

DEBT STATISTICS – JUNE 2013 SUMMARY

UK PERSONAL DEBT

Outstanding personal debt was **£1.424 trillion** at the end of April 2013.

- This is up from £1.410 trillion at the end of April 2012.
- At the end of April 2013, individuals owed nearly as much as the entire country produced during the whole of 2012.

Outstanding secured (mortgage) lending was **£1.266 trillion** at the end of April 2013.

- This is up from £1.252 trillion at the end of April 2012.

Outstanding unsecured (consumer credit) lending was **£157 billion** at the end of April 2013.

- This is down from £158 billion at the end of April 2012.

Average household debt in the UK (excluding mortgages) was **£5,971** in April.

- This down from a revised **£5,972** in March.

Average household debt in the UK (including mortgages) was **£54,015** in April.

- This is up from a revised **£53,991** in March.

The average amount owed per UK adult (including mortgages) was **£28,980** in April. This is up from a revised **£28,967** in March, and was around **120%** of average earnings.

Average consumer borrowing (including credit cards, motor and retail finance deals, overdrafts and unsecured loans) per UK adult was **£3,204** in April. This is unchanged from a revised **£3,204** in March.

The estimated average outstanding mortgage for the 11.3m households that carry mortgage debt stood at **£112,459** in April.

Based on April 2013 trends, the UK's total interest repayments on personal debt over a 12 month period would have been **£60.1 billion**.

- This is equivalent to **£165 million** per day.
- This means that UK households would have paid an average of **£2,279** in annual interest repayments.

STRIKING NUMBERS

£54,015 was the average household debt (inc. mortgages) in April

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

8,192 debt problems were dealt with by the CAB each working day over the year to December

1,534 people were made redundant every day between Jan and Mar

902,000 people had been unemployed for over a year between Jan and Mar

£10.21m of loans are written-off daily by UK Banks and Building Societies

Every 16 min 26 sec a property is repossessed

Every 5 min 15 sec someone is declared insolvent or bankrupt

£1.355 billion was the daily value of all plastic card purchases made in March

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).

Net lending to individuals by UK Banks and Building Societies rose by **£1.4 billion** in total in April 2013.

- Net secured lending rose by £0.9 billion in the month.
- Net consumer credit lending rose by £0.5 billion.

UK Banks and Building Societies wrote-off **£4.1 billion** of loans to individuals over the 4 quarters to Q1 2013.

- In Q1 2013 itself they wrote-off £932 million (of which £385 million was credit card debt) amounting to a daily write-off of **£10.21m**.

EVERY DAY IN THE UK

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

- **274** people are declared insolvent or bankrupt every day (based on Q1 2013 trends). This is equivalent to one person **every 5 minutes 15 seconds**.
- **1,373** Consumer County Court Judgements (CCJs) are issued every day (based on Q1 2013 trends). The average value of a Consumer CCJ in Q1 2013 was **£2,442**.
- Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales dealt with **8,192** debt problems every *working day* during the year ending December 2012.
- It costs an average of **£29.02** per day to raise a child from birth to the age of 21.
- **88** properties are repossessed every day (based on Q1 2013 trends).
- **58** new people a day became unemployed for over 12 months during the year ending March 2013.
- **1,534** people a day reported they had become redundant between January and March 2013.
- Public Sector Net Borrowing (excluding financial interventions) was **£6.3bn** in April 2013, meaning that the Government borrowed an average of **£210m** per day during the month (equivalent to **£2,431** per second).
- **158** mortgage possession claims are issued and **112** mortgage possession orders are made every day
- **466** landlord possession claims are issued and **312** landlord possession orders are made every day.
- The UK population is growing by an estimated **1,342 people a day**.
- **27.5m** plastic card purchase transactions were made every day in March 2013 with a total value of **£1.355 billion**.
- **8.7m** cash machine transactions were made every day in April 2013 with a total value of **£341m**.
- The average new car costs **£18.33 per day** to run.
- It cost **£66.70** to fill a 50 litre tank with unleaded petrol in May.

NATIONAL STATISTICS

- The UK economy **grew by 0.3%** in the first quarter of 2013, according to latest estimates from the Office of National Statistics.
- The number of unemployed people in the three months between January and March was **2.52 million** (7.8%). This is up by 15,000 from the previous quarter, but down 92,000 from a year earlier.
- **140,000** people (**1,534 a day**) reported they had become redundant over the three months. This is down by 5,000 from the previous three months, and down by 32,000 from a year earlier.
- **902,000** people had been unemployed for over 12 months between January and March, up by 23,000 from the previous three months, and up 21,000 (**58 a day**) from a year earlier.

SERVICING DEBT

- Based on *annual* figures to the end of December 2012, Citizens Advice Bureaux in England and Wales are dealing with **8,192** debt problems every *working day*.
- According to the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), **8,000** properties were taken into possession in Q1 2013 (this is down from 9,600 in Q1 2012, but is up from 7,700 in Q4 2012 in line with seasonal trends).
- This equates to **88** properties being repossessed every day, or one property being repossessed **every 16 minutes 26 seconds**.
- The Insolvency Service said there were **25,006** individual insolvencies in England and Wales in Q1 2013. This is equivalent to **274** people a day or, one person **every 5 minutes 15 seconds**.

PLASTIC CARDS AND PERSONAL LOANS

- Total credit card debt in April 2013 was **£55.3bn**.
- During March 2013 an average of **318** 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 **£1.355 billion** during March.

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