

The MONEY Charity

DEBT STATISTICS – DECEMBER 2013 SUMMARY



UK PERSONAL DEBT

Outstanding personal debt stood at **£1.430 trillion** at the end of October 2013.

- This is up from £1.421 trillion at the end of October 2012.

Outstanding secured (mortgage) lending stood at **£1.271 trillion** at the end of October 2013.

- This is up from £1.265 trillion at the end of October 2012.

Outstanding unsecured (consumer credit) lending stood at **£158.6 billion** at the end of October 2013.

- This is up from £156.5 billion at the end of October 2012.

Average household debt in the UK (excluding mortgages) was **£6,004** in October.

- This is down from a revised **£6,010** in September.

Average household debt in the UK (including mortgages) was **£54,124** in October.

- This is up from a revised **£54,066** in September.

The average amount owed per UK adult (including mortgages) was **£28,489** in October. This is up from a revised **£28,459** in September and was around **115%** of average earnings.

Average consumer borrowing (including credit cards, motor and retail finance deals, overdrafts and unsecured loans) per UK adult was **£3,160** in October. This is down from a revised **£3,164** in September.

The estimated average outstanding mortgage for the 11.2m households that carry mortgage debt stood at **£113,404** in October.

Based on October 2013 trends, the UK's total interest repayments on personal debt over a 12 month period would have been **£59.2 billion**.

- This is equivalent to **£162 million** per day.
- This means that UK households would have paid an average of **£2,243** in annual interest repayments.

The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) predicted in March 2013 that total household debt will reach **£1.931 trillion** in Q1 2018. This would mean that average household debt would reach **£73,284** (assuming that the number of households in the UK remained the same between now and Q1 2018).

Total net lending to individuals by UK Banks and Building Societies **rose by £1.7 billion** in October 2013.

- Net secured lending rose by £1.2 billion in the month; net consumer credit lending rose by £0.5 billion.

UK Banks and Building Societies **wrote-off £3.63 billion** of loans to individuals over the four quarters to Q3 2013.

- In Q3 2013 itself they wrote-off £1,008 million (of which £397 million was credit card debt) amounting to a daily write-off of **£11.0 million**.

EVERYDAY IN THE UK

Based on the latest available data, The Money Charity estimates that every day in the UK:



285 people are declared insolvent or bankrupt every day (based on Q3 2013 trends). This is equivalent to one person **every 5 minutes 3 seconds**.

1,655 Consumer County Court Judgements (CCJs) are issued every day (based on Q3 2013 trends). The average value of a Consumer CCJ in Q3 2013 was **£2,383**.

Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales dealt with **7,420** new debt problems every *working day* during the year ending June 2013.

It costs an average of **£29.02** per day to raise a child from birth to the age of 21

79 properties are repossessed every day (based on Q3 2013 trends).

An additional **11** people a day became unemployed for over 12 months during the year ending September 2013.

1,359 people a day reported they had become redundant between July and September 2013.

Public Sector Net Borrowing (excluding financial interventions) was **£8,078 million** in October 2013, meaning that the Government borrowed an average of **£269 million** per day during the month (equivalent to **£3,117** per second).

156 mortgage possession claims are issued and **106** mortgage possession orders are made every day

488 landlord possession claims are issued and **340** landlord possession orders are made every day

The UK population grew by **1,123 people a day** between 2001 and 2011.

31.7m plastic card purchase transactions were made every day in September 2013 with a total value of **£1.527 billion**.

8.88m cash machine transactions were made every day in October with a total value of **£350m**.

A new car in the £13,000 - £18,000 price bracket travelling 10,000 miles per year costs **£16.23 per day** to run.

It cost **£65.23** to fill a 50 litre tank with unleaded petrol in November.

NATIONAL STATISTICS



The UK economy **grew by 0.8%** in the third quarter of 2013, according to latest estimates from the Office of National Statistics.

The number of unemployed people in the three months between July and September 2013 was **2.47 million** (7.6%). This is down by 48,000 from the previous three months, and down by 48,000 from a year earlier.

124,000 people (**1,359 a day**) reported they had become redundant over the three months. This is up by 1,000 from the previous three months, and down by 4,000 from a year earlier.

890,000 people had been unemployed for over 12 months between July and September, down by 19,000 from the previous three months, and down by 4,000 (**11 a day**) from a year earlier.



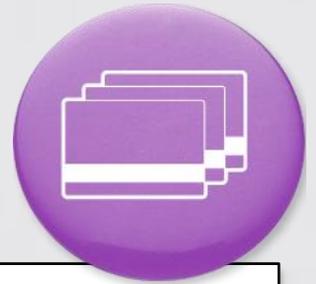
SERVICING DEBT

Based on *annual* figures to the end of June 2013, Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales are dealing with **7,420** debt problems every *working day*.

According to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), **7,200** properties were taken into possession in Q3 2013 (this is down from 8,200 in Q3 2012 and represents 0.06% of all outstanding mortgages).

This equates to **79** properties being repossessed every day, or one property being repossessed **every 18 minutes 15 seconds**.

The Insolvency Service said there were **26,030** individual insolvencies in England and Wales in Q3 2013. This is equivalent to **285** people a day or, one person **every 5 minutes 3 seconds**.



PLASTIC CARDS & PERSONAL LOANS

Total credit card debt in October 2013 was **£57.1bn**.

During September 2013 an average of **367** purchases were made in the UK every second using debit and credit cards, based on figures from the UK Cards Association.

On a daily basis, purchases using plastic cards were worth **£1.527 billion** during September.

NOTES

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