

Estimated Horse Numbers

Category	Number	Percentage of Total
Owned/kept by private households	0.83m	83
Owned by private households + kept by livery yards	0.07m	7
Owned by 'professionals'	0.07m	7
Others	0.03m	3

Gender of Riders (%)

	Male	Female
All riders (2.4m)	77	23
Riding lessons (1.2m)	79	21
Competitive riding	85	15
Trekking (0.3m)	90	10
Hunting (0.5m)	68	32

Horse Usage

Activity	Main Purpose (%)
Riding/ hacking	53
Eventing	8
Hunting	7
Show jumping	5
Showing	5
Breeding	4
Dressage	3
Riding lessons	1
Driving	1
Others	13

Geographical Distribution of Riders

Region	% of riders
Scotland	8
North	21
Wales/ West Midlands	14
East Midlands/ East Anglia	11
South West	9
London/ South East	37

Horses per region of Britain

Region	No. of Horses
Scotland	72000
North	189000
Wales/ West Midlands	126000
East Midlands/ East Anglia	99000
South West	81000
London/ South East	333000

Expenditure on Horses by Private Owners

Product/ Service	Expenditure (£million)	%
Feed	295	17
Healthcare	165	9
Accommodation	345	20
Farriery	200	11
Bedding	85	5
Horsecare (grooming aids etc)	20	1
Saddlery, tack, rugs (purchases/ repairs)	160	8
Fees (competition, registration etc)	105	6
Paid help	65	4
Insurance	100	6
Transport	100	6
Capital expenditure (stable, repairs, fencing etc)	100	6
Total	17400 (£1905/ horse+pony)	100

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Expenditure on Horses by Professionals

Product/ Service	Expenditure (£ 000)
Feed	36600
Bedding	11300
Healthcare	17800
Farriery	14200
Saddlery, tack, rugs	6500
Registration/ fees	12500
Wages/ salaries	57800
Repairs/ removals (stables, yards etc)	12400
Rental (stables, yards etc)	8700
Insurance	6300
Miscellaneous	13200
Total	197300

Imports of Manufacturers of Leather or Composition Leather

(Saddlery and Harness)

Year		Weight Hundreds of kg	Value (£ 000)
1992	Total	21025	30872
	EC	12851	15237
	Non EC	8174	15615
1993	Total	21137	36325
	EC	10919	16059
	Non EC	12218	20266
1994	Total	43444	20754
	EC	5005	5921
	Non EC	38439	14833
1996	Total	27707	41308
	EC	13221	23754
	Non EC	14486	17555
1997	Total	24962	47263
	EC	12615	25526
	Non EC	12347	21701
1998	Total	36781	41485
	EC	23215	19171
	Non EC	13563	22314
1999	Total	104719	35453
	EC	42952	7509
	Non EC	61767	27943

Imports of saddlebags, cloths, traces etc for any animal

		Weight (Hundreds of kg)	Value (£ 000)
1998	All countries	21058	13315
	EC Total	3680	2152
	(of which Germany)	3153	
Others	USA	727	1153
	India	4759	2402
	China	3811	1411
	Taiwan	3219	1546
	Hong Kong	2511	1577
	Others	2351	3403

'Saddlers and Harness Makers' by County

Bedfordshire	10	Hampshire	50	Oxfordshire	15
Berkshire	19	Herefordshire	6	Shropshire	16
Buckinghamshire	25	Hertfordshire	6	Somerset (inc Bath and Bristol)	41
Cambridgeshire	9	Isle of Wight	3		
Cheshire	27	Kent	41	Staffordshire, Birmingham & Walsall	92
Cornwall	15	Lancashire	41		
Cumbria	14	Leicestershire	18	Suffolk	37
Derbyshire	18	Lincolnshire	29	Surrey	32
Devon	37	London	4	Sussex	37
Durham	14	Manchester	4	Warwickshire	17
Dorset	17	Middlesex	5	Wiltshire	26
Essex	51	Norfolk	30	Worcestershire	15
Gloucestershire	25	Northamptonshire	20	Yorkshire	80
		Northumberland	14	S Wales	40 ⁽¹⁾
		Nottinghamshire	11	N Wales	9 ⁽²⁾
N Ireland	26	N Scotland	24	S Scotland	50
Total:					1137

'Saddlers and Harness Makers' by County

		No of Horses*	Horses per Saddler/ Harness Maker
Scotland	74	72000	973
West Midlands	196	} 126000	} 514
Wales	49		
North	186	189000	1016
East Midlands/ East Anglia	127	99000	779
South West	170	81000	476
London/ South East	339	333000	982

Geographical Distribution of Membership for Society of Master Saddlers

Bedfordshire	3	Hampshire	13	Oxfordshire	8
Berkshire	9	Herefordshire	4	Shropshire	4
Buckinghamshire	11	Hertfordshire	6	Somerset	7
Cambridgeshire	3	Kent	18	Staffordshire	3
Cheshire	6	Lancashire	4	Suffolk	6
Cleveland	1	Leicestershire	5	Surrey	14
Cornwall	1	Lincolnshire	6	Sussex	9
Cumbria	2	London	9	Tyne & Wear	1

Derbyshire	5	Merseyside	1	Warwickshire	5
Devon	8	Middlesex	1	W Midlands	28
Dorset	6	Norfolk	3	Wiltshire	8
Essex	6	Northamptonshire	2	Worcestershire	1
Gloucestershire	7	Northumberland	3	Yorkshire	15
Greater Manchester	1	Nottinghamshire	7	N Ireland	7
Scotland	14	Wales	7	Channel Islands	1

Total: 289

SMS/ C&G Assessments, 1998-2000

Year	Level (Basic)	Level 2 (Intermediate)			Level 3 (Intermediate)		
		Bridle	Harness	Saddle	Bridle	Harness	Saddle
1998	16	14	7	2	15	4	1
1999	31	19	10	5	10	5	10
2000	21	18	11	12	13	2	3