



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, median earnings for full-time employees decreased by 0.5%.

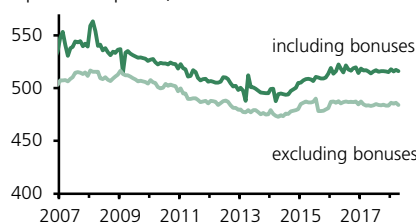
More timely but less detailed data show average weekly earnings for all employees in Great Britain, increased by 2.8% excluding bonuses in the three months to April 2018 compared with the previous year. Average weekly pay including bonuses increased by 2.5%.

Inflation as measured by the CPI averaged 2.5% over the same period. After adjusting for inflation, average weekly earnings excluding bonuses were 0.3% higher than the previous year. Average pay including bonuses was at the same level.

Average Earnings, Whole Economy

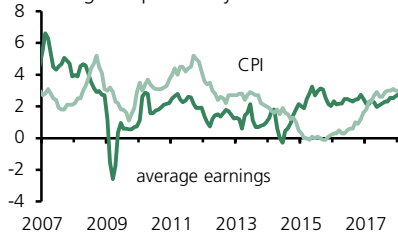
Real average weekly earnings

April 2018 prices, £



Inflation and earnings (incl bonuses)

% change on previous year



Trends by Sector

Annual % change in average earnings (incl bonuses)

Great Britain, employees only

	Total	Private	Public
2016 Apr	2.2	2.4	1.7
2017 Apr	2.2	2.5	1.1
2018 Feb	2.8	3.0	2.3
Mar	2.6	2.7	2.3
Apr	2.5	2.6	2.4

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

Average weekly total pay (including bonuses) grew by 2.6% in the private sector in the three months to April 2018 compared with the year before.

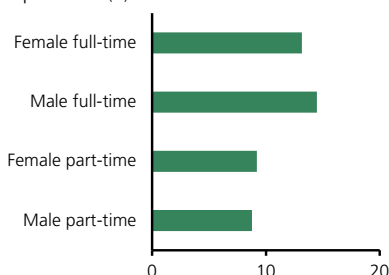
In the public sector, total pay increased by 2.4%.

Hourly pay levels

Median hourly earnings (excluding overtime) were £13.94 for full-time employees at April 2017: £14.48 for men working full-time and £13.16 for women.

Median hourly pay excluding overtime

April 2017 (£)



Median hourly earnings (excluding overtime) were £9.12 for part-time employees; £8.76 for men and £9.21 for women. Women are more likely than men to work part-time.

The median is the point at which half earn more and half earn less.

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Update

ONS, [Labour Market Statistics](#), 17 July 2018

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