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Welcome to the October 2014 edition of The Money Statistics – The Money Charity’s monthly round-up of statistics about how we use money in the UK. These were previously published as the Debt Statistics, but we’ve now revamped and improved them to cover a wider range of information about how we use money in the UK.

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1. Striking numbers

This month's highlights

£521

Average annual increase in household debt per UK adult

6.7%

Percentage of household pre-tax income saved

£115,940

Average mortgage size for households with mortgages

6,405

New debt problems dealt with by Citizens Advice Bureaux every working day

1,000

Number of people who became redundant every day between May and July

£29,013

Average first-time buyer deposit

£79.31m

Total household daily spending on water, electricity, and gas

£4,347 per second

Government borrowing in July 2014

£162.6bn

Outstanding consumer credit debt at the end of August 2014



1. Striking numbers

Every day in the UK

- The population of the UK grew by an estimated **1,223** people a day between 2003 and 2013.
- It costs an average of **£29.65** per day to raise a child from birth to the age of 21.
- On average, a UK household spends **£3.00** a day on water, electricity and gas.
- **297** people a day are declared insolvent or bankrupt. This is equivalent to one person **every 4 minutes 51 seconds**.
- **32.1 million** plastic card purchase transactions were made every day in July 2014, with a total value of **£1.522 billion**.
- **8.82m** cash machine transactions were made every day in August with a total value of **£372m**.
- **1,893** Consumer County Court Judgements (CCJs) are issued every day, with an average value of **£2,278**.
- Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales dealt with **6,405** new debt problems every *working day* during the year ending June 2014.
- **71** properties are repossessed every day, or one every **20 min 15 seconds**.
- The number of mortgages with arrears of over 2.5% of the remaining balance fell by **64** a day.
- The number of people unemployed for over 12 months fell by **479** per day.
- **1,000** people a day reported they had become redundant between May and July.
- Government borrowed **£376 million** per day during July 2014 (equivalent to **£4,347** per second).
- Net lending to individuals in the UK increased by **£103m** a day.
- UK borrowers would have paid **£162m** a day in interest, based on August 2014 trends.
- **118** mortgage possession claims and **87** mortgage possession orders are made every day.
- **423** landlord possession claims and **353** landlord possession orders are made every day.



2. Personal debt in the UK

Total UK personal debt

People in the UK owed **£1.455 trillion** at the end of August 2014.

- This is up from £1.429 trillion at the end of August 2013 – an extra **£521** per UK adult.

The average total debt per household – including mortgages – was **£55,088** in August. The revised figure for July was **£54,981**.

Per adult in the UK that's an average debt of **£28,813** in August – around **116%** of average earnings. This is up from a revised **£28,757** in July.

Based on August 2014 trends, the UK's total interest repayments on personal debt over a 12 month period would have been **£59.2 billion**.

- That's an average of **£162 million** per day.
- This means that households in the UK would have paid an average of **£2,242** in annual interest repayments. Per person that's **£1,173** – **4.70%** of average earnings.

According to the Office for Budget Responsibility's March 2014 forecast, household debt is predicted to reach **£2.251 trillion** in Q1 2019. This makes the average household debt **£85,220** (assuming that the number of households in the UK remained the same between now and Q1 2019).

Consumer credit debt

Outstanding consumer credit lending was **£162.6 billion** at the end of August 2014.

- This is up from £158.3 billion at the end of August 2013, and is an increase of **£84.55** for every adult in the UK.

Per household, that's an average consumer credit debt of **£6,155** in August, up from a revised **£6,133** in July.

It also means the average consumer credit borrowing was **£3,220** per UK adult in August. This is up from a revised **£3,208** in July.

Total credit card debt in August 2014 was **£57.6bn**. Per household this is **£2,180** – for a credit card bearing the average interest, it would cost:

- **£54** a month to clear the debt in five years.
- **£38** a month to clear it in ten years.



2. Personal debt in the UK

Net lending and write-offs

Total net lending to individuals by UK banks and building societies **rose by £3.2 billion** in August 2014 – or **£103m a day**.

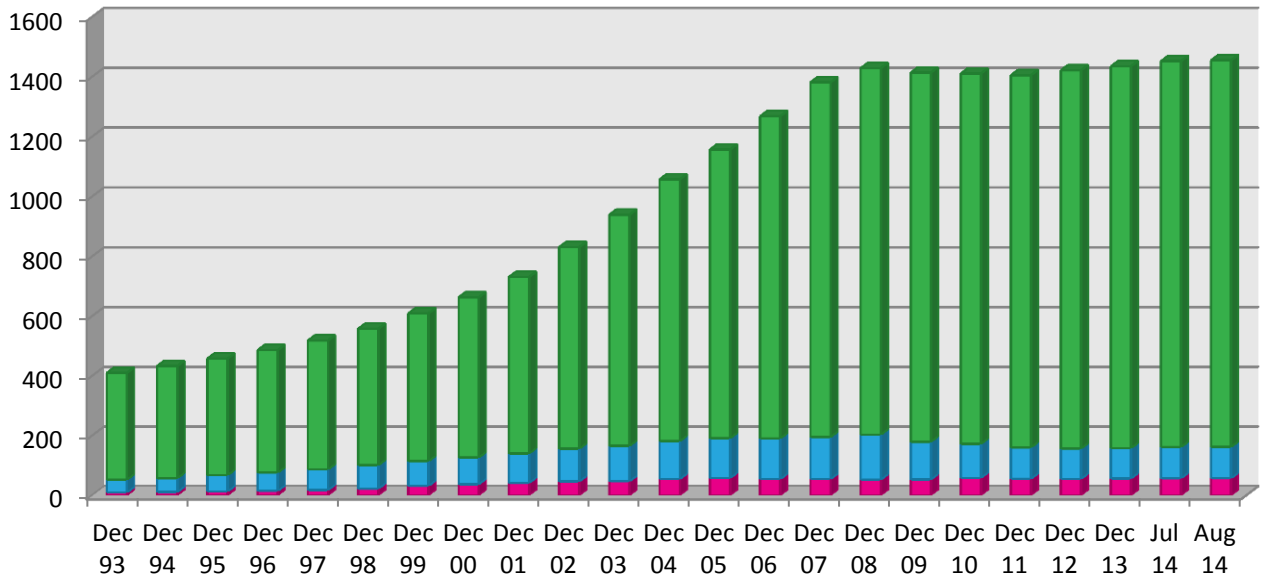
- Net mortgage lending rose by £2.3 billion in the month; net consumer credit lending rose by £0.9 billion.

UK Banks and Building Societies **wrote off £3.45 billion** of loans to individuals over the four quarters to Q2 2014.

- In Q2 2014 itself they wrote-off £722 million (of which £324 million was credit card debt) amounting to a daily write-off of **£7.9 million**.

Total UK personal debt (£bn)

■ Credit card debt ■ Other consumer credit debt ■ Secured debt



Based on Bank of England Data



2. Personal debt in the UK

Student loans

In 2012/13, the average Maintenance Loan awarded for full-time undergraduates from England was **£3,751**, and the average Maintenance Grant was **£1,544**.

The average debt owed per student at the end of 2013/14 was **£12,651** (this is debt for English students and EU students in England, including loans for Further and Higher Education. It doesn't include 'mortgage-style' loans, as these were sold by Government in May 2013).

Advice, insolvency, and the courts

Citizens Advice Bureaux across England and Wales dealt with **531,842** new enquiries in the three months between April and June 2014.

Debt was the second largest advice category (behind Benefits) with 386,009 issues. This is a 7% decrease on the same period last year. Debt issues represented 30% of all problems dealt with between April and June 2014.

Based on *annual* figures up to the end of June 2014, Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales are dealing with **6,405** debt problems every *working day*.

- CAB cite the loss of legal aid and falling trends in many individual debt types for the reduction in debt advice cases.

There were **27,029** individual insolvencies in England and Wales in Q2 2014. This is equivalent to **297** people a day or, one person **every 4 minutes 51 seconds**. This was a rise of **8.4%** on the previous quarter and **5.1%** on the same period a year ago.

Every day, on average, **60** people were made bankrupt, **77** Debt Relief Orders were granted, and **160** Individual Voluntary Arrangements were entered into.

The number of Debt Relief Orders was higher than total bankruptcies for the eight consecutive quarter, while bankruptcies have been lower than Individual Voluntary Arrangements for the last 13 quarters. The number of IVAs in Q2 2014 was the highest of any quarter since they were introduced in 1987.

1,893 Consumer County Court Judgements (CCJs) were issued every day in Q2 2014. The average value of a Consumer CCJ in Q2 2014 was **£2,278**.



3. Mortgages, rent, and housing

Mortgage debt

Outstanding mortgage lending stood at **£1.293 trillion** at the end of August.

- This is up from £1.270 trillion at the end of August 2013.

That means that the estimated average outstanding mortgage for the 11.1m households with mortgage debt was **£115,940** in August.

The average Mortgage Interest rate was 3.22% at the end of August. Based on this, households with mortgages would pay an average of **£3,733** in mortgage interest over the year.

For new loans, the average Mortgage Interest rate was 3.21%. Using the latest figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders, this means new mortgages would attract an average of **£4,889** in interest over the year.

According to the Council of Mortgage Lenders, gross mortgage lending in August totalled an estimated £18.6 billion.

- This is 5% lower than July 2014, but 13% higher than August 2013.

64.7% of mortgage lending in Q1 2014 was for 75% or less of a property's value.

- 3.6% of lending was for mortgages for over 90% of a property's value.

There were 41,588 loans approved for house purchase in August, according to the British Bankers Association (BBA), 5.1% higher than a year earlier. The average loan approved for house purchase fell to £161,200.

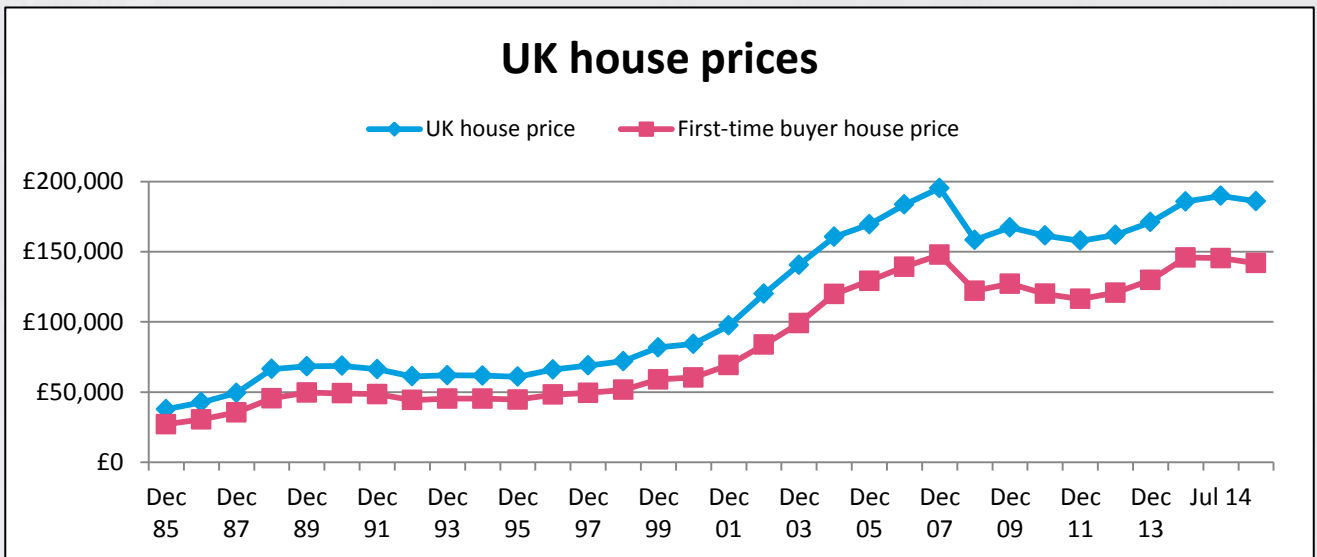


3. Mortgages, rent, and housing

House prices

Nationwide estimate that house prices fell by 0.2% during September 2014, but rose 9.4% compared to September 2013.

Halifax said that house prices rose by £197 in August 2014. This is a monthly increase of 0.1%; prices rose 3.0% over the quarter and 9.7% over the year.



Data from Halifax House Price Index (Standardised, Non-Seasonally Adjusted)

First-time buyers

The Office of National Statistics say that the average house price for first-time buyers was **£209,000** in July 2014, which is an annual increase of 13.5%.

According to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), the typical first-time buyer deposit in July was 16% (**around £29,013**) – **116% of an average salary**.

The average first-time buyer borrowed **3.41** times their income and the average first-time buyer loan was an estimated **£152,318**.



3. Mortgages, rent, and housing

Renting

The median rent in England across all property types for the 12 months to March 2014 was £595, data from the Valuation Office Agency shows. In London this was £1,300.

For a single room, the average monthly rent was £355 – in London this was £542 (**53% higher**).

The average monthly rent for a two-bedroom house in England was £606 – in London this was £1,173 (**94% higher**).

According to the Office for National Statistics, private rental prices in Great Britain rose by 1.0% in the 12 months to June 2014.

Rental prices increased in all the English regions over the year to June 2014, with London seeing the biggest increase (1.4%).

Respondents to the August 2014 RICS survey expected rents to increase by 2.3% over the coming months.

Figures from DCLG show that in 2012/13, private renters spent an average of **£705.79** a month on rental payments, while owner-occupiers paid **£645.17** in mortgage payments.

- These figures are the mean payments, so can be skewed by very high figures.

Private renters spent an average of 41% of their income on rental payments. Owner-occupiers spent on average 19%.

- 33.3% of private renters had weekly costs greater than 40% of their income. For owner-occupiers this was just 7.4%.



3. Mortgages, rent, and housing

Arrears and repossessions

According to the Financial Conduct Authority, at the end of Q2 2014 there were **240,464** mortgage loan accounts with arrears of more than 1.5% of the current loan balance. This is 5.9% fewer than the previous quarter, and the lowest figure since Q1 2007.

Loans in arrears represented **1.86%** of the value of the residential loan book.

63.2% of payments due for loans in arrears were received in Q2 2014 – the eighth successive quarter this figure has risen.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders reports that **131,400 (1.18%)** of mortgages had arrears equivalent to at least 2.5% of the outstanding mortgage balance – the lowest since Q1 2008. Since the end of Q2 2013, this figure has dropped by **64** a day.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders estimates that **5,400** properties were taken into possession in Q2 2014. This is down from 6,400 in Q1 2014, and down from 7,600 in Q2 2013.

This equates to **67** properties being repossessed every day, or one property being repossessed **every 21 minutes 29 seconds**.

Every day in Q2 2014, **118** mortgage possession claims were issued and **87** mortgage possession orders were made.

423 landlord possession claims were issued and **353** landlord possession orders were made every day.



4. Savings and pensions

Savings

In Q2 2014, households saved an average of **6.7%** of their pre-tax income.

The average interest rate for an instant access savings account – not including bonus interest payments – was 0.42% in August. For a cash ISA, this was 0.81%.

If someone on the average salary saved 6.7% of their income in an average instant access savings account for a year, they would receive **£5.61** in interest after tax.

If they saved it in an average cash ISA, they would receive **£13.63**.

It would take **17 years** for someone on the average salary, saving the average amount per household every year in an average instant access savings account, to afford the average first-time buyer deposit. If they saved into a cash ISA at the same rate it would also take **17 years**.

Around **9.24m** households have no savings, while a further **3.43m** have under £1,500.

Pensions

The Pensions Regulator estimates that at least **4.426 million** employees had joined a pension scheme under auto-enrolment by the end of August 2014.

According to the latest Family Resources Survey, **26%** of all adults actively participated in a pension in 2012/13. This figure was **48%** for employees, and **18%** for the self-employed.

The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings reports that **49.8%** of employees were receiving an employer contribution to their pension.

28% of employees were in a Defined Benefit scheme in 2012, according to the Office for National Statistics.

In 2008/10, the average value of a Defined Contribution pot was £29,000.

At February 2014, there were 12.9 million claimants of State Pension, a rise of 76,000 on a year earlier. 41% of claimants were male and 59% female.



5. Spending and loans

How we spend

During July 2014 an average of **372** purchases were made in the UK **every second** using debit and credit cards, based on figures from the UK Cards Association.

- An average of **£17,611** was spent every second using debit and credit cards.
- Purchases using plastic cards were worth **£1.522 billion** every day during July.

Meanwhile, data from LINK shows that, on average, **102** cash machine transactions (including balance enquiries and rejected transactions) were made **every second** in August 2014.

- In total, cash machine transactions were worth an average of **£4,309** per second in August.
- LINK's transaction figures do not include transactions or withdrawals made by customers at their own bank's or building societies' ATMs.

What we buy

In Q2 2014, households in the UK spent **£79.31m** a day on water, electricity and gas – or **£3.00** per household per day.

In September 2014 the average price of unleaded petrol fell by 0.49ppl (pence per litre) to 129.23ppl.

- This meant it cost **£64.62** to fill a 50 litre unleaded tank.
- The average price of diesel fell by 0.5ppl to 133.44ppl.
- The cheapest unleaded petrol in the UK was in London and Yorkshire & Humberside, at 128.9ppl.

According to the AA, it costs **51.60 pence per mile** to run a car. This is based on buying a new petrol car for between £13,000 and £18,000, replacing it after 4 years, and averaging 10,000 miles per year.

- Do 30,000 miles per year in a car that cost less than £13,000 and the cost falls to 25.46ppm
- Do 5,000 miles per year and spend £25,000 - £32,000 on the vehicle and the cost soars to 126.04ppm.

LV's 'Cost of a Child' report estimates that parents now spend a record **£227,266** on raising a child to their 21st birthday - **£29.65 a day**. This is up 2.2% compared to last year, and has increased 61.9% since the study first began in 2003.

- Education and childcare are the main areas of expenditure, costing £73,803 and £66,113.
- The cost of education (including uniforms, after-school clubs and university costs) has increased 126.4% since 2003, while the cost of childcare has risen by 66.9%.
- Parents now spend 28% of their annual income on raising a child.



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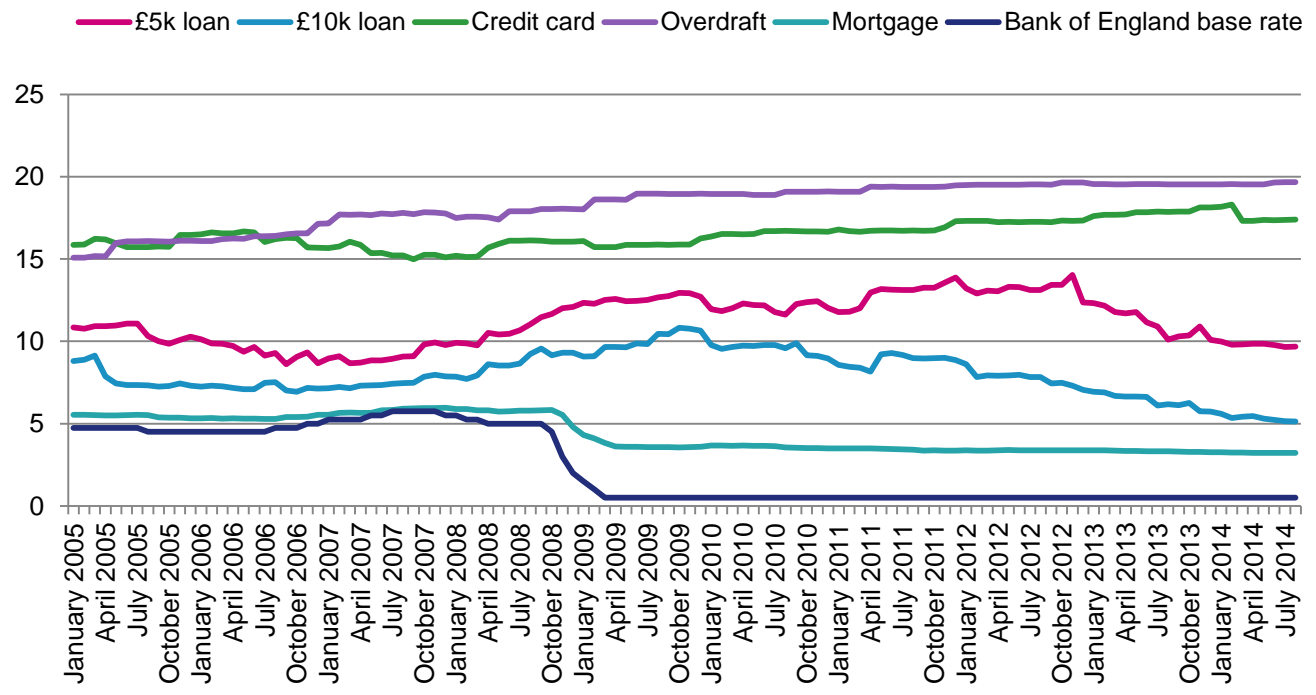
The cost of credit

The average interest rate on credit card lending was **17.39%** in August. This is **16.89%** above the Bank of England Base Rate (0.5%).

British Bankers Association figures show that 57.8% of credit card balances were bearing interest in July 2014.

The average APR for a £5,000 personal loan is 9.67%, according to the Bank of England. For a £10,000 loan it's 5.13%, while the average rate for an overdraft is 19.67%

Interest rates (%)



Based on Bank of England Data



6. The bigger picture

The UK economy **grew by 0.9%** in the second quarter of 2014, according to latest estimates from the Office of National Statistics.

CPI (Consumer Prices Index) annual inflation stood at **1.5%** in August, down from 1.6% in July.

In the three months to July 2014 pay including bonuses was up by 0.6% from a year ago, and pay excluding bonuses rose by 0.7%. Average weekly pay was £478, or £450 excluding bonuses – an annual salary of **£24,924**, or **£23,464** without bonuses.

The Bank of England Base Rate is currently set at **0.5%** (since being established in 1694, the Rate has never been lower). It was reduced to this level on 5th March 2009, and has been held there for 66 months.

Public Sector Net Borrowing (excluding public sector banks) was **£11.644 billion** in August 2014, meaning that the Government borrowed an average of **£376 million** per day during the month (equivalent to **£4,347** per second).

In August 2014, public sector net debt *excluding* public sector banks was **£1432.3bn**. This was £1335.6bn at the end of August 2013, meaning public sector net debt grew by **£265m** a day in the year to August 2014.

Public sector net debt *including* public sector banks was **£2266.3bn**. This was £2186bn at the end of August 2013.

- The Office of National Statistics includes complete data from the Royal Bank of Scotland and Lloyds Banking Group, which were part-nationalised in 2008, in its calculations for the figure that includes public sector banks.

According to the March 2014 Budget, public sector net debt is forecast to peak at **78.7% of GDP** in 2015-16, before falling to **74.2% of GDP** in 2018-19.

The population of the UK grew by an estimated **1,223** people a day between 2003 and 2013.



6. The bigger picture

An estimated 4.61 million people will fall into the 40% income tax band in 2014/15 – **1.04 million** more than in 2011/12. 343,000 will pay the 45% rate, which replaced the 50% rate in 2013/14.

Based on the latest figures, **1.544m** people in work would pay no income tax.

There were **5.3 million** working-age people claiming benefits in February 2014. This is a decrease of 386,000 in the year, or **1,058 a day**.

The number of people classed as unemployed between May and July 2014 was **2.019 million** (6.2%). This is down by 146,000 from the previous three months, and down by 468,000 from a year earlier – **1,282 a day**.

The unemployment rate in Great Britain was highest in the North East (9.9%) and lowest in the South East (4.4%).

587,000 18-24 year olds (14.5%) were unemployed between May and July 2014. This was 91,000 (13.4%) less than the previous three months.

- Of these, **278,000** (47.4%) had been unemployed for over 6 months.
- **176,000** had been unemployed for over 12 months. This is a fall of 37,000 (17.4%) over the previous 3 months, and 78,000 (30.7%) less than a year earlier.

At the end of Q2 2014, **473,000** (16.8%) of 18 to 24-year-olds in England were not in education, employment or training (NEET).

353,000 people aged over 50 were unemployed between May and July 2014. This is down 19,000 (5.2%) from the previous three months, and 62,000 (15.0%) less than a year earlier.

- **47.9%** of unemployed workers aged over 50 - a total of **169,000** people - have been out of work for over a year. **111,000** have been unemployed for more than two years.
- **1,103,000** people aged over 65 were *in work* between May and July, which is up 4,000 (0.4%) from the previous three months, and up 97,000 (9.6%) from the previous year.

91,000 people (**1,000 a day**) reported they had become redundant over the three months, 29,000 fewer than for February to April and 30,000 fewer than a year earlier.

- **723,000** people had been unemployed for over 12 months between May and July, down by 67,000 from the previous three months, and down by 175,000 (**479 a day**) from a year earlier.

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