

UK CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EU BUDGET AND PUBLIC SECTOR RECEIPTS FROM THE EU

The table below shows the contributions made by the UK to the EU budget and the public sector receipts the UK receives from the EU.

The table is taken from a [Library briefing](#) and shows that the UK's contribution, after the rebate is applied, was an estimated £12.9 billion in 2015. The UK received total public sector receipts from the EU budget of £4.4 billion making an estimated net contribution of £8.5 billion in 2015.

UK Contributions to, and public sector receipts, from the EU budget, £ million

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 ^o
<i>Contributions</i>							
Sugar Levies	200	8	8	10	9	2	10
Customs Duties	1,802	2,146	2,216	2,192	2,171	2,200	2,462
VAT Own Resources	1,733	2,172	2,174	2,279	2,344	2,388	2,487
Fourth Resource Payments (GNI)	10,670	10,689	10,922	11,362	13,497	12,557	12,361
VAT and Fourth Resource Adjustments	-277	181	36	-98	114	1,631	459
Gross Contributions	14,129	15,197	15,357	15,746	18,135	18,777	17,779
UK rebate	-5,392	-3,047	-3,143	-3,110	-3,674	-4,416	-4,861
Total Contributions	8,737	12,150	12,214	12,636	14,461	14,361	12,918
<i>Public sector receipts</i>							
European Agricultural Guarantee Fund	2,910	2,910	2,667	2,753	2,747	2,595	2,544
European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development	215	439	419	291	619	567	556
European Regional Development Fund	639	758	605	438	297	1,053	1,032
European Social Fund	609	644	389	585	246	263	217
Other Receipts	28	18	52	102	86	98	96
Total Public Sector Receipts	4,401	4,768	4,132	4,169	3,996	4,576	4,445
Net Contribution	4,336	7,382	8,082	8,467	10,465	9,785	8,473

Notes: ^o 2015 figures are estimates

Source: HM Treasury, *European Union Finances*, latest edition published December 2015, Cm 9167

In addition, and not included above, the UK also receives receipts that bypass the public sector and go directly to the private sector and other non-governmental organisations such as Universities. Data on these receipts are less timely, however they are generally around £1 billion - £1.5 billion a year. If these are taken into account, the Treasury estimates that the UK's average net contribution to the EU budget was £7.1 billion between 2010 and 2014 (source: HM Treasury the long-term economic impact of EU membership and the alternatives, [Table 1.B](#))