

## DEBT STATISTICS – FEBRUARY 2013 SUMMARY

### UK PERSONAL DEBT

Outstanding personal debt was **£1.422 trillion** at the end of December 2012.

- This is up from £1.406 trillion at the end of December 2011.
- At the end of December 2012, individuals owed nearly as much as the entire country produced during the whole of 2011.

Outstanding secured (mortgage) lending was **£1.265 trillion** at the end of December 2012.

- This is up from £1.245 trillion at the end of December 2011.

Outstanding unsecured (consumer credit) lending was **£157 billion** at the end of December 2012.

- This is down from £160 billion at the end of December 2011.

Average household debt in the UK (excluding mortgages) was **£5,946** in December.

- This up from a revised **£5,914** in November.

Average household debt in the UK (including mortgages) was **£53,947** in December.

- This is up from a revised **£53,885** in November.

The average amount owed per UK adult (including mortgages) was **£28,944** in December. This is up from a revised **£28,910** in November, and was around **117%** of average earnings.

Average consumer borrowing (including credit cards, motor and retail finance deals, overdrafts and unsecured loans) per UK adult was **£3,190** in December. This is up from **£3,173** in November.

The estimated average outstanding mortgage for the 11.3m households that carry mortgage debt stood at **£111,645** in December.

Based on December 2012 trends, the UK's total interest repayments on personal debt over a 12 month period would have been **£60.4 billion**.

- This is equivalent to **£165 million** per day.
- This means that UK households would have paid an average of **£2,294** in annual interest repayments.

### STRIKING NUMBERS

**£53,947** was the average household debt (inc. mortgages) in December

**£165m** was the daily amount of interest paid on personal debt in December

**8,308** new debt problems were dealt with by the CAB each working day over the year to September

**1,727** people were made redundant every day between Sep and Nov

**892,000** people had been unemployed for over a year between Sep and Nov

**£11.38m** of loans are written-off daily by UK Banks and Building Societies

**Every 16 min 4 sec** a property is repossessed

**Every 5 min 12 sec** someone is declared insolvent or bankrupt

**£1.389 billion** was the daily value of all plastic card purchases made in November

The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) predicted in December 2012 that total household debt will reach **£1.997 trillion** in Q1 2018.

- This would mean that average household debt would reach **£75,769** (assuming that the number of households in the UK remained the same between now and Q1 2018).

Net lending by UK Banks and Building Societies rose by **£1.7 billion** in total in December 2012.

- Net secured lending rose by £1.0 billion in the month.
- Net consumer credit lending rose by £0.6 billion.

UK Banks and Building Societies wrote-off **£5.0 billion** of loans to individuals over the 4 quarters to Q3 2012.

- In Q3 2012 itself they wrote-off £1.04 billion (of which £473 million was credit card debt) amounting to a daily write-off of **£11.38m**.

## EVERY DAY IN THE UK

Based on the latest available data, Credit Action estimates that:

- **277** people are declared insolvent or bankrupt every day (based on Q4 2012 trends). This is equivalent to one person **every 5 minutes 12 seconds**.
- **1,556** Consumer County Court Judgements (CCJs) are issued every day (based on Q3 2012 trends). The average value of a Consumer CCJ in Q3 2012 was **£2,646**.
- Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales dealt with **8,308** new debt problems every *working day* during the year ending September 2012.
- It costs an average of **£29.02** per day to raise a child from birth to the age of 21.
- **90** properties are repossessed every day (based on Q3 2012 trends).
- **90** new people a day became unemployed for over 12 months during the year ending November 2012.
- **1,727** people a day reported they had become redundant between September and November 2012.
- Public Sector Net Borrowing (excluding financial interventions) was **£15.4bn** in December 2012, meaning that the Government borrowed an average of **£496,774,194** per day during the month (equivalent to **£5,750** per second).
- **155** mortgage possession claims are issued and **111** mortgage possession orders are made every day
- **426** landlord possession claims are issued and **281** landlord possession orders are made every day.
- The UK population is growing by an estimated **1,342 people a day**.
- **28.6m** plastic card purchase transactions were made every day in November 2012 with a total value of **£1.389 billion**.
- **8.4m** cash machine transactions were made every day in December with a total value of **£357m**.
- The average new car costs **£18.33 per day** to run.
- It cost **£66.05** to fill a 50 litre tank with unleaded petrol in January.

## NATIONAL STATISTICS

- The UK economy **contracted by 0.3%** in the fourth quarter of 2012, according to preliminary estimates from the Office of National Statistics.
- The number of unemployed people in the three months between September and November was **2.49 million** (7.7%). This is down by 37,000 from the previous quarter, and down 185,000 from a year earlier.
- **158,000** people (**1,727 a day**) reported they had become redundant over the three months. This is up by 27,000 from the previous three months, but down by 6,000 from a year earlier.
- **892,000** people had been unemployed for over 12 months between September and November, down by 5,000 from the previous three months, but up 33,000 (**90 a day**) from a year earlier.

## SERVICING DEBT

- Based on *annual* figures to the end of September 2012, Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales are dealing with **8,308** new debt problems every *working day*.
- According to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), **8,200** properties were taken into possession in Q3 2012 (this is down from 8,500 in Q2 2012).
- This equates to **90** properties being repossessed every day, or one property being repossessed **every 16 minutes 4 seconds**.
- The Insolvency Service said there were **25,302** individual insolvencies in England and Wales in Q4 2012. This is equivalent to **277** people a day or, one person **every 5 minutes 12 seconds**.

## PLASTIC CARDS AND PERSONAL LOANS

- Total credit card debt in December 2012 was **£55.1bn**.
- During November 2012 an average of **331** 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 **£1.389 billion** during November.

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