

**NOTTINGHAM FULL TIME WORKERS SUFFER WORST DROP IN LIVING STANDARDS IN THE EAST MIDLANDS AS REAL VALUE OF EARNINGS FALLS BY 20.5% DUE TO 'BANKERS RECESSION' AND STALLED RECOVERY**

**These figures show that the Government's strategy for an economic recovery is in tatters as living standards in the East Midlands region drop by 7% says GMB**

Full time workers resident in Nottingham have suffered the worst drop in living standards in East Midlands region. The real value of their average gross earnings have fallen by 20.5% between April 2007 and November 2011, due to 'bankers recession' and stalled recovery.

Derbyshire's full time workers suffered the next worst fall in living standards in the region with a drop of 12.7%, followed by Leicestershire with a drop of 6.8%, Lincolnshire with a drop of 6.5%, Nottinghamshire with a drop of 4.7% and in Leicester and Northamptonshire the real value of average earnings for full time workers is down by 3.5%. Only 2 out of the 9 areas in the region have the movement in average earnings for fulltime workers kept pace with the rate of inflation over the same period. These are Derby and Rutland.

These figures are from a new analysis by GMB of official earnings data. The table below shows the change in living standards for all 9 areas in the region, between April 2007 and November 2011. For the East Midlands region as a whole the living standards of full time workers have fallen by 7% in this period. The fall for the UK as a whole is 5.9% and for England is 6.2% during the same period.

In the analysis GMB looks at the figure for annual average gross earnings of full time workers in each area from official ASHE data for April 2007 from ONS before the recession kicked in. This figure is compared with the figure for annual average gross earnings for the same area from ASHE for April 2011. The changes shown in annual average earnings between these two periods, plus an uprating for wage increases to September 2011, are measured against inflation over the same period to calculate the real change in the value of these earnings. See Notes to Editors for sources and inflation details.

		Mean gross annual (£) - full-time			Drop in real value of earnings from April 2007 to November 2011*
		2007 £	2011 £	Change £	
	United Kingdom	30,015	32,837	2,822	-5.9
	England	30,852	33,661	2,809	-6.2
	East Midlands	27,308	29,565	2,257	-7.0
<b>rank</b>					
1	Nottingham	28,832	27,331	-1,501	-20.5
2	Derbyshire	29,051	29,802	751	-12.7
3	Leicestershire	28,366	30,770	2,404	-6.8
4	Lincolnshire	25,379	27,602	2,223	-6.5
5	Nottinghamshire	27,470	30,380	2,910	-4.7
6	Leicester	22,462	25,103	2,641	-3.5
7	Northamptonshire	27,770	31,054	3,284	-3.5
8	Derby	24,611	28,851	4,240	1.9
9	Rutland	28,492	34,821	6,329	6.9

Andy Worth GMB Regional Secretary for the East Midlands said, **“These figures show that the Government’s strategy for an economic recovery is in tatters as living standards in the region drop by 7%.**

**George Osborne has the economic literacy of a stick of rhubarb.**

**Full time workers in Nottingham, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicester and Northamptonshire have seen the value of their earnings drop when they have a job. Things have got a lot worse in the past year as the recovery underway at the time of the election stalled and the region is mired in a new recession.**

**Two thirds of the economy is consumer driven and Osborne must be the only person who does not get it. Squeezing wages, pay freezes and cutting jobs will not restart the economy. Using the IMF measures his cuts will reduce real private consumption by 4% and GDP by 3.4% over the next few years.**

**I doubt if the electorate had any notion that a change of government would lead to a loss of 376,000 jobs across the UK and 20,000 in the East Midlands, in the public sector, in the short time since the general election. When the ‘same old Tories’ were returned to power they brought with them the same old philosophy that “if it’s not hurting it’s not working.”**

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**Notes to Editors:**

1 **2007-2011 Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings - residence based** *Source: Table 7.7a, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, Office for National Statistics. Crown Copyright Reserved*

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3 Between April 2007 and November 2011 inflation has been 16.1%, of which half (7.65%) has taken place since April 2010.