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Household Income & Expenditure 2002

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TWRI has decided not to produce a full report based on ONS' latest Family Spending 2001/02. This is because the ONS report has a major discontinuity and now has data based on a small (single-year) sample, too small to give robust results in the North East. Indeed, the 2001/02 NE figures are well above previous estimates. In TWRI's judgement these are misleading.

The existing full TWRI report (Household Income and Expenditure 2001), on TWRI's website, stands as the most robust analysis of change. This uses the three years' data presented in previous ONS Family Spending reports. Three years' data creates sample sizes which are robust for the NE (about 1,000).

The limited tables presented here for 2002, instead of a full report, give a selection of key figures (only) from Family Spending 2001/02.

As well as covering income (table 1), broad expenditure (table 2) and ownership of durable goods (table 3), they also give details of expenditure on;

- food & drink (tables 4 and 5 – useful for health policy),
- transport (table 6 – for transport policy),
- recreation & culture (table 7 – for culture policy), and
- restaurants & hotels (table 8 – for tourism policy).

Table 1: Income and source of income 2001-02

| | Weekly household income | | Source of income | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|---|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | Disposable | Gross | Wages & salaries | Self-employment | Investments | Annuities and pensions | Social security benefits | Other sources |
| | £ | £ | Percentage of gross weekly household income | | | | | |
| North East | 414 | 494 | 71 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 1 |
| United Kingdom | 451 | 551 | 69 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 1 |
| England | 463 | 567 | 68 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 1 |

Source: ONS Family Spending 2001/02

Table 2: Average weekly household expenditure 2001/02

| | NE | | | UK | | | England | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------------|----------|
| | weekly exp £ | % of all exp gps | SE % | weekly exp £ | % of all exp gps | SE % | weekly exp £ | % of all exp gps | SE % |
| Commodity or Service | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Food & non alcoholic drinks | 39.10 | 11.2 | 4 | 41.70 | 10.5 | 1 | 41.60 | 10.3 | 1 |
| 2 Alcohol, tobacco & narcotics | 10.30 | 3.0 | 8 | 11.40 | 2.9 | 2 | 11.40 | 2.8 | 2 |
| 3 Clothing & footwear | 21.70 | 6.2 | 9 | 22.70 | 5.7 | 2 | 22.70 | 5.6 | 2 |
| 4 Housing, fuel & power | 31.00 | 8.9 | 5 | 35.90 | 9.0 | 1 | 37.30 | 9.2 | 2 |
| 5 Household goods & services | 22.80 | 6.5 | 11 | 30.40 | 7.6 | 3 | 30.50 | 7.5 | 3 |
| 6 Health | 2.60 | 0.7 | 18 | 4.50 | 1.1 | 10 | 4.80 | 1.2 | 12 |
| 7 Transport | 54.70 | 15.7 | 12 | 57.70 | 14.5 | 2 | 59.30 | 14.6 | 2 |
| 8 Communication (h) | 10.80 | 3.1 | 7 | 10.40 | 2.6 | 1 | 10.60 | 2.6 | 2 |
| 9 Recreation & culture | 53.40 | 15.3 | 7 | 54.00 | 13.6 | 2 | 54.80 | 13.5 | 2 |
| 10 Education | 4.10 | 1.2 | 45 | 5.50 | 1.4 | 7 | 5.80 | 1.4 | 8 |
| 11 Restaurants & hotels | 33.00 | 9.5 | 7 | 33.50 | 8.4 | 1 | 34.00 | 8.4 | 2 |
| 12 Misc goods & services | 21.40 | 6.1 | 6 | 30.60 | 7.7 | 2 | 31.50 | 7.8 | 2 |
| 13 Other exp items | 43.70 | 12.5 | 8 | 59.50 | 15.0 | 3 | 61.30 | 15.1 | 3 |
| 1-13 Total* | 348.60 | 100 | 4 | 397.80 | 100.0 | 1 | 405.30 | 100 | 1 |

* sums may not add due to rounding to the nearest 10p

SE % is the standard error of the estimate as a percentage of the mean

(h) means NE spending is above the UK mean

Source: ONS Family Spending 2001/02

Table 3: % of households owning selected durable goods 2001-02

| | NE | UK | England |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|---------|
| Car/van - | 63 | 74 | 75 |
| one | 39 | 44 | 44 |
| two | 20 | 24 | 24 |
| three+ | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Central heating full or partial (h) | 98 | 92 | 92 |
| Fridge-freezer or deep freezer (h) | 96 | 95 | 96 |
| Washing machine (h) | 94 | 93 | 93 |
| Tumble dryer (h) | 56 | 54 | 54 |
| Dishwasher | 19 | 27 | 28 |
| Microwave (h) | 88 | 86 | 86 |
| Telephone | 95 | 94 | 94 |
| Mobile phone | 65 | 65 | 66 |
| Video recorder (h) | 93 | 90 | 90 |
| Satellite receiver (h) | 46 | 43 | 42 |
| CD player (h) | 81 | 80 | 80 |
| Home computer | 43 | 49 | 51 |
| Internet connection | 32 | 40 | 41 |

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Source: Family Spending 2001/02

Table 4: Food & Non-alcoholic drinks expenditure

| | NE | UK | England |
|---|-------|-------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Food | 35.50 | 38.10 | 38.00 |
| Bread, rice & cereals | 3.60 | 3.70 | 3.70 |
| Pasta products | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| Buns, cakes, biscuits etc. | 2.50 | 2.60 | 2.60 |
| Pastry (savoury) (h) | 0.80 | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| Beef (fresh, chilled or frozen) | 1.20 | 1.30 | 1.30 |
| Pork (fresh, chilled or frozen) | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| Lamb (fresh, chilled or frozen) | 0.40 | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| Poultry (fresh, chilled or frozen) | 1.40 | 1.50 | 1.50 |
| Bacon & ham | 0.80 | 0.90 | 0.80 |
| Other meat & meat preparations | 4.60 | 4.60 | 4.50 |
| Fish & fish products | 1.50 | 1.80 | 1.80 |
| Milk | 2.10 | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| Cheese & curd | 1.20 | 1.30 | 1.40 |
| Eggs | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 |
| Other milk products | 1.20 | 1.30 | 1.30 |
| Butter | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| Margarine & other vegetable fats | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 |
| Peanut butter | 0.00* | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Cooking oils & fats | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Fresh fruit | 1.80 | 2.20 | 2.30 |
| Other fresh, chilled or frozen fruits | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Dried fruits & nuts | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| Preserved fruits & fruit based products | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Fresh vegetables | 2.30 | 3.00 | 3.10 |
| Dried & other preserved or processed vegetables | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Potatoes | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 |
| Other tubers and products of tuber vegetables (h) | 1.40 | 1.20 | 1.10 |
| Sugar & sugar products | 0.20 | 0.30 | 0.20 |
| Jams, marmalades | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Chocolate | 1.40 | 1.40 | 1.40 |
| Confectionery products (h) | 0.70 | 0.60 | 0.50 |
| Edible ices & ice cream | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Other food products | 1.50 | 1.80 | 1.80 |
| Non-alcoholic drinks | 3.60 | 3.60 | 3.50 |
| Coffee | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Tea | 0.40 | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Cocoa & powdered chocolate | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Fruit & vegetable juices, mineral waters | 0.90 | 1.10 | 1.10 |
| Soft drinks (h) | 1.70 | 1.40 | 1.30 |

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Source: ONS Family Spending 2001/02

Table 5: Alcoholic drink, tobacco & narcotics[#] expenditure

| | NE £ | UK £ | England £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Alcoholic drinks (brought home) | 5.50 | 5.80 | 5.70 |
| Spirits & liquors | 0.90 | 1.20 | 1.10 |
| Wines, fortified wines | 2.10 | 2.70 | 2.80 |
| Beer, lager, ciders & Perry (h) | 2.30 | 1.70 | 1.70 |
| Alcopops | 0.10* | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Tobacco | 4.80 | 5.60 | 5.20 |
| Cigarettes | 4.20 | 5.00 | 4.70 |
| Cigars & other tobacco products | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.50 |
| Narcotics | * | * | * |

[#] It follows international standards to ask re:narcotics but no data was obtained

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Table 6: Transport expenditure

| | NE £ | UK £ | England £ |
|---|---------|---------|--------------|
| Purchase of vehicles | 25.50 | 25.70 | 26.60 |
| Purchase of new cars & vans (h) | 11.60 | 10.60 | 11.10 |
| Purchase of second hand cars & vans | 13.50 | 14.40 | 14.80 |
| Purchase of motorcycles | * | 0.40 | 0.50 |
| Purchase of other vehicles | * | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Operation of personal transport | 20.20 | 23.60 | 24.00 |
| Spares & accessories (h) | 2.30 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Petrol, diesel, & other motor oils | 12.50 | 14.70 | 14.80 |
| Repairs & servicing | 3.70 | 5.10 | 5.30 |
| Other motoring costs | 1.70 | 1.80 | 1.90 |
| Transport services (h) | 9.00 | 8.40 | 8.70 |
| Rail & tube fares | 1.30 | 1.90 | 2.00 |
| Bus & coach fares (h) | 1.70 | 1.50 | 1.40 |
| Air travel | * | 1.20 | 1.10 |
| Combined fares | * | 1.00 | 1.20 |
| Other travel & transport [^] (h) | 3.00 | 2.90 | 2.90 |

[^] probably mainly taxis

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Table 7: Recreation & Culture expenditure

| | NE | UK | England |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment | 6.10 | 8.00 | 8.10 |
| Audio equipment & accessories, CD players | 2.90 | 3.00 | 3.10 |
| Photographic & cinematographic equipment | 3.10 | 4.50 | 4.50 |
| Optical instruments, binoculars, telescopes, microscopes | 0.20* | 0.50 | 0.50 |
| Other major durables for recreation & culture | * | 1.50 | 1.60 |
| Other recreational items & equipment, gardens & pets (h) | 9.70 | 9.50 | 9.60 |
| Games, toys & hobbies | 2.40 | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| Computer software & games | 0.90* | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Equipment for sport, camping & open-air recreation | * | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Horticultural goods, equipment & plants | 2.00 | 2.60 | 2.70 |
| Pets & pet food | 2.00 | 2.70 | 2.80 |
| Recreational & cultural services (h) | 18.50 | 16.30 | 16.50 |
| Sports admissions, subscriptions & leisure class fees (h) | 5.30 | 5.00 | 5.10 |
| Cinema, theatre & museums etc | 1.30 | 1.70 | 1.70 |
| TV, video, satellite, cable, TV licence, internet (h) | 4.80 | 4.70 | 4.60 |
| Misc entertainments (h) | 1.30 | 0.90 | 1.00 |
| Development of film, deposit and all photos | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.40 |
| Gambling pymts (h) | 5.40 | 3.70 | 3.60 |
| Newspapers, books & stationery | 5.80 | 6.20 | 6.20 |
| Books, diaries, address books, cards etc | 3.00 | 3.30 | 3.40 |
| Newspapers (h) | 1.90 | 1.80 | 1.80 |
| Magazines & periodicals | 0.90 | 1.00 | 1.10 |
| Package holidays | | 12.50 | 12.80 |
| UK | * | 0.70 | 0.80 |
| Abroad (h) | 12.10 | 11.70 | 12.00 |
| Total | 53.40 | 54.00 | 54.80 |

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Table 8: Restaurants & hotels expenditure

| | NE | UK | England |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Catering services (h) | 29.80 | 29.40 | 29.60 |
| Restaurants & café meals | 9.00 | 10.90 | 11.20 |
| Alcoholic drinks (away from home) (h) | 11.20 | 8.90 | 8.90 |
| Take-away meals (at home) (h) | 3.80 | 3.60 | 3.60 |
| Other take-away meals & snack food | 3.90 | 4.10 | 4.10 |
| Contract catering (food) | * | 0.10* | 0.10* |
| Canteens (h) | 1.90 | 1.80 | 1.80 |
| Accommodation | 3.20 | 4.10 | 4.40 |
| Holiday in UK | 1.90 | 2.00 | 2.20 |
| Holiday abroad | 1.20* | 1.90 | 2.10 |
| Room hire | * | * | * |

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Table 9: Full-time weekly earnings recorded by the New Earnings Survey 2002 (£)

| | Men & Women | Men | Women |
|---------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| North East | 399.30 | 439.10 | 332.10 |
| Great Britain | 464.70 | 513.80 | 383.40 |
| England | 471.70 | 521.30 | 388.00 |

Source: New Earnings Survey 2002

N.B. UK data not available