

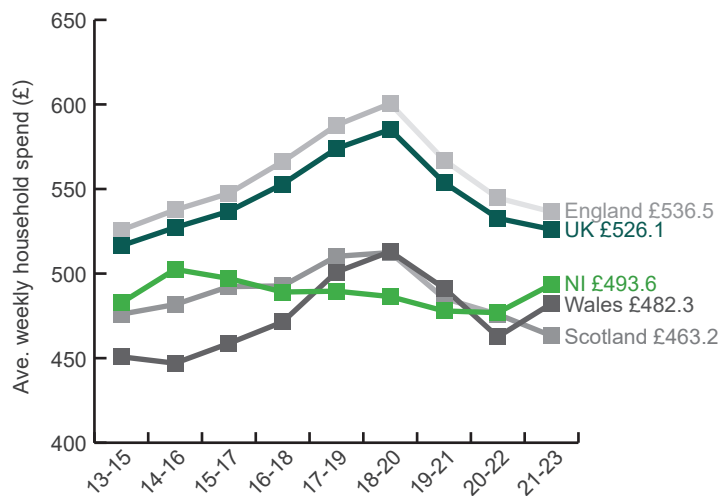
Family Spending 2021-2023

Source: Family Spending in the UK, ONS (August 2024)

ONS derived this data from the Living Costs and Food Survey (LCF). It is a survey designed to provide information on household expenditure patterns and food consumption across the twelve regions of the UK. It is a voluntary sample survey of private households who are asked to complete an interview and an expenditure diary for two weeks. All figures are based on a 3 year average.

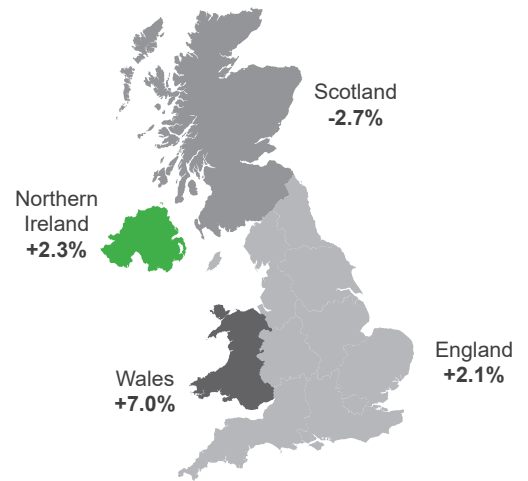
UK Spending Trends

2013-15 to 2021-23



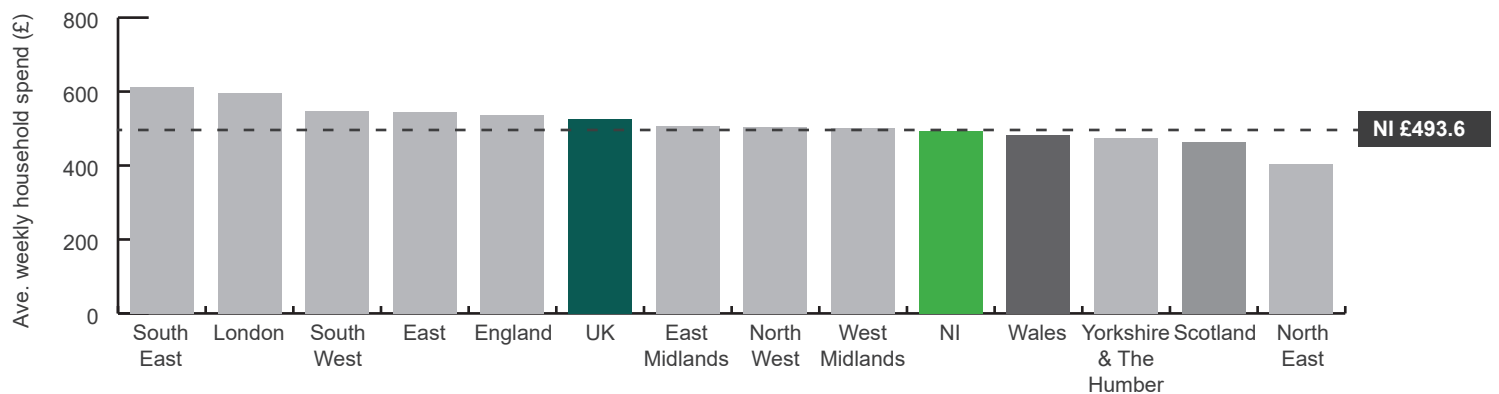
UK Spending Percentage Change

2013-15 to 2021-23



UK Regional Spending

2021-23



UK Regional Spending Variations

2021-23

Clothing & Footware

No other UK region spends more on clothing and footwear than Northern Ireland, even though there has been a decline in NI spending in this area (£36 in 2013-15 to £23.10 in 2021-23), NI has a percentage difference of +42% on the UK. 5% of our overall weekly spend goes on clothing and footwear compared to 3% of UK weekly spend.

The top 3 areas where we spend more than the UK:

Girls
outer
garments



+100%

Boys
outer
garments



+67%

Childrens
under
garments



+67%

Recreation & Culture

NI spends less than every other UK region in this area apart from the North East, with a weekly spend decreasing from £56.90 in 2013-15 to £46.90 in 2021-23. The UK weekly spend is £55.70 with the highest regional spend in the South East at £69.30.

The top 3 areas where we spend less than the UK:

Audio equipment



-63%

Miscellaneous entertainment



-58%

Sports admissions, subscriptions, leisure classes & equip. hire



-50%

Food & Non-Alcoholic Drinks

NI has had a 3.5% increase on the year in this area and spends 15% of weekly spend (12% in the UK), on food and non-alcoholic drinks. No other region in the UK spends more than NI on food and non-alcoholic drinks.

The top 3 areas where we spend more than the UK:

Preserved fruit & fruit based products



+100%

Beef



+84%

Potatoes



+83%

NI Household Expenditure Breakdown and Percentage Change on Previous 3 Year Period 2021-23

