

# Average Additional State Pension, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

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## Background

The State Pension is comprised of two main parts - basic State Pension and Additional State Pension.

The amount of Additional State Pension a person receives depends on:

- their earnings history in employment;
- any credits or Home Responsibilities Protection they received;
- any periods they spent contracted-out of the Additional State Pension<sup>1</sup>;
- any inherited amounts received from deceased spouse or partner; and
- whether they deferred claiming their State Pension<sup>2</sup>.

Additional State Pension as defined here includes entitlement built up under 3 different schemes: the Graduated Retirement Benefit scheme (1961 to 1975); the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme (1978 to 2001) and the State Second Pension (2002 to present).

Once an individual is receiving Additional State Pension, it is increased in each tax year by inflation, as measured by the Retail Price Index (RPI)<sup>3,4</sup>.

Further information on the Additional State Pension can be found at the following links:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Pensionsandretirementplanning/StatePension/index.htm>

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<sup>1</sup> An employee in a contracted-out pension scheme pays National Insurance contributions at a lower rate, and receives correspondingly lower Additional State Pension in retirement.

<sup>2</sup> The figures presented in this note exclude additional amounts receivable due to individuals having deferred claiming their State Pension.

<sup>3</sup> Deducted amounts due to periods spent contracted-out are also increased, so that the final increase in a person's weekly amount of Additional State Pension may not equal the increase in RPI.

<sup>4</sup> From the 2011/12 tax year onwards, subject to Parliamentary approval, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be used instead of the RPI to increase Additional State Pension.

## Results

Mean weekly Additional State Pension in payment by gender, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 (Great Britain)

Men	£36.10
Women	£19.20
All	£26.00

Source: DWP Information Directorate, 5% sample administrative data

Notes:

1. Figures are in £ per week.
2. The means are calculated only over those individuals receiving some Additional State Pension.
3. The figures exclude additional amounts paid to individuals who deferred claiming their State Pension.
4. The figures include own and inherited amounts.
5. Figures refer to individuals resident in Great Britain only.
6. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10p.
7. Comparable figures for caseloads and average amounts of total State Pension are available at [http://83.244.183.180/100pc/sp/tabtool\\_sp.html](http://83.244.183.180/100pc/sp/tabtool_sp.html)

Number of individuals in receipt of any State Pension and Additional State Pension by gender, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 (Great Britain)

	State Pension	Additional State Pension
Men	4,263,800	4,221,400
Women	7,053,100	6,314,900
All	11,316,900	10,536,300

Source: DWP Information Directorate, 5% sample administrative data

Notes:

1. The figures include individuals receiving own or inherited amounts.
2. Figures refer to individuals resident in Great Britain only.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100 individuals.
4. Comparable figures for caseloads and average amounts of total State Pension are available at [http://83.244.183.180/100pc/sp/tabtool\\_sp.html](http://83.244.183.180/100pc/sp/tabtool_sp.html)

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