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## Personal wealth

Distribution among the adult population of marketable wealth (Series C)

Concentration of wealth among adult population							
Year	Most Wealthy Percentages of Population					Gini	
	1% <sup>z</sup>	2%	5%	10%	25%	50% Coefficient	(Series C)
Percentages of Wealth Owned							
1976	21	27	38	50	71	92	66
1977	22	28	39	50	71	92	66
1978	20	26	37	49	71	92	64
1979	20	26	37	50	72	92	65
1980	19	25	36	50	73	91	65
1981	18	24	36	50	73	92	65
1982	18	24	36	49	72	91	64
1983	20	26	37	50	73	91	65
1984	18	24	35	48	71	91	64
1985	18	24	36	49	73	91	65
1986	18	24	36	50	73	90	64
1987	18	25	37	51	74	91	66
1988	17	23	36	49	71	92	65
1989	17	24	35	48	70	92	65
1990	18	24	35	47	71	93	64
1991	17	24	35	47	71	92	64
1992	18	25	38	50	73	93	66
1993	18	26	38	51	73	93	66
1994	19	27	39	52	74	93	67
1995	19	26	38	50	72	92	65
1996	20	27	40	52	74	93	68
1997	22	30	43	54	75	93	69
1998	22	28	40	52	72	91	69
1999	23	30	43	55	74	94	70
2000	23	31	44	56	75	95	71
2001	22	29	41	54	72	93	68
2002	21	28	41	54	72	92	67
2003	19	27	40	53	73	93	67
2004	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2005	21	28	40	54	77	94	70

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Distribution of adult population by individual net wealth						
Year	Percentages of Population with less than					Total adult Population Thousands
	£	5,000	15,000	50,000	100,000	
Year	Percentages					Thousands
1976		60	90	99	100	40,486
1977		57	89	99	100	40,642
1978		52	83	98	99	40,824
1979		52	82	98	99	41,107
1980		49	77	97	99	41,356
1981		49	74	96	99	41,868
1982		46	71	96	99	41,937
1983		44	68	94	98	42,425
1984		41	64	93	98	42,765
1985		43	62	92	98	43,054
1986		40	61	90	97	43,322
1987		33	60	89	97	43,433
1988		34	51	86	94	43,822
1989		32	50	83	93	44,080
1990		35	49	78	94	44,284
1991		34	42	77	93	44,474
1992		27	45	78	93	44,765
1993		26	44	79	93	44,897
1994		26	43	78	92	45,007
1995		25	40	75	92	45,121
1996		28	43	75	91	45,191
1997		27	41	72	91	45,422
1998		27	39	68	89	45,654
1999		28	39	64	87	45,086
2000		29	40	65	86	45,263
2001		24	34	58	84	45,760
2002		21	32	56	83	46,020
2003		23	34	53	81	46,301
2004		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	46,624
2005		24	35	51	75	47,059

  

Net Capital (£) required in 2005 to qualify for most wealthy percentages of population						
	1%	2%	5%	10%	25%	50%
	895,947	595,238	362,997	251,611	100,572	37,283

<sup>1</sup> Provisional.

### Notes on the Tables

1. This table gives, for each of the years 1976 to 2003, estimates of the distribution of marketable wealth (Series C). Estimates for 2001 to 2003 have been revised and updated and provisional estimates for 2005 are published for the first time. Data previously published for 1976 to 2000 has been repeated here.

2. The number of adults with wealth greater than £1 million is estimated at 390 thousand and of those remaining, 860 thousand have assets greater than £500,000 in 2005. These numbers are based on marketable wealth and differ from those given in Tables T13.1 and T13.2 which are based on identified wealth. Marketable wealth gives a more complete picture of the distribution of personal wealth over the adult population. However, the more detailed breakdown in Tables T13.1 and T13.2 are based on identified wealth as it is not possible to estimate these splits with sufficient accuracy for marketable wealth.

