

# T7.10

## Personal and Stakeholder pensions

Number of individuals contributing<sup>1</sup> and average contribution by status<sup>2</sup> and earned income<sup>3</sup>

Numbers: thousands; amounts £

Range of earned income (lower limit)	Personal Pensions		Stakeholder Pensions		Personal & Stakeholder Pensions <sup>4</sup>	
	Individuals	Average Annual Contribution per Individual <sup>5, 6</sup>	Individuals	Average Annual Contribution per Individual <sup>5, 6</sup>	Individuals	Average Annual Contribution per Individual <sup>5, 6</sup>
<b>Year Ending 5 April 2002</b>						
<b>Employees</b>						
0	990	730	170	510	1,130	710
10,000	1,850	1,160	300	520	2,060	1,110
20,000	960	1,920	150	680	1,060	1,830
30,000	810	4,250	60	2,370	850	4,260
Total	4,610	1,770	680	720	5,100	1,700
<b>Self-Employed</b>						
0	330	1,050	30	910	350	1,070
10,000	350	1,290	30	850	380	1,290
20,000	190	1,940	10	1,530	200	1,970
30,000	240	5,430	20	6,110	250	5,650
Total	1,110	2,210	90	2,010	1,170	2,260
<b>In receipt of a Pension</b>	20	3,630	10	2,740	30	3,330
<b>Child</b>	-	-	20	1,320	20	1,320
<b>Full-time Education</b>	-	3,600	-	1,730	-	1,750
<b>Carer</b>	-	640	-	1,570	-	1,440
<b>Unemployed</b>	10	1,120	10	2,620	20	1,650
<b>Other</b>	10	1,810	20	1,590	30	1,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,760</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>6,380</b>	<b>1,810</b>

### Footnotes

1. The tables refer to the number of individuals whose Personal or Stakeholder Pension has received a contribution during the year.
2. Status is largely based on what is reported by an individual when making their opening application, or for existing business by the provider.
3. Earned income is derived from the Survey of Personal Incomes (SPI) and consists of all income chargeable under Schedule E (mainly pay, private and occupational pensions, retirement annuities and state retirement pensions), Schedule D Cases I and II (self-employment income), and miscellaneous other earnings.
4. The Personal and Stakeholder column includes people contributing to either, or both, a Personal and Stakeholder Pension. For this reason, it will not total the individual columns for Personal Pensions and Stakeholder Pensions.
5. Average Contributions include Gross Individual, Employer and minimum contributions.
6. Contributions are based on what has actually been contributed in the year, so the overall average will not be the typical annual average for those who have started making regular contributions part of the way through the year. This will be particularly true for Stakeholder Pensions in their first year, 2001-02.

### Notes on the Table

- 1 The table shows individuals contributing to a Personal Pension, Stakeholder Pension, or a Personal and/or a Stakeholder Pension by status and earnings. It also shows the average annual contribution per individual for each status. The data is derived from a sample of annual returns of information submitted to the Inland Revenue by Personal and Stakeholder Pension providers.

- 2 The data is collected primarily for compliance purposes and contains details of contributions made by or on behalf of individuals. This is the first year that providers have had to report in the detail that we have published. Prior to 6 April 2001, the self-employed claimed any relief due on their contributions through Self Assessment and providers did not have to report details of these individuals. Therefore analyses on a comparable basis are not available for years prior to 2001-02
- 3 As well as containing individual details, such as name and date of birth, the data also contains their National Insurance number. Using this it is possible to aggregate across those who have arrangements with one or more providers. Therefore, unlike tables 7.4 and 7.5 which are based on aggregate returns from providers and are therefore at arrangement level, we are able to present these results at an individual level. In addition the providers have to report the status of the individual in the following categories,
  - Employee
  - Pensioner
  - Self-employed
  - Child
  - Carer of a child aged less than 16
  - Carer of a person aged 16 or over
  - in full-time education
  - Unemployed
  - Other
- 4 Any individual making a gross contribution of £3,600 or less to a Personal or Stakeholder Pension from 6 April 2001 does not have to present evidence of earnings to the provider to whom they are making the contribution. Therefore in order to assess the earned income of contributors we have matched the individual details provided where possible with the Survey of Personal Incomes (SPI) 2000-01.
- 5 The SPI is a representative sample of nearly 200,000 individuals, drawn from the Revenue's Self Assessment, Pay As You Earn and Claims systems. Where we have been able to match these individuals to the SPI, primarily those with earned income, the totals in the tables are based on this sample. For other groups that are unlikely to be in the SPI, such as children, we have used the whole database directly to derive counts and amounts. For this latter group further analysis is limited to the data that providers have to submit. For more details on the SPI see [\[weblink to SPI intro\]](#)
- 6 The table relates to the number of individuals who have a recorded contribution in the year - either individual, employer or minimum. Whilst in theory the data should give us details of all individuals, in practice due to incorrect or missing data less than 100% of records are available for analysis. To account for this the results in the tables have been scaled to known administrative totals.