

## Debt Facts and Figures - Compiled January 2010

*Note: A Christmas / New Year Season - part 2 special report has been added this month*

### Total UK personal debt

Total UK personal debt at the end of November 2009 stood at **£1,459bn**. The twelve-month growth was 0.7%.

Total lending in November 2009 rose by £1.1bn; **secured lending increased by £1.5bn** in the month; consumer credit lending **fell by a net £0.4bn** (total lending in Jan 2008 grew by £8.4bn).

Total secured lending on dwellings at the end of November 2009 stood at **£1,232bn**. The twelve-month growth rate rose to 0.9%.

Total consumer credit lending to individuals at the end of November 2009 was **£227bn**. **The annual growth rate of consumer credit continued to fall to - 0.5%**.

Average household debt in the UK is ~ **£9,016** (excluding mortgages). This figure increases to **£18,784** if the average is based on the number of households who actually have some form of unsecured loan.

Average household debt in the UK is ~ **£57,888** (including mortgages).

**If you add to this the December 2009 pre budget report figure for public sector net debt (PSND) expected in 2014-15 (excluding financial interventions) then this figure rises to £116,340 per household.**

**Average owed by every UK adult is ~ £30,226 (including mortgages). This is 133% of average earnings.**

Average outstanding mortgage for the 11.1m households who currently have mortgages now stands at ~ £110,951.

Britain's interest **repayments on personal debt were £66.1bn** in the last 12months. The average interest paid by each household on their total debt is approximately **£2,621** each year. According to PwC the average household will need to spend approximately 15% of net income purely to service the interest payments arising from this debt.

Average consumer borrowing via credit cards, motor and retail finance deals, overdrafts and unsecured personal loans has risen to **£4,708** per average UK adult at the end of November 2009.

#### Striking numbers

**9,300**

Number of new debt problems dealt with by CAB each day

**£57,888**

average household debt (including mortgages)

**£181m**

personal interest paid in UK daily

**every 11.2 minutes**

a property is repossessed

**2,093 people**

made redundant every day

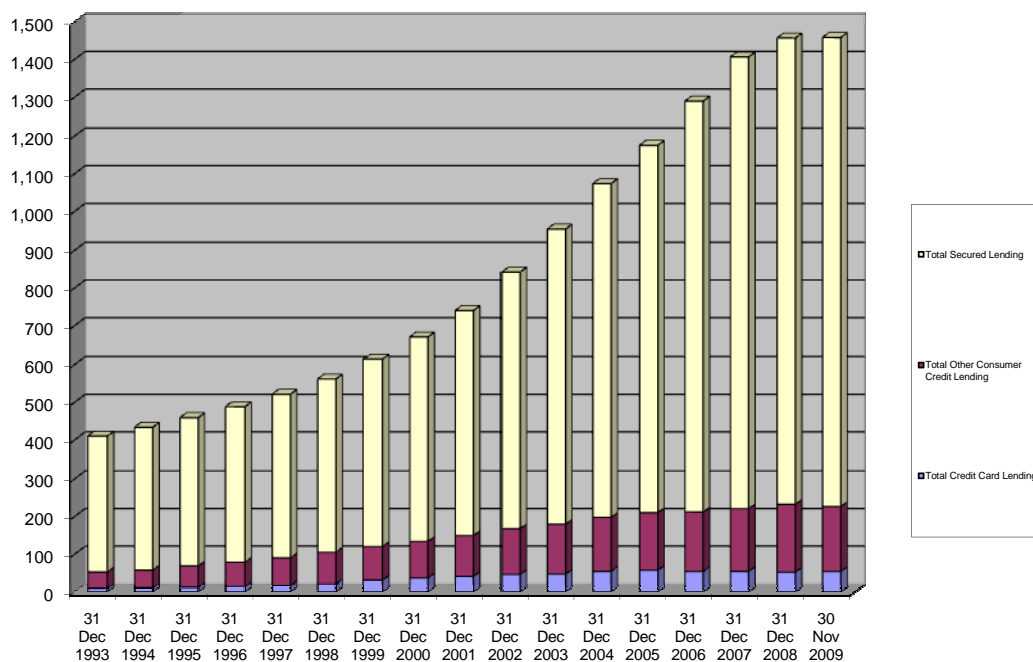
**1000 people**

seek some form of formal debt rescheduling plan every day

**£4,385 a second**

increase in Government national debt

Total UK Personal Debt £bn



Statistical Sources - Unless otherwise indicated statistics in the "Total UK personal debt" section are calculated by Credit Action - primarily using the Bank of England's debt figures.

### Today in the UK:

- The average household debt will **increase by £0.13 today** (it grew by £11.11 a day in January 2008)
- **386 people today** will be declared insolvent or bankrupt. This is equivalent to **1 person every 3.72 minutes**
- **1,000 people are seeking some form of formal debt rescheduling every working day.**
- **230,137 unsolicited telephone calls** made to UK consumers daily by debt management and personal loan companies
- In the last 12 months consumers saved an average of £2.76 every day
- 2,000 Consumer County Court Judgements (CCJs) were issued every day in the first 3 months of 2009
- **128 properties were repossessed every day during the last 3 months** to end September 2009. The Council of Mortgage lenders estimates this will increase to approximately **132 a day throughout 2009.**
- **Unemployment increased by 1,666 people every day** during 12 months to end October 2009.
- **2,093 people reported they had become redundant every day** during 3 months to end October 2009.
- **300 young people (16 – 24s) have become a NEET** (not in education, employment or training) every day during the last 12 months. **The increase has been 1,348 a day during Q3 2009.**
- £379m is the amount that the Government Public Sector net debt (PSDN) will grow today (**equivalent to £4,385 per second**).
- **£78m** is the interest the Government has to pay each day on the UK's net debt of £844.5bn. This is projected to rise to £121.6m a day (£44.4bn) in 2010 – 2011 financial year.
- 267 mortgage possession claims will be issued and 188 mortgage possession orders will be made today
- 368 landlord possession claims will be issued and 253 landlord possession orders will be made today.
- The UK population is projected to grow by 1,100 people a day over the next decade
- 21.9m plastic card purchase transactions will be made today with a total value of £1.05bn.
- 8.1m cash withdrawals will be made today with a total value of £530m
- Citizen Advice Bureaus dealt with **9,300 new debt problems** every day in England and Wales
- The average car will cost £15.13 to run today



### Christmas / New Year Season (Special Report - part 2):

**Sorting out health and finances top the Nation's New Year's resolutions** .More than 27 million people plan to make New Year's resolutions and losing weight, taking more exercise and **sorting out the finances** top the Nation's to-do list, according to new research by leading comparison site Gocompare.com.

**Almost 4m people (3,989,272) have already gone into debt to pay for Christmas in 2009**, according to research by R3. The research also finds that over 6.5m fear they won't have enough money to pay their bills at the end of the month due to Christmas spending, and **3m admit they're still paying off debts from Christmas last year**.

Sainsbury's Finance estimates that £10.6bn will be withdrawn from ATMs during December 2009. This equates to **around £341 million a day**, £14.2 million an hour or £237,100 a minute. In total, it estimates that around £619m more money will be withdrawn from ATMs during December 2009 than the same time last year.

The OFT and Citizens Advice are urging people who have struggled financially this Christmas to **start thinking now about saving for next year**. This should help reduce the need for expensive credit, and limit the financial and emotional challenges associated with problem debt.

Aviva estimate that on average, **UK adults spend three days, six hours and 35 minutes per year shopping around for Christmas presents** for their loved ones, pets and even their bin collectors.

When looking at the value of a Christmas stocking, children have **£305.60 of presents sitting at the bottom of their bed** and even more waiting by the tree according to AXA! Despite this parents are in denial about how much they are shelling out estimating that they will spend just £84.88 - over three and half times less than the actual average spend.

Barclaycard said Christmas transactions peaked on Saturday 19th December at 370 per second at 12.48 pm.

### **Other key national statistics:**

Real GDP in the UK economy during 2009 Q3 **declined by 0.2%** which means that **Britain has officially been in recession for 18 months – the longest period since records began in 1955. GDP is now 5.2 per cent lower than the third quarter of 2008.**

The Ernst & Young Item Club economist forecast warns GDP will struggle to pass one per cent growth in 2010 – as people turn to cutting back debts over spending and tax rises come.

There were 5.84 million working age benefit claimants at May 2009. This is an increase of 694,000 in the year.

**UK base rate fell to a 315 year low when the official bank rate was reduced to 0.5%** on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

There were 4,716 compulsory liquidations and creditors' voluntary liquidations in total in England and Wales in the third quarter of 2009 (on a seasonally adjusted basis). This was an increase of 14.6% on the same period a year ago. In the twelve months ending Q3 2009, **approximately 1 in 114 active companies (or 0.9%) went into liquidation**. Additionally, there were 1,578 other corporate insolvencies in the third quarter of 2009 (not seasonally adjusted) comprising 410 receiverships, 974 administrations and 194 company voluntary arrangements. In total these represented an increase of 9.3% on the same period a year ago.

In November 2009 the **public sector net debt (PSND) increased to £844.5bn**, equivalent to **60.2%** of gross domestic product and **equivalent to ~ £33,512 per household. PSND has increased £138.3bn in 12 months (equivalent to a growth of £4,385 per second or £5,488 per household). Net borrowing for the month was £20.3bn which was three times as much as the government borrowed in the whole of the first year it came to power in 1997-98.** The interest paid on this debt by the Government in April to November was £18.9bn which is equivalent to **~ £1,125 per household / annum.**

According to the **UK 2009 Pre Budget report** the public sector net debt (PSND), including unrealised losses from financial sector interventions, increases over the period to 2014-15 to £1,473bn (**£58,920 per household**).

The number of **unemployed people in the three months to October 2009 was 2.49 million (7.9%), up 21,000** from the previous three months and up **608,000 (1,666 a day) over the year**. This is the **highest quarterly figure in 14.5 years** since Feb 1995. **191,000 people (2,093 a day) reported they had become redundant** in the three months down 42,000 from the previous three months and up 12,000 from a year earlier.

There is a gap of 860,000 between the number of people who are currently unemployed and the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance benefit (1.63m).

The number of unemployed in the UK will peak at 2.8m in 2010 according to the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) which said unemployment would continue to rise until at least the summer.

Consumer Prices Index (CPI) annual inflation increased to 1.9% in November. **In the year to November, RPI annual inflation was 0.3%, compared with a fall of 0.8% in October. The last time there was an increase in the annual inflation rate greater than 1.1% was between March and April 1990.**

New car registrations in November were up 57.6% to 158,082 units. Scrappage accounted for 21.6% of all new car registrations in November.

UK retail sales values rose 1.8% on a like-for-like basis and rose 4.1% on a total basis, from November 2008.

The Policy Exchange says most people are aware that Britain has a huge national debt which is growing during the current fiscal crisis. But what many people do not know is that we have a **second national debt** – one that is kept out of government figures and hidden from view. This is the **public sector pension debt**, which has grown as successive governments have continued to promise public sector workers defined benefit pensions, often worth two thirds of final salary, index-linked for life. **It is now equivalent to 78% of GDP (£1.1trillion)** with the cost of servicing the debt each year to pay for these unfunded schemes now at £45.2 billion.

**Servicing Debt:** The ONS Wealth and Assets Survey estimated that one in ten of all households (2.5m) were in arrears on at least one credit commitment in 2006/2008. This increased to 13% among households with any borrowing commitments, that is, a mortgage or non-mortgage borrowing. It was higher still among those with any non-mortgage borrowing, whether or not they also had a mortgage (17%).

In a sign that Britons are facing increasing difficulties keeping their finances under control, bad debts from credit cards leapt from £812m to £1.6bn in the third quarter, said the Bank of England. The rise meant that the total amount written off by UK banks in that quarter set a new record at £4.3bn. In the first nine months of the year, banks have already written off more than they did in the whole of 2008 - itself a record year for write-downs.

According to leading debt charity Consumer Credit Counselling Service (CCCS), lower income households (with net incomes of less than £20,000) are finding it increasingly hard to repay their debts. The average debt for CCCS clients with low incomes is £18,375 and many are trapped in a budget deficit, spending averagely over £113 more than they earn each month. CCCS counselled over 75,000 clients by telephone in the first three quarters of 2009. Of these clients, 57,343 earn under £20,000 net per year.

The Insolvency Service said there were 35,242 individual insolvencies in England and Wales (**386 people a day or 1 every 3.72 minutes**) in the third quarter of 2009 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This was an **increase of 6.6%** on the previous quarter and an **increase of 28.2%** on the same period a year ago. **These are currently at the highest levels on record.**

Personal insolvencies now have a run rate of more than 120,000 per annum. In addition to these reported insolvencies, PwC estimates there will be between 100,000 and 150,000 Debt Management Plans this year. Taking these combined debt solutions into account suggests that, on average, around **1,000 people are seeking some form of formal debt rescheduling every working day.**

11,700 properties were taken into possession in the third quarter, up slightly from 11,400 in the previous quarter, and 5% higher than the number in the third quarter of 2008. This equates to **128 properties being repossessed every day or 1 property being repossessed every 11.2 minutes.**

At the end of September 194,600 mortgages, 1.77% of the total, were in arrears of 2.5% or more of the outstanding mortgage balance. This compares with 204,200 cases (1.86% of all mortgages) at the end of June.

The FSA estimate that at the end of Q3 there were **395,000 loan accounts in reportable arrears (> 1.5% of current loan balance)**, a decrease of 2% from Q2 but a rise of 16% from Q3 2008. At the end of Q3, loans in arrears represented 3.61% of the value of the loan book, up from 2.93% a year earlier.

Research from Shelter and Money Advice Trust shows that a massive 1.3m low-income households are struggling or falling behind with their finances and many feel under mental and emotional strain. Four in ten (39%), equivalent to around 600,000 households, feel their debts are harming their physical and mental well-being, rising to almost 50% in households with children

12.2m people – almost one quarter (24%) of adults in the UK – are hiding some form of debt (be that overdrafts, credit cards, store cards loans etc) from their partner, friends or family according to research completed by AXA. With an average hidden debt of £4,096 this means that there is potentially £50.1bn worth of 'hidden debt' in the UK.

**AXA research estimates that 1.4m (5%) admit they have taken time off work in the last 12 months as a result of money worries;** 1.2m (4%) spend more than four hours a day feeling anxious; seven in ten admit they spend time at work worrying about their finance, with almost a third (31%) spending up to 15 minutes a day worrying.

The UK and Ireland are the worst places in Europe to live, according to the latest uSwitch.com Quality of Life Index. While the UK enjoys the highest net household income in Europe, quality of life is the poorest, proving that there is more to good living than money. Long working hours, lower holiday entitlement and a high cost of living all contribute to a poor quality of life in the UK.

Citizens Advice is reporting a 46% increase in the number of people struggling with debts owed to their gas and electricity companies. The increase over the last six months follows a rise of 82% in enquires about fuel debts in the three years since 2005/6.

The estimated number of households in fuel poverty in the UK rose between 2006 and 2007 by 0.5 million, to stand at around 4 million (around 16 per cent of all households).

Citizens Advice Bureaux in England & Wales **deal with 9,300 new debt problems every working day**. Debt and benefit problems are currently growing at an annual rate of 21%.

The average Brit is just £155 away from a money meltdown. Bright Grey reveals 12m Brits (25%) are currently struggling to cope with their monthly bills and 39% of people would be in trouble if they had to find just £50 extra each month. Essential bills now account for 68% of household income, which equates to £1,378 on average each month per person and £2,001 for families.

A recent profile of CAB clients revealed that CAB debt clients owe an average of £16,971, an amount it would take an average of 93 years to pay off at a rate they can afford. The most common reasons for debt were low income, over-commitment, illness or disability and job loss. But irresponsible lending, poor financial skills and increases in the cost of living had also played a significant part in people's debt problems.

**Plastic card / Personal Loans:** According to the Bank of England December Trends in Lending the total net consumer credit flows remained negative in October and the twelve-month growth rate in consumer credit lending turned negative for the first time since the series began in 1994. The major UK lenders also reported that the total number of applications for consumer credit had continued to decline, largely driven by falling applications for unsecured personal loans.

According to the BBA the proportion of balances bearing interest fell, by 0.8% to 66.8%.

Total credit card debt in November 2009 was **£54.7bn**. The UK collective credit limit on credit cards is **£158bn, which is an average credit card limit of £5,129 per person**.

PricewaterhouseCoopers in their precious plastic 2010 report estimate that the average borrowing per credit card has increased by 5% and has surpassed £1,000 for the first time.

PwC say that bad debts have reached historic highs. Total credit card write-offs stood at 5.8% (£3.2bn) of outstanding balances in 2008. PwC's forecast suggests that write-offs will continue to increase and could reach 9% of outstanding balances by the end of 2010.

The average interest rate on credit card lending is currently **18.28%, which is 17.78% above base rate (0.5%)**.

There were 146.3m debit, credit or charge cards in circulation in the UK at the end of 2008 according to APACS. **An average 254 plastic card purchases were made in the UK every second** during Q3 2009 using debit and credit cards (equal to £12,367 /second). 94 cash withdrawals were made every second (equal to £6,233 / second) from UK's 63,400 cash machines during Q3 2009.

There are **more credit cards in the UK than people** according to APACS. At the end of 2008 there were 71.3m credit and charge cards in the UK compared with around 60 million people in the country.

**Young people - the IPOD generation:** The proportion of 18-24 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) increased by 113,000 in the last 12 months to end Q3 2009 and now stands at 933,000 (19.7%). The proportion of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) stood at 261,000 (13.4%) at the end of Q3 2009. **The total of 16 – 24 classed as NEETS now stands at 1.082m which is the highest on record.**

AXA estimate that a fifth of 18-24 year-olds drink alcohol to take their mind off their financial concerns.

The unemployment rate for 18 to 24 year olds increased by 26,000 (3.6%) on the quarter and 161,000 (27.1%) in the last 12 months to reach 757,000. **This means that 18.4% of all 18 to 24 year olds are unemployed which is the highest figure since records for this series began in 1992.** 317,000 (42%) have been unemployed for longer than 6 months.

Research from Sainsbury's Finance highlights that over half of undergraduate students (53%) in the UK are to be given financial assistance by their parents to see them through the financial burden of university. The average amount of parental financial support given to undergraduates is £8,070 per student during their university life.

The UK's largest survey of student finance, published by Push.co.uk, reveals that students who started at university last year can expect to owe nearly £21,200 by the time they leave and new students should reckon on at least £2,000 more than that.

**Pensioners / Pensions:** At May 2009, there were 12.5m people of state pension age claiming a DWP benefit, an increase of 221,000 since May 2008. Of these, 66% were claiming State Pension (SP) only.

The proportion of people aged 55 and above planning to work beyond the state pension age has jumped to 71%, compared to 40% in a CIPD survey two years ago suggesting that the recession has shrunk pension pots, savings, investments and house values.

The number of people aged 50+ out of work is 381,000, which is an increase of 3.2% over the last quarter and an increase of 35.1% (99,000) over last year. The number of people over state pension age in work continues to rise – with an increase of 23,000 in the three months to the end of October to 1.41 million, a rise of 75,000 (5.6%) over the previous year.

Scottish Widows estimates that **one in six (15%) retired people in the UK have an outstanding mortgage**, with an average debt of £50,100. They also estimate that **a third (34%) are in the red on loans and credit cards** and the average outstanding non mortgage debt amongst retired people with debt is £7,344.

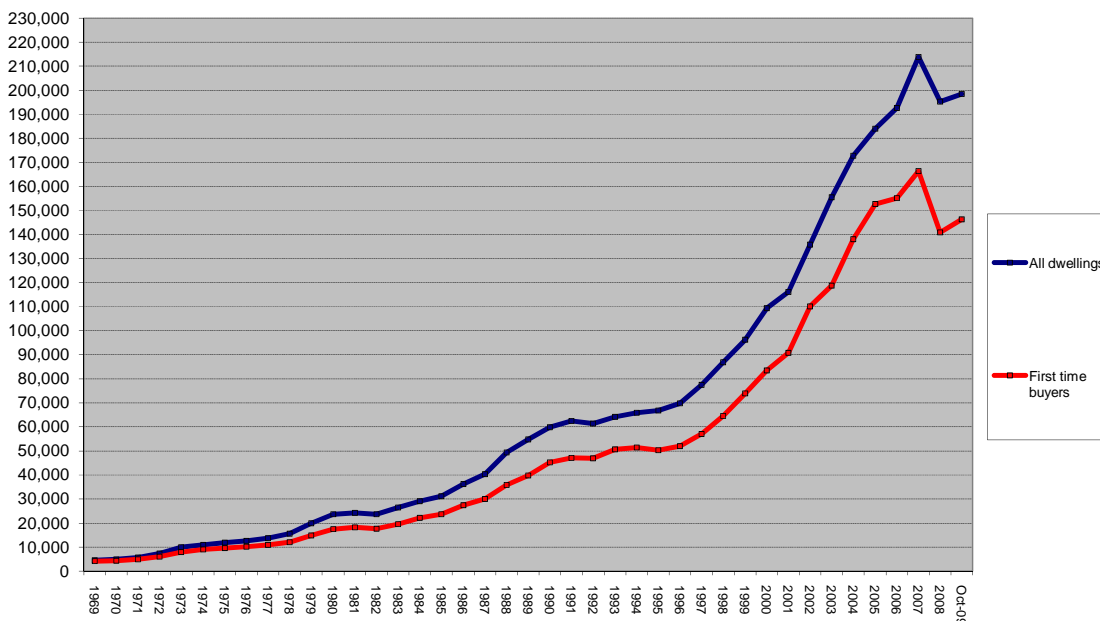
More than one in 10 workers (16%) who have a pension say that during the past five years they have reduced the amount they contribute or have stopped saving into it altogether, according to the Prudential.

On average someone who requires care in a residential care home may expect to pay in the region of £25,000 per annum.

There are more people of state pensionable age than under-16s. There were 11.5 million people aged under 16 in mid-2008 compared to 11.8 million people above state pensionable age,

**Housing:** According to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) the average house price in the UK in October 2009 now stands at **£198,450** (£204,642 in England). UK annual house price inflation fell by – 2.1%. Annual house price inflation in London fell by – 1.0%.

UK Average House Prices £



The average Mortgage Interest rate is 3.57%.

UK house prices will not reach their autumn 2007 peaks for at least another five years, according to the Ernst & Young ITEM Club. They also expect that house prices will fall again in the first half of 2010.

The ONS Wealth and Assets Survey estimated total wealth (including private pension wealth) in Great Britain in 2006/08 at £9.0 trillion. Property wealth (net) and private pension wealth each accounted for 39% of total wealth in 2006/08 (£3.5 trillion), while financial wealth (net) and physical wealth each contributed 11% (£1.0 trillion).

Over two-thirds of households in Great Britain owned their home in 2006/08; 32% of households did not own their home, 30% owned their home outright and 38% were buying with the help of a mortgage.

Council of Mortgage Lenders research suggests that about **900,000 home-owners currently have some degree of negative equity**, although the majority of these - around two thirds - face only modest shortfalls of less than 10% (equating to around £6,000 for those first-time buyers with negative equity, and £8,000 for other home-buyers). A further 565,000 homeowners have just 5% equity, and in total **an estimated two million UK mortgage borrowers** would not be able to raise a 10% deposit from their equity should they decide to sell their house.

John Charcol estimate there are another ½m with equity only between 10% and 15% which means in total that there are about **2½m households who can't move (unless they sell up and rent)**.

Gross mortgage lending totalled an estimated £12bn in November, a 10% drop from £13.3bn in October and down 14% from £13.9bn in November of last year, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

Nationwide said house prices increased by 0.4% in December and have risen by 5.9% since the end of 2008.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) said that the seasonally adjusted net balance of surveyors reporting rising rather than falling prices over the last three months rose to 35%. This was the best reading since November 2006. There were an average of 19 completed sales per surveyor during the last 3 months.

Rightmove said average national asking prices fell by £4,977 (-2.2%) this month and they estimate national average asking prices standing still during 2010.

House purchase mortgage approval numbers in November were 44,713 which were **152.3% higher than a year ago and 0.4% higher than 2 years ago**. The average loan approved for house purchase in November was **£142,200**, some 21.8% higher than a year earlier.

Existing home sales across the United States (including single-family, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops) rose 7.4% over last month and 44.1% year on year in November 2009. The **average price dropped 4.3% year on year** to \$172,600. RealtyTrac® said there were a total of 306,627 foreclosure filings — default notices, auction sale notices and bank repossessions — were reported on U.S. properties in November 2009, an 8% decrease in total properties from last month and a 18% increase in total properties from November 2008. The report also shows that one in 417 of all U.S. housing units received at least one foreclosure filing in November 2009.

**Housing First Time Buyers (FTB) & Buy-to-let:** The average house price in the UK in October 2009 for first time buyers now stands at **£146,272** which is an **annual decrease of – 0.1%**.

The proportion of first time buyers (FTBs) looking to put a foot on the property ladder has reached its lowest level for twelve months according to the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA). The monthly market survey of the NAEA members found that in November, only 19% of registered buyers were FTBs, the lowest since December 2008 when levels plummeted to 11%.

Surveyors expect to see rent rises in the New Year as the number of rental properties coming onto the market fell for the first time since January 2008, according to the latest RICS Lettings Survey.

Research conducted by the National Landlords Association (NLA), reveals nearly three quarters of landlords have experienced rental arrears. Worryingly, 43% of these occurred in the last 12 months.

The typical first-time buyer deposit in October was **25% (£37,225)**. The average first-time buyer borrowed 3.15 times their income and the average first-time buyer loan was £111,675.

For the third quarter in a row, there was a decline in the number of buy-to-let mortgages with arrears of more than 1.5% of the balance. In the last three months, the number has fallen from 22,900 to 20,500, representing 1.7% of outstanding buy-to-let mortgages.

The number of properties taken into possession rose in the third quarter, from 1,400 to 1,600, equivalent to 0.14% of all buy-to-let mortgages.

**Money Education:** The number of households without bank accounts has been cut by half. The latest report on access to banking by the Financial Inclusion Taskforce shows that the number has fallen from 2 million in 2003/04 to less than 900,000 in 2007/08. The proportion of low-income households without a bank account has fallen sharply in recent years, from 20–25 per cent in the mid-1990s to 4 per cent in 2007–08

In a disturbing reflection of attitudes towards planning and financial literacy in the UK, **more than a quarter of Brits are relying on winning the Lottery to help improve their financial situation**. This is compared to just one in 20 who

will seek professional help to improve their finances, according to a YouGov survey commissioned for Financial Planning Week 2009. The survey also found that:

- More than half of Brits said they were struggling to some degree to keep up with bills and credit commitments at the moment. However, on a positive note, only five per cent were actually falling behind.
- 43% of people often or sometimes struggle to make it to the next payday.
- **Only a quarter of people (26%) have a budget they follow regularly**
- Only 31% have made a Will, with 49% of those without one saying it's because they've just not got round to doing it yet

**63% of the population are more aware of their finances** and are making an increased effort to look after their accounts as a result of the credit crunch, according to research by NS&I.

**Spending:** Britons believe their average outgoings to be £892 per month. **The reality is they're spending £486 more than this at £1378 per month** according to the Reality Gap Report, commissioned by Bright Grey. If push came to shove, four in 10 people (43%) think they could use their savings to cover the bills if they lost their income source but the report reveals 38% of the UK's working population could not survive beyond one month on their savings alone.

The Office of National Statistics estimates that real household disposable income rose by 1.2% in the Q3 2009 following a 1.7% increase in Q2 2009. Real household disposable income rose by 5.2% when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2008.

Research, commissioned by price comparison website moneysupermarket.com revealed, on average, those in employment hang on for 27 days before going into their overdraft. The survey also showed over 10 million were overdrawn at least once in the past 12 months, including 2.1 million people who never come out of their overdraft. *5% of 45 to 54 year old workers were permanently overdrawn as against 15% of 18 to 24 year old employees*

**The average new family car now costs £5,523 annually to keep on the road, equating to £106 per week or 46p per mile.**

Brits will spend more than £1.7billion on cat and dog food this year according to M&S Money. Last year £1.7billion was spent on feeding the nation's 14.5 million cats and dogs.

Sun Life Direct's annual total cost of dying survey has revealed that on average a funeral will cost £2,733 whilst the additional extras could result in a total bill of £7,098 as the cost of probate, funerals and other costs, such as flowers and wakes, increase.

The annual survey from Liverpool Victoria on the Cost of a Child shows that parents could spend £193,772 on raising a child from birth to the age of 21. This is equivalent to £9,227 a year, £769 a month or £25 a day.

Weddingplan estimates that couples looking to get married in 2009 can expect to pay a huge £21,089 on their big day.

**Savings:** The average monthly amount saved per head across the population in 2009 was £83.87 according to the NS&I's Quarterly Savings Survey. The average amount saved as a percentage of income was 6.06% and the percentage of the Great British population regularly saving during 2009 was 47%.

Research from Abbey Savings has highlighted that over one in four (28%) British parents with young children have no savings or investments to use in times of difficulty or to use as a nest egg for their children's future. Indeed a further 20% of these parents have less than £1000 to fall back on.

TNS Omnibus found that **32% of people made redundant would fail to meet their current living expenses in the first month**, with one in six defaulting immediately. Less than half (43%) of working adults questioned had sufficient funds in place to survive more than three months.

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