



B3: Average Earnings

In April 2017 median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees in the UK were £550, up 2.2% on April 2016. Adjusted for inflation, full-time workers' weekly earnings decreased by 0.4%

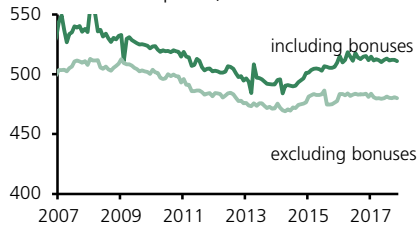
More timely but less detailed data show average weekly earnings for the whole Great Britain economy, including bonuses, were 2.5% higher in the three months to November 2017 compared with the year before. Excluding bonuses, average weekly earnings increased by 2.4%. Inflation as measured by the CPI averaged 3.0% over the same period.

After adjusting for inflation, average weekly earnings including bonuses decreased by 0.5% compared to last year, while average weekly earnings excluding bonuses decreased by 0.6%.

Average Earnings, Whole Economy

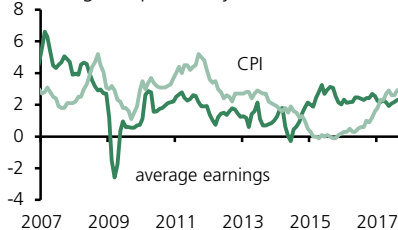
Real average weekly earnings

November 2017 prices, £



Inflation and earnings (incl bonuses)

% change on previous year



Annual % change in average earnings (including bonuses): Great Britain, employees only

		Total	Private	Public
2015	Nov	2.1	2.3	1.5
2016	Nov	2.7	3.0	1.3
2017	Sep	2.3	2.5	1.7
	Oct	2.5	2.7	1.8
	Nov	2.5	2.6	1.9

Note: Data show annual % change in earnings to three month period ending in given month; data are seasonally adjusted

Source: ONS, Average Weekly Earnings series

Trends by Sector

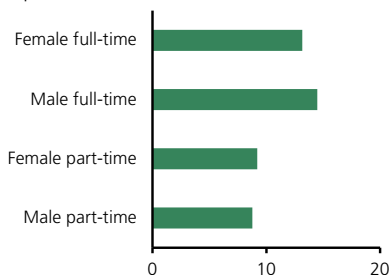
Average weekly total pay (including bonuses) grew by 2.6% in the private sector in the three months to November 2017, compared with the year before.

In the public sector, total pay increased by 1.9%.

Pay Levels

Median weekly earnings for full-time employees in the UK were £550 in April 2016. (The median is the point at which half earn more and half earn less).

Median hourly pay excluding overtime
April 2017 (£)



Median hourly earnings (excluding overtime) were £13.94 for full-time employees; £14.48 for men working full-time and £13.16 for women.

Median hourly earnings (excluding overtime) were £9.12 for part-time employees; £8.76 for men working part-time, and £9.21 for women.

Women are more likely than men to work part-time.

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Update

ONS, [Labour Market Statistics](#), 21 Feb 2018

ONS, [Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings](#), Oct 2018