

## Regional Disposable Household Income, 1995 to 2005

This *Update* presents estimates of regional gross disposable household income (GDHI) at current prices for 1995 – 2005 published in March 2007 by the Office for National Statistics. GDHI is the amount of money that households have available for spending or savings, hence it is 'disposable income'. This is money left after expenditure associated with income, e.g. taxes and social contributions, property ownership and provision for future pension income.

The main findings are:

### NUTS1 level

- In 2005 London had the highest gross disposable household income (GDHI) per head of population (£15,900) 20 per cent above the UK average (£13,300). The North East had the lowest (£11,400) 14 per cent below the UK average.
- Total GDHI rose in all regions between 2004 and 2005 but there were differences in the rates of increase. The highest growth rate was 5.2 per cent in Northern Ireland; the lowest was 4.3 per cent in the South East, while the UK average was 4.6 per cent.
- London and the South East's shares of the United Kingdom's disposable income were each 15 per cent.
- Compared to 1995 the regional shares remained virtually unchanged. The most notable difference in share was in London, where the share increased from 14 per cent in 1995 to 15 per cent in 2005.

### NUTS2 level

- Inner London retains the highest GDHI level (£17,200 per head), approximately 30 per cent above the UK average in 2005. The lowest level (£11,300), 15 per cent below the UK average, was in the West Midlands.
- Outer London (£15,000) was also above the UK average. All NUTS2 areas in the North East, East Midlands, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland were below the UK average.
- West Wales and the Valleys had the highest growth rate of household income per head, 5.0 per cent, while Inner London, in spite of having the highest GDHI per head, had the lowest growth rate, 2.7 per cent.
- Outer and Inner London are notable because their contributions to UK GDHI as NUTS2 areas are higher than most other NUTS1 regions at 8.5 and 6.4 per cent respectively. Outer London's £68 billion household income accounted for 57 per cent of London's GDHI. Inner London contributed £51 billion, accounting for the remaining 43 per cent of the capital's household income.

### NUTS3 level

- In 2005 Inner London West had the highest GDHI per head (£22,400), 69 per cent above the UK average. Blackburn with Darwen in the North West had the lowest (£9,900), 25 per cent below the UK average. Map 1 shows GDHI per head for London NUTS3 areas.
- Outer London West and North West had the largest GDHI accounting for 3.5 per cent of the UK GDHI (£28 billion) in 2005. Inner London East followed with a total GDHI of £26 billion; then Inner London West (£25 billion); Outer London East and North East (£22 billion), and the Essex County Council area (£20 billion).

**Table 1 Headline<sup>1</sup> gross disposable household income (GDHI)<sup>2</sup> at current basic prices 1995-2005, £million**

	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>3</sup>
United Kingdom	497,593	643,415	686,312	709,048	740,389	765,683	800,915
England	419,929	547,682	584,450	603,282	629,659	650,724	680,536
North East	19,412	23,556	24,919	25,754	26,855	27,792	29,053
North West	54,060	67,603	71,525	73,761	76,920	79,692	83,425
Yorkshire and the Humber	39,254	49,407	52,324	54,096	56,635	58,888	61,766
East Midlands	32,575	41,564	44,528	46,488	49,152	51,326	53,924
West Midlands	41,552	52,425	55,697	57,571	60,129	62,249	65,099
East of England	47,394	62,785	67,554	69,996	73,071	75,349	78,681
South East	73,669	99,954	106,871	109,819	113,968	116,981	121,983
South West	41,145	53,132	56,887	58,955	61,825	64,074	67,186
Wales	22,309	27,421	29,306	30,568	32,118	33,429	35,062
Scotland	41,844	51,479	54,692	56,607	59,080	61,179	63,962
Northern Ireland	12,418	15,601	16,588	17,264	18,164	18,960	19,941
<b>London</b>	<b>70,868</b>	<b>97,256</b>	<b>104,146</b>	<b>106,843</b>	<b>111,104</b>	<b>114,372</b>	<b>119,418</b>
Inner London	28,974	41,925	45,000	45,951	47,680	49,120	51,388
Inner London - West	13,770	21,177	22,718	22,937	23,682	24,321	25,491
Inner London - East	15,204	20,748	22,282	23,014	23,998	24,799	25,897
Outer London	41,894	55,331	59,145	60,892	63,424	65,252	68,030
Outer London - East and North East	13,859	17,691	18,918	19,559	20,347	20,891	21,727
Outer London - South	11,291	14,875	15,879	16,333	17,067	17,628	18,427
Outer London - West and North West	16,744	22,764	24,349	24,999	26,010	26,733	27,877

Source: Office for National Statistics

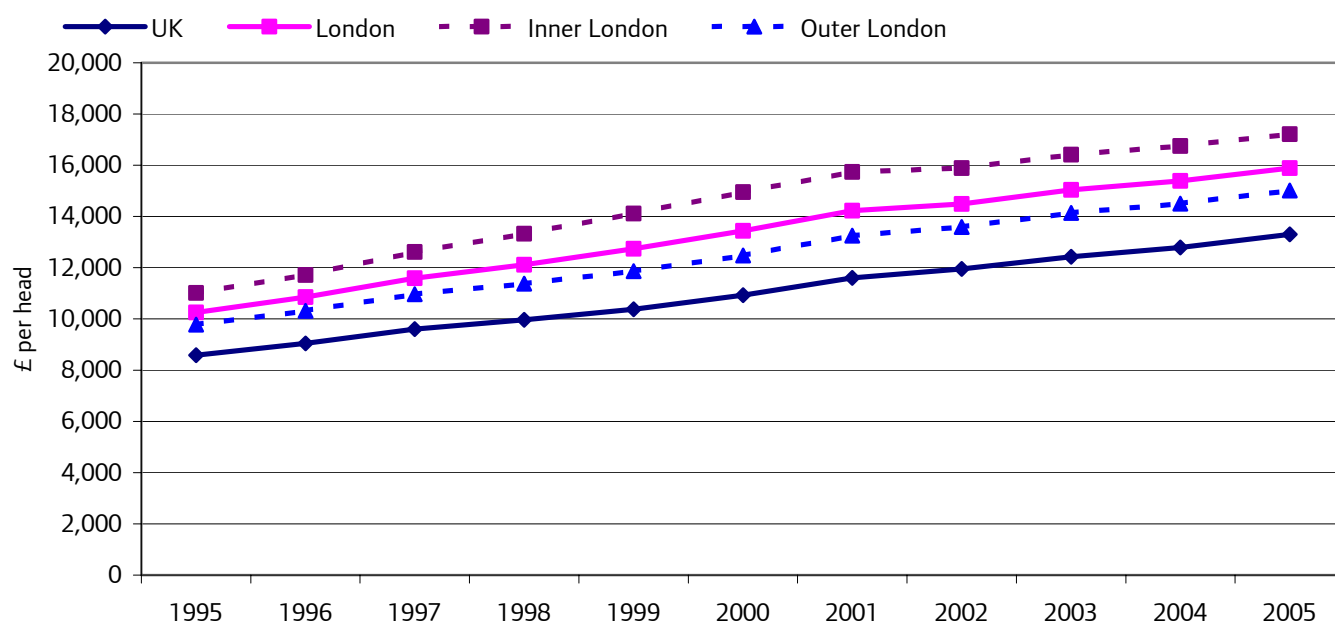
**Table 2 Headline<sup>1</sup> gross disposable household income (GDHI)<sup>2</sup> per head at current basic prices 1995 to 2005, £ per head**

	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>3</sup>
United Kingdom	8,576	10,926	11,610	11,953	12,432	12,797	13,302
England	8,679	11,124	11,819	12,151	12,630	12,990	13,494
North East	7,516	9,261	9,810	10,147	10,576	10,920	11,356
North West	7,918	9,979	10,560	10,874	11,304	11,673	12,186
Yorkshire and the Humber	7,913	9,964	10,514	10,834	11,306	11,687	12,197
East Midlands	7,961	9,972	10,628	11,008	11,559	11,993	12,522
West Midlands	7,904	9,949	10,547	10,854	11,303	11,670	12,133
East of England	9,104	11,681	12,509	12,909	13,376	13,722	14,198
South East	9,490	12,509	13,320	13,652	14,104	14,424	14,941
South West	8,604	10,806	11,508	11,868	12,367	12,718	13,258
Wales	7,723	9,433	10,070	10,456	10,932	11,322	11,851
Scotland	8,199	10,168	10,800	11,199	11,682	12,047	12,554
Northern Ireland	7,530	9,270	9,819	10,176	10,668	11,086	11,564
<b>London</b>	<b>10,251</b>	<b>13,439</b>	<b>14,223</b>	<b>14,495</b>	<b>15,039</b>	<b>15,396</b>	<b>15,885</b>
Inner London	11,023	14,947	15,738	15,890	16,416	16,758	17,211
Inner London - West	15,031	21,469	22,348	21,977	22,269	22,251	22,417
Inner London - East	8,879	11,409	12,091	12,452	13,034	13,492	14,009
Outer London	9,778	12,485	13,252	13,594	14,147	14,508	15,011
Outer London - East and North East	9,090	11,352	12,067	12,422	12,876	13,189	13,619
Outer London - South	10,204	12,985	13,772	14,142	14,772	15,184	15,748
Outer London - West and North West	10,128	13,175	13,975	14,286	14,883	15,252	15,779

Source: Office for National Statistics

**Chart 1 Headline gross disposable household income (GDHI) per head at current basic prices 1995 to 2005, £ per head**

Source: Office for National Statistics



**Table 3 Headline<sup>1</sup> gross disposable household income (GDHI)<sup>2</sup> per head indices at current basic prices 1995-2005, UK less Extra-Regio=100**

	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 <sup>3</sup>
United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
England	101	102	102	102	102	102	102
North East	88	85	85	85	85	85	86
North West	93	92	91	91	91	91	92
Yorkshire and the Humber	92	91	91	91	91	91	92
East Midlands	93	91	92	92	93	94	94
West Midlands	92	91	91	91	91	91	91
East of England	106	107	108	108	108	107	107
South East	111	115	115	114	114	113	113
South West	101	99	99	99	100	100	100
Wales	90	86	87	88	88	89	89
Scotland	96	93	93	94	94	94	95
Northern Ireland	88	85	85	85	86	87	87
<b>London</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>120</b>
Inner London	129	137	136	133	132	131	130
Inner London - West	176	197	193	184	179	174	169
Inner London - East	104	105	104	104	105	106	106
Outer London	114	114	114	114	114	114	113
Outer London - East and North East	106	104	104	104	104	103	103
Outer London - South	119	119	119	119	119	119	119
Outer London - West and North West	118	121	121	120	120	119	119

Source: Office for National Statistics

**Notes for tables 1 to 3**

1 The headline regional GDHI series for this publication have been calculated using a five point moving average

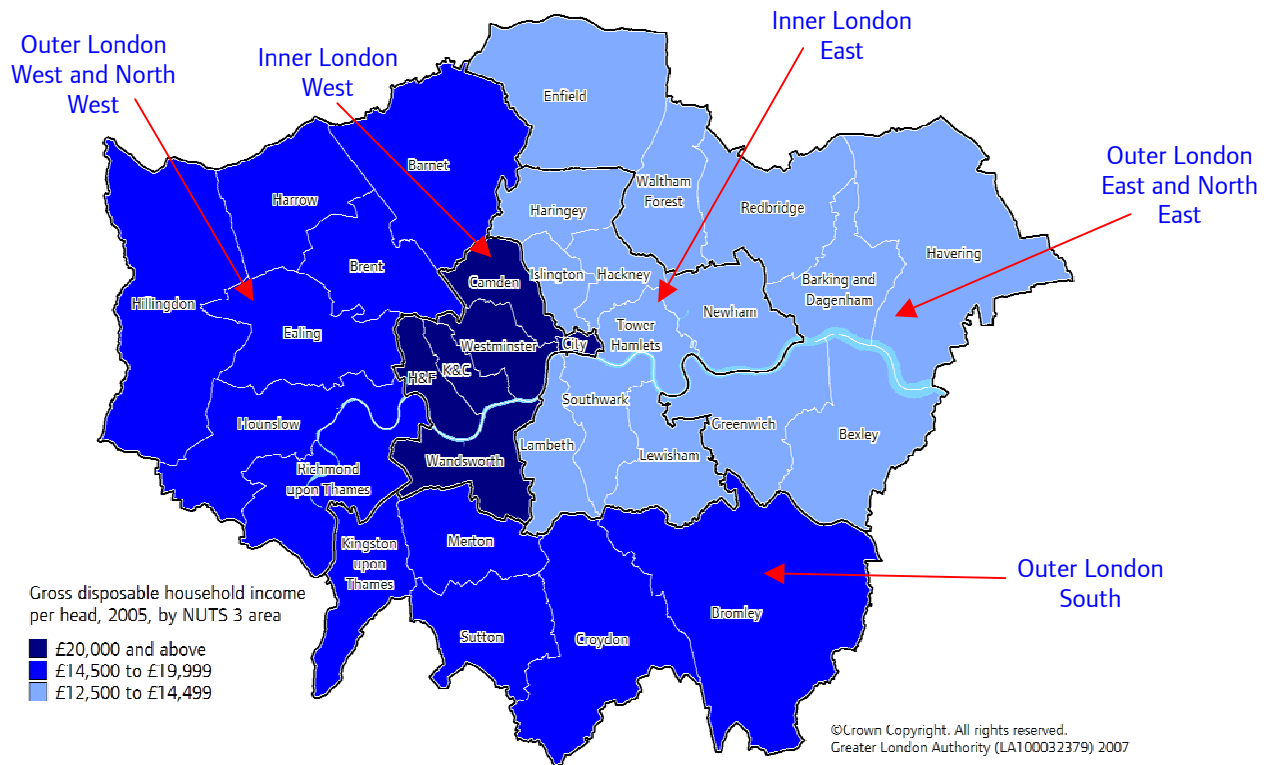
2 Household income covers the income received by households and non-profit making institutions serving households

3 Provisional

4 Excluding extra-regio

## Map 1 Headline gross disposable household income per head at current basic prices, 2005

Source: Office for National Statistics



### Notes:

- These latest estimates of regional gross disposable household income (GDHI) include revisions for 1995 to 2004 and first estimates for 2005 at NUTS1, NUTS2 and NUTS3.
- The complete data set released includes time series for 1995 – 2005 and component detail for NUTS2 areas. Time series for the balances of primary and secondary incomes and GDHI are available for NUTS3 areas.
- Government Office Regions, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are NUTS1 areas, Inner and Outer London are NUTS2 areas and the five London subdivisions are NUTS3 areas. For a definition of NUTS areas follow this link: [NUTS definition](#)
- The figures are in current prices and do not, therefore, allow for changes in prices over time (inflation) or differences in price levels (purchasing power) between regions at a point in time. Regional price estimates are not available.
- Figures in this *Update* are headline data derived by using a five-year moving average that removes some year-to-year and regional volatility due to sampling and non-sampling errors in the raw data sources. Data are published smoothed (i.e. headline) and raw.
- The full report by the ONS can be downloaded from here: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/ccj/article.asp?id=1763>

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