

Economics and Financial Trends

	1981	1990	1995	1996	1997
(1995=100)					
Gross domestic product (average measure)	69.9	92.4	100.0	102.6	106.1
Volume of fixed investment	61.4	102.6	100.0	104.9	111.3
Volume of consumer spending	71.4	94.2	100.0	103.2	106.5
Gross national disposable income at constant market prices	70.1	92.0	100.0	103.4	108.5
£ million, constant 1995 prices					
Gross domestic product	498,314	658,480	712,548	730,767	756,144
Consumers' expenditure	297,237	415,788	438,453	454,686	474,545
General government final consumption	122,109	132,986	140,406	142,820	142,857
Gross domestic fixed capital formation	71,451	119,368	116,360	122,042	129,465
Exports of goods and services ¹	54.5	77.4	100.0	107.5	116.6
Imports of goods and services ¹	48.6	85.9	100.0	109.1	119.5
Balance of payments current account (£ million current prices)	6,549	-19,513	-3,745	-600	8,006
Public sector borrowing requirement (£ million current prices)	10,573	-1,807	35,439	24,789	11,850
Money stock M4 (£ million current prices)	138.4	477.1	623.4	682.9	721.3
Bankruptcies	5,151	13,987	26,319	26,271	24,441
Company liquidations	8,596	15,051	14,536	13,461	12,610
Building Societies (£million)					
Shares and deposits (receipts)	26,509	104,807	138,831	152,055	110,867
Withdrawals	22,908	98,225	131,897	148,588	98,039
Mortgage advances (net)	6,331	26,338	16,041	17,208	15,031
Unit trusts: Number of holdings (millions)	1.79	4.63	6.63	8.02	9.60
Insurance companies' total net assets (£ million)					
Long term funds	60,584	230,814	496,865	554,241	N/A
Other than long-term funds	13,074	37,369	60,392	77,070	N/A
Pension funds: Total net assets (£ million)	66,493	306,521	512,993	549,226	N/A
¹ Export of goods and services and imports of goods and service price base are now calculated from 1990 values.					