



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%.

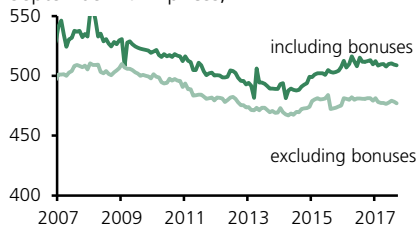
More timely but less detailed data show average weekly earnings for the whole Great Britain economy, including bonuses, were 2.2% higher in the three months to September 2017 compared with the year before. Excluding bonuses, average weekly earnings also increased by 2.2%. Inflation as measured by the CPI averaged 2.8% over the same period.

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

Average Earnings, Whole Economy

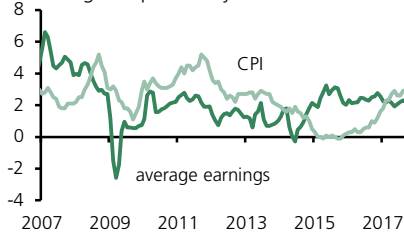
Real average weekly earnings

September 2017 prices, £



Inflation and earnings (incl bonuses)

% change on previous year



Trends by Sector

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

	Total	Private	Public
2015 Sep	3.1	3.5	1.3
2016 Sep	2.5	2.7	1.4
2017 Jul	2.2	2.3	1.6
Aug	2.3	2.5	1.4
Sep	2.2	2.4	1.7

Average weekly total pay (including bonuses) grew by 2.4% in the private sector in the three months to September 2017, compared with the year before.

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

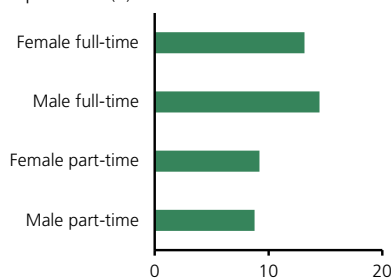
Source: ONS, Average Weekly Earnings series

In the public sector, total pay increased by 1.7%.

Pay Levels

Median hourly pay excluding overtime

April 2017 (£)



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 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](#), 13 Dec 2017

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