

Table 1 Key economic trends

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Gross Domestic Product																	
£ billion (Cash)	51.5	105.8	230.7	355.0	557.3	586.1	610.9	642.3	681.3	719.2	762.2	811.1	859.8	902.5	950.4	990.9	1,037.3
£ billion (1995 prices)	418.0	464.1	506.5	560.3	659.2	650.1	651.6	667.8	698.9	719.2	738.0	763.5	785.8	804.7	829.5	845.7	859.3
% annual real growth	2.7	2.2	1.8	2.1	3.5	- 1.4	0.2	2.5	4.7	2.9	2.6	3.5	2.9	2.4	3.1	2.0	1.6
Claimant unemployment																	
000s	–	790	1,351	2,997	1,648	2,268	2,742	2,877	2,599	2,290	2,088	1,585	1,348	1,248	1,089	970	946
%	2.5	2.9	4.8	10.3	5.5	7.6	9.2	9.7	8.8	7.6	7.0	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.1
Inflation %																	
	6.4	24.2	18.0	6.1	9.5	5.9	3.7	1.6	2.4	3.5	2.4	3.1	3.4	1.5	3.0	1.8	1.7
Interest rates %																	
	7.0	11.0	14.0	11.5	14.0	10.5	7.0	5.5	6.3	6.5	6.0	7.3	6.3	5.5	6.0	4.0	3.8

Sources: UK National Accounts, Economic Trends, Financial Statistics.

Notes: Gross Domestic Product is shown at current (YBHA) and 1995 market prices (ABMI). For the years to 1990 the annual real growth rates are averages for the preceding 5 year period. Claimant unemployment figures are seasonally adjusted (BCJD & BCJE). Inflation is the General Index of Retail Prices (CZBH). Interest rates are the year end base rates of selected retail banks, except for 1970 which is the bank rate.

Table 2 Average male and female earnings in Great Britain

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
£ per week																	
All full-time men	30.0	60.8	124.5	192.4	295.6	318.9	340.1	353.5	362.1	374.6	391.3	408.7	427.1	442.4	464.1	490.5	511.3
All full-time women	16.3	37.4	78.8	126.4	201.5	222.4	241.1	252.6	261.5	269.8	283.0	297.2	309.6	326.5	343.7	366.8	382.1
Full-time manual men	26.8	55.7	111.7	163.6	237.2	253.1	268.3	274.3	280.7	291.3	301.3	314.3	328.5	335.0	344.8	359.9	366.6
Full-time manual women	13.4	32.1	68.0	101.3	148.0	159.2	170.1	177.1	181.9	188.1	195.2	201.1	210.8	221.9	229.1	241.8	250.3
Percentages																	
All women's earnings as a % of all men's earnings	54.3	61.5	63.3	65.7	68.2	69.7	70.9	71.5	72.2	72.0	72.3	72.7	72.5	73.8	74.1	74.8	74.7
All manual women's earnings as a % of all manual men's earnings	50.0	57.6	60.9	61.9	62.4	62.9	63.4	64.6	64.8	64.6	64.8	64.0	64.2	66.2	66.4	67.2	68.3

Sources: Regional Trends, New Earnings Surveys.

Note: Earnings figures are inclusive of overtime.