

Identified personal wealth

Distribution of identified wealth : assets by year

Asset type		2001 to 2003		2005 to 2007		2008 to 2010	
		Number and amount	Proportion ¹ and average ²	Number and amount	Proportion ¹ and average ²	Number and amount	Proportion ¹ and average ²
Securities	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	7,798 345,659	49% 44,327	5,607 458,564	36% 81,784	5,123 468,930	34% 91,534
Cash	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	13,606 363,632	85% 26,726	13,755 515,996	87% 37,513	13,395 621,771	89% 46,418
Insurance policies	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	7,807 331,135	49% 42,415	6,453 349,698	41% 54,192	5,468 342,209	36% 62,584
UK residential buildings	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	11,001 1,315,644	69% 119,593	10,797 1,997,718	69% 185,025	10,343 2,029,005	68% 196,172
Other buildings and land	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	409 79,292	3% 193,868	567 133,088	4% 234,722	534 121,218	4% 227,000
Loans and other assets	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	10,968 309,151	69% 28,187	11,095 319,798	70% 28,824	11,621 409,352	77% 35,225
Total gross capital value	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	15,697 2,744,513	98% 174,843	15,680 3,774,861	100% 240,744	15,050 3,992,485	100% 265,281
Liability type							
Mortgages	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	1,298 88,667	8% 68,311	4,172 291,211	26% 69,801	3,299 313,429	22% 95,007
Other debts ³	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	8,482 190,490	53% 22,458	7,427 122,568	47% 16,503	6,749 159,374	45% 23,614
Total net capital value	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	15,987 2,465,356	100% 154,210	15,758 3,361,083	100% 213,294	15,105 3,519,681	100% 233,014
Net movable property ⁵	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	15,595 1,159,088	98% 74,324	15,548 1,521,488	99% 97,857	14,934 1,682,887	99% 112,688
Net immovable property ⁴	Number (000s) and proportion of estates Amount (£m) and average per estate (£s) ²	11,086 1,306,269	69% 117,830	10,879 1,839,595	69% 169,096	10,375 1,836,794	69% 177,040
Adults not in identified wealth population		29,989	65%	31,039	66%	31,039	66%

1. The proportion shows the proportion of estates with assets in this class (i.e. the number of estates as a proportion of Total net capital value).

2. The average is calculated across all the estates owning that type of asset, so excluding the estates not holding any wealth in that asset type.

3. Some debt on property may be included in 'other debts'

⁴ Net immovable property includes land, buildings, and timber.

⁵ Other assets other than those included in footnote 4

Notes on the table

1. This table shows Identified Wealth, i.e. the wealth owned by estates represented by those passing through probate in each year, grossed up to that of the living using mortality rates

2. Not all estates require a grant of representation, and hence the identified wealth does not represent the entire population. For 2008-10, this covers 31% of estates.

3. The data contained in the tables are not subject to revisions unless there is, for example, a substantial change in the source data or methodology.

For further details see the accompanying commentary.

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