

Table 37a Average incomes of household representative by tenure*

£ per week

| Tenure | 1972 | 1976 | 1980 | 1984 | 1988 | 1992 | 1996 | 2000 | 2004 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | 2014 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Owners: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outright owner | 25 | 59 | 81 | 107 | 157 | 194 | 225 | 281 | 367 | 440 | 461 | 456 | 484 | 539 | 621 | 577 |
| With mortgage | 39 | 96 | 142 | 195 | 267 | 320 | 380 | 461 | 555 | 643 | 681 | 722 | 756 | 910 | 906 | 941 |
| Tenants: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local authority | 22 | 58 | 68 | 76 | 93 | 110 | 131 | 140 | 178 | 203 | 222 | 224 | 246 | 314 | 327 | 318 |
| Housing association | – | 54 | 66 | 88 | 94 | 120 | 145 | 164 | 203 | 201 | 247 | 235 | 267 | 337 | 363 | 388 |
| Private, unfurnished | 19 | 48 | 60 | 77 | 110 | 149 | 223 | 262 | 406 | 398 | 404 | 457 | 480 | 541 | 585 | 580 |
| Private, furnished | 21 | 57 | 87 | 89 | 161 | 170 | 222 | 333 | 260 | 418 | 451 | 398 | 446 | 612 | 618 | 791 |

*In previous editions of the Review, this was Table 36a.

Sources: ONS General Household Surveys 1972 to 2006, General Lifestyle Survey 2008; Living Costs and Food Survey (LCF) 2010-16, and Household finances survey (HFS) from 2017 onwards.

Notes: 1. Income figures are averages for usual gross income of the household reference person (HRP). Since 2000, the HRP has been the highest-earning householder and not the male householder, resulting in a discontinuity in the series.

2. HFS figures are for financial year ending (e.g. 2018 equals 2017-18) whilst figures from 2014 are for UK not GB household reference persons, creating further discontinuity.

3. Local authority tenants includes new town and other public sector tenants.

4. LCF income estimates for 2010 to 2014 exclude receipt of housing benefit or council tax benefit (rent rebate in Northern Ireland).

5. HFS estimates of income are adjusted for the under-coverage of top earners, which may have contributed to some of the apparent increase between 2014 and 2018.

Table 37b **Average incomes of household representative by tenure in real terms***

£ per week

| Tenure | 1972 | 1976 | 1980 | 1984 | 1988 | 1992 | 1996 | 2000 | 2004 | 2008 | 2010 | 2012 | 2014 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
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| Owners: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Outright owner | 25 | 59 | 81 | 107 | 157 | 194 | 225 | 281 | 367 | 440 | 461 | 456 | 484 | 539 | 621 | 577 |
| With mortgage | 39 | 96 | 142 | 195 | 267 | 320 | 380 | 461 | 555 | 643 | 681 | 722 | 756 | 910 | 906 | 941 |
| Tenants: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local authority | 22 | 58 | 68 | 76 | 93 | 110 | 131 | 140 | 178 | 203 | 222 | 224 | 246 | 314 | 327 | 318 |
| Housing association | – | 54 | 66 | 88 | 94 | 120 | 145 | 164 | 203 | 201 | 247 | 235 | 267 | 337 | 363 | 388 |
| Private, unfurnished | 19 | 48 | 60 | 77 | 110 | 149 | 223 | 262 | 406 | 398 | 404 | 457 | 480 | 541 | 585 | 580 |
| Private, furnished | 21 | 57 | 87 | 89 | 161 | 170 | 222 | 333 | 260 | 418 | 451 | 398 | 446 | 612 | 618 | 791 |

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Notes: 1. See Table 37a.

2. Incomes are adjusted to 2020 levels using the composite price index as it covers the entirety of the period from 1972, unlike the CPI and CPIH.