

# T7.12

## Personal and Stakeholder pensions

Number of individuals contributing<sup>1</sup> by country and region

Numbers: thousands

Region	Number of Individuals		
	Personal Pensions	Stakeholder Pensions	Personal & Stakeholder Pensions <sup>2</sup>
<b>Year Ending 5 April 2002</b>			
<b>United Kingdom</b>	5,760	840	6,380
<b>England</b>			
North East	220	40	250
North West	630	100	700
Yorkshire and the Humber	490	80	550
East Midlands	460	70	510
West Midlands	540	70	590
East of England	600	80	660
London	620	90	690
South East	890	110	970
South West	510	70	560
Total	4,960	710	5,480
<b>Wales</b>	220	40	250
<b>Scotland</b>	460	80	520
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	120	10	130

### Footnotes

1. The tables refer to the number of individuals whose Personal or Stakeholder pension has received a contribution during the year.
2. 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.

### Notes on the Table

- 1 The table shows individuals contributing to a Personal Pension, Stakeholder Pension, or a Personal and/or a Stakeholder Pension held for the United Kingdom, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The information is presented on a Government Office Region basis for England. The data is derived from a sample of annual returns of information submitted to the
- 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.

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Individuals are allocated to regions according to the residence of the holder. The postcode has been used to determine the country and hence the region for the overwhelming majority of cases. Some members of the Forces and Merchant Navy, together with a small number of people serving overseas and people with overseas addresses have not been allocated to regions, but have been included in the UK figures. There are also a small number of people in the sample where it was not possible to identify their postcode and therefore the correct region. These have also been included only in the UK figures.

5 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.