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Personal and Stakeholder pensions

Number of individuals contributing(1) and average contribution by status(2) and earned income(3)

Numbers: thousands; amounts £

Range of earned income (lower limit)	Personal Pensions		Stakeholder Pensions		Personal & Stakeholder Pensions (4)	
	Individuals	Average Annual Contribution per Individual (5,6)	Individuals	Average Annual Contribution per Individual (5,6)	Individuals	Average Annual Contribution per Individual (5,6)
Year Ending 5 April 2004						
Employees						
0	830	930	250	790	1,050	920
10,000	1,660	1,240	420	840	1,980	1,220
20,000	1,020	1,890	260	1,280	1,190	1,900
30,000	870	3,990	160	3,320	970	4,120
Total	4,390	1,880	1,090	1,290	5,190	1,860
Self-Employed						
0	310	960	60	1,120	360	1,030
10,000	300	1,190	60	1,060	340	1,230
20,000	170	1,610	30	1,510	190	1,680
30,000	230	4,220	40	5,120	260	4,590
Total	1,010	1,890	190	1,990	1,140	2,000
In receipt of a Pension	30	2,060	20	2,580	50	2,350
Child	-	-	20	1,400	20	1,460
Full-time Education	-	-	10	1,700	10	1,770
Carer	-	-	10	2,020	10	2,110
Unemployed	-	-	10	2,280	20	2,300
Other	10	1,650	20	1,780	40	1,750
Total (7)	5,440	1,880	1,370	1,430	6,470	1,890

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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.
7. Components may not sum to their total due to rounding.

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. Providers have only been required to report in the detail published since 2001/02. 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 therefore are 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) 2002-03.

5. The SPI is a representative sample of nearly 300,000 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 the Incomes Distribution section.](#)

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 imputation techniques have been used to take account of this shortfall.