

Finance Acts: page totals and averages, by period

Period	Total number of pages	Average number of pages per year
1940 - 1944	328	65.6
1945 - 1949	462	92.4
1950 - 1954	367	73.4
1955 - 1959	286	57.2
1960 - 1964	408	81.6
1965 - 1969	849	169.8
1970 - 1974	669	133.8
1975 - 1979	678	135.6
1980 - 1984	1,006	201.2
1985 - 1989	1,175	235
1990 - 1994	1,334	266.8
1995 - 1999	1,800	360
2000 - 2004	2,525	505
2005 - 2009	2,097	419.4
2010 - 2014	2,661	532.2
2015 - 2019	2,556	511.2
2020 - 2024	1,662	332.4

NOTES

Pre-2016 data on the length of Finance Acts are adapted from 'Big Ben's Statutory Tax Burden', an annual monitor of tax complexity published by ICAEW's [Tax Faculty](#) from 2005 until c. 2016.

In 1940, 1945, 1947, 1955, 1964, 1970, 1975, 1979, 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2005, 2015, 2017, 2023, and 2024 there were two Finance Acts; in 2010 there were three.

In 1987 the page format of Finance Acts was changed from A5 to A4. However, the average number of words per page appears not to have changed significantly as a result of this. Therefore, all page counts are given without adjustment.

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