	4.09	4.05	4.07	4.00	1.67	1.83	5.02
Jul	3.75	3.94	3.97	3.92	3.94	4.00	1.68	1.75	4.90
Aug	3.86	3.91	3.97	3.91	3.93	4.00	1.66	1.80	4.64
Sep	3.81	3.88	3.91	3.85	3.86	4.00	1.54	1.74	4.45
Oct	3.73	3.88	3.91	3.85	3.87	4.00	1.42	1.64	4.59
Nov	3.86	3.94	3.98	3.94	3.95	4.00	1.21	1.42	4.64
Dec	3.92	3.94	3.96	3.90	3.94	4.00	1.20	1.35	4.62
2003 Jan	3.79	3.88	3.91	3.88	3.89	4.00	1.16	1.29	4.44
Feb	3.49	3.59	3.64	3.60	3.62	3.75	1.18	1.30	4.39
Mar	3.51	3.57	3.61	3.57	3.59	3.75	1.12	1.25	4.54
Apr	3.47	3.55	3.58	3.54	3.56	3.75	1.11	1.28	4.67
May	3.44	3.54	3.57	3.55	3.55	3.75	1.09	1.22	4.46
Jun	3.50	3.55	3.59	3.55	3.56	3.75	0.89	1.09	4.39
Jul	3.32	3.36	3.40	3.36	3.38	3.50	0.94	1.06	4.65
Aug	3.53	3.54	3.57	3.54	3.56	3.50	0.97	1.11	4.68
Sep	3.59	3.66	3.67	3.63	3.65	3.50	0.94	1.13	4.76
Oct	3.81	3.86	3.90	3.85	3.87	3.50	0.94	1.13	4.88
Nov	3.86	3.90	3.94	3.90	3.92	3.75	0.92	1.12	4.95
Dec	3.90	3.95	3.98	3.95	3.98	3.75	0.93	1.10	4.83
2004 Jan	4.00	4.05	4.10	4.06	4.08	3.75	0.90	1.08	4.75
Feb	4.11	4.11	4.16	4.12	4.14	4.00	0.94	1.07	4.78
Mar	4.24	4.30	4.33	4.30	4.32	4.00	0.93	1.05	4.67
Apr	4.31	4.35	4.39	4.35	4.37	4.00	0.96	1.11	4.87
May	4.54	4.56	4.59	4.55	4.59	4.25	1.06	1.24	4.98
Jun	4.65	4.77	4.79	4.74	4.78	4.50	1.31	1.56	5.00
Jul	4.80	4.86	4.89	4.87	4.88	4.50	1.42	1.64	4.92
Aug	4.77	4.88	4.90	4.88	4.90	4.75	1.57	1.78	4.81
Sep	4.73	4.82	4.86	4.83	4.85	4.75	1.68	1.98	4.76
Oct	4.73	4.81	4.84	4.82	4.84	4.75	1.87	2.14	4.68
Nov	4.69	4.77	4.80	4.76	4.80	4.75	2.20	2.38	4.58
Dec	4.75	4.81	4.84	4.78	4.82	4.75	2.18	2.56	4.44
2005 Jan	4.71	4.79	4.81	4.77	4.81	4.75	2.48	2.75	4.44
Feb	4.79	4.87	4.90	4.86	4.90	4.75	2.72	2.90	4.53
Mar	4.82	4.90	4.93	4.88	4.92	4.75	2.73	3.04	4.74
Apr	4.75	4.86	4.88	4.85	4.89	4.75	2.84	3.18	4.60
May	4.70	4.79	4.81	4.78	4.82	4.75	2.93	3.31	4.41
Jun	4.57	4.69	4.73	4.69	4.73	4.75	3.06	3.51	4.29
Jul	4.48	4.54	4.56	4.53	4.57	4.75	3.35	3.67	4.33
Aug	4.43	4.52	4.54	4.51	4.55	4.75†	3.44	3.84	4.34
Sep	4.45	4.52	4.55	4.52	4.56	4.50	3.47	4.07	4.26
Oct	4.47	4.54	4.56	4.53	4.57	4.50	3.89	4.24	4.36
Nov	4.46	4.55	4.58	4.54	4.58	4.50	3.86	4.41	4.25
Dec	4.48	4.57	4.59	4.57	4.61	4.50	3.92	4.51	4.14
2006 Jan	4.45	4.52	4.54	4.51	4.55	4.50	4.37	4.69	3.81
Feb	4.44	4.51	4.53	4.49	4.53	4.50	4.51	4.81	3.96
Mar	4.47	4.54	4.56	4.53	4.57	4.50	4.52	4.98	4.15
Apr	4.50	4.60	4.63	4.59	4.63	4.50	4.66	5.10	4.32
May	4.56	4.66	4.68	4.65	4.68	4.50	4.74	5.22	4.43
Jun	4.59	4.71	4.73	4.71	4.73	4.50	4.88	5.46	4.46
Jul	4.63	4.73	4.74	4.71	4.74	4.50	4.97	5.43	4.45

¹ These figures fall outside the scope of National Statistics.
2 Average discount rate expressed as the rate at which interest is earned during the life of the bills.
3 Spread of rates over the day in the inter-bank sterling market; from June 1982 rates are the spread at 10.30 am.
4 Averages of Wednesdays until February 1980; from March 1980 figures are the average of all observations (three a week); from January 1982 average of working days. Calculated gross redemption yields - see Financial Statistics Explanatory Handbook.



A selection of asset prices

Not seasonally adjusted

	Producer price indices	s (2000 = 100)	Housing: DCLG all lenders mix-adjusted house price index (February 2002 = 100)			
	Plant and machinery bought as fixed assets by motor vehicle industry	Manufactured output: motor vehicle industry	New dwellings ¹	Second-hand dwellings ¹	All dwellings ¹	Average price of agricultural land in England (1995 = 100) ^{2,3}
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	PVJL 102.0 100.2 99.5 98.9 99.4	PQIR 95.4 95.2 94.6 96.1 97.3	WMPN 90.3 108.7 126.4 138.6 147.6	WMPP 95.7 111.6 129.0 144.6 152.4	WMPQ 95.1 111.2 128.7 143.9 151.8	BAJI 155 144 147 162
2001 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	102.9 103.1 101.2 101.1	95.4 95.5 95.4 95.4	90.8 90.8 94.1 95.4	92.1 96.0 99.4 96.9	92.1 95.4 98.8 96.8	156 148 160 154
2002 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	101.0 100.5 100.0 99.2	95.6 95.5 94.9 94.9	100.0 106.5 111.0 117.1	100.0 108.4 116.1 121.8	100.0 108.2 115.5 121.3	130 139 152 148
2003 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	99.1 99.7 99.9 99.5	94.6 94.1 94.5 95.1	119.3 127.2 127.9 131.8	124.0 127.3 131.1 133.7	123.4 127.2 130.7 133.4	136 148 179 141
2004 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	98.8 99.3 98.9 98.8	95.5 96.2 96.3 96.5	130.8 137.8 143.1 142.6	135.2 143.1 149.6 150.7	134.6 142.5 148.9 149.8	155 155 175 170
2005 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	99.2 99.0 99.7 99.8	96.9 97.0 97.5 97.8	145.1 146.5 149.0 149.6	150.1 151.6 154.5 153.7	149.5 150.9 153.8 153.1	211 189
2006 Q1 Q2	99.4 99.0p†	98.0 98.4p	154.1 155.4	155.1 159.4	154.8 158.9	
2004 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	98.8 98.2 99.3 99.1 99.5 99.2	95.0 95.4 96.2 96.3 96.3 95.9	131.5 129.4 131.6 135.9 136.7 140.9	136.0 134.7 134.8 141.1 142.9 145.3	135.4 134.1 134.4 140.5 142.2 144.7	- - - -
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	98.8 98.9 99.1 98.9 99.1 98.4	96.2 96.3 96.3 96.5 96.5 96.5	142.5 142.3 144.5 144.4 143.0 140.4	148.5 150.4 149.9 151.1 150.9 150.1	147.8 149.5 149.2 150.3 150.1 149.0	
2005 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	98.9 99.4 99.2 98.8 99.3 98.9	96.6 96.9 97.1 96.9 97.1 97.1	143.9 144.0 147.4 144.6 146.9 148.0	149.6 148.7 151.9 150.8 151.3 152.6	148.9 148.1 151.3 150.1 150.8 152.0	- - - - -
Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	99.9 99.4 99.7 100.2 99.8 99.5	97.4 97.4 97.6 97.8 97.7 97.8	149.7 148.8 148.5 151.1 146.9 150.9	154.3 154.4 154.8 153.0 154.2 153.8	153.7 153.7 154.0 152.7 153.4 153.3	
2006 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun	99.3 99.5 99.5 99.3p 98.7p† 99.1p	97.9 97.9 98.1 98.5 98.4 98.4p	155.5 150.9 156.1 153.7 156.5 156.1	155.3 153.6 156.5 158.1 159.7 160.4	155.1 153.2 156.2 157.6 159.2 159.9	
Jul	99.3p	98.5p				

¹ Series are based on mortgage lending by all financial institutions rather than building societies only, as previously published. This change was made necessary because of the mergers, takeovers and conversions to plc status affecting the building society sector. The series are based on the Department for Communites and Local Government's 5% survey of mortgage ment for Communites and Local Governments 5% survey of mortgage lenders (at completion stage), but now include all mortgage lenders rather than building societies only. From February 2002, monthly data have been obtained from the enlarged survey and from 2002Q2, quarterly data are based on monthly indices. From September 2005, figures are based on the new Regulated Mortgage Survey (CML/BankSearch).

2 Because of some changes in coverage, the revised series from 1993Q1 is not directly comparable with the old series. From this date, prices of all

sales of agricultural land exclude some transfers in order to come closer to estimates of market determined prices. However, the new series does not exactly represent competitive open market values. Sales are now analysed and recorded on the basis of when the transactions actually took place. For further information, visit the DEFRA website at www.statistics.defra.gov.uk/esg/default.htm. Data before 1993 remain on the previous basis.

3 Figures from 2001 onwards are provisional.

Sources: Office for National Statistics, Enquiries: Columns 1-2 01633 812106; Department for Communities and Local Government; Enquiries: Columns 3-5 020 7944 3325; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Enquiries: Column 6 01904 455326

Measures of variability of selected economic time series¹

					verage age change	es		MCD	Ī/ Ĉ for MCD (or
	Table			CI	-	_	T. =	or	QCD)
-	number(s)	Identifier	Period covered	CI	Ī	C	Ī/ C	QCD	span
Quarterly series									
National income and components:									
chained volume measures, reference year 2002									
Gross value added (GVA) at basic prices	2.1	CGCE	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.2	1	0.2
Households' final consumption expenditure	2.5	NPSP	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.4	1	0.4
Gross fixed capital formation	2.2, 2.7	NPQT	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	1.7	0.8	1.3	0.6	1	0.6
Exports of goods and services	2.2	IKBK	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	2.1	1.1	1.5	0.7	1	0.7
Imports of goods and services	2.2	IKBL	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	2.0	0.9	1.7	0.5	1	0.5
Real households' disposable income	2.5	NRJR	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.0	1	1.0
Current prices									
Gross operating surplus of private									
non-financial corporations	2.11	CAER	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.1	2	0.4
Other quarterly series									
Construction output ²	5.2	SFZX	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.9	1	0.9
Households' saving ratio ³	2.5	NRJS	Q1 1990 to Q1 2006	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.3	2	0.5
Monthly series									
Retail sales (volume per week) ²									
Predominantly food stores	5.8	EAPT	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	0.6	0.6	0.2	2.4	3	0.8
Predominantly non-food stores	5.8	EAPV	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	1.0	0.9	0.4	2.5	3	0.8
Non-store retailing and repair	5.8	EAPZ	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	2.1	2.0	0.5	3.6	4	0.9
Index of industrial production									
Production industries	5.1	CKYW	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	0.6	0.6	0.2	3.1	4	0.8
Manufacturing industries	5.1	CKYY	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	0.6	0.6	0.2	2.7	3	0.9
Average earnings: whole economy ²	4.6	LNMQ	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	1	0.7
Exports of goods ⁴	2.13	BOKG	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	2.9	2.7	0.8	3.4	3	1.0
Imports of goods ⁴	2.13	BOKH	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	2.3	2.1	0.8	2.8	3	0.8
Money stock - M0 ⁵	6.2	AVAE	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.6	1	0.6
Money stock - M4 ⁵	6.2	AUYN	Jan 1990 to Mar 2006	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.5	1	0.5

¹ For a fuller description of these measures see article 'Measuring variability in economic time series' in *Economic Trends*, No 226, August 1972. The following are brief definitions of the measures.

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CI is the average month to month (quarter to quarter for quarterly series) percentage change without regard to sign in the seasonally adjusted series. \overline{C} is the same for the trend component. \overline{I} is the same for the irregular component, obtained by dividing the trend

component into the seasonally adjusted series, except for those series which are seasonally adjusted using an additive model, see footnotes 3 and

 $[\]overline{l'}$ \overline{C} is therefore a measure of the size of the relative irregularity of the seasonally adjusted series.

The average changes \overline{I} and \overline{C} can also be computed successively over spans of increasing numbers of months (quarters). MCD (QCD), months (quarters) for cyclical dominance, is the shortest span of months (quarters) for which $\overline{l/C}$ is less than 1 and therefore represents the minimum period over which changes in the trend, on average, exceed the irregular move-

MCD cannot exceed 6 even if $\overline{l'}$ \overline{C} exceeds 1 for 6-month periods. 2 Series relate to Great Britain.

³ The figures in the tables were obtained from an additive analysis of the households' saving ratio so CI, $\overline{\mathsf{I}}$ and $\overline{\mathsf{C}}$ are differences in percentage

⁴ The figures have been updated as described in an article in Economic Trends, No 320, June 1980.

⁵ As the irregular component for M0 and M4 is obtained by subtraction of the trend rather than by division, the figures for \overline{CI} , \overline{I} and \overline{C} are expressed as percentages of the trend level in the preceding month.

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