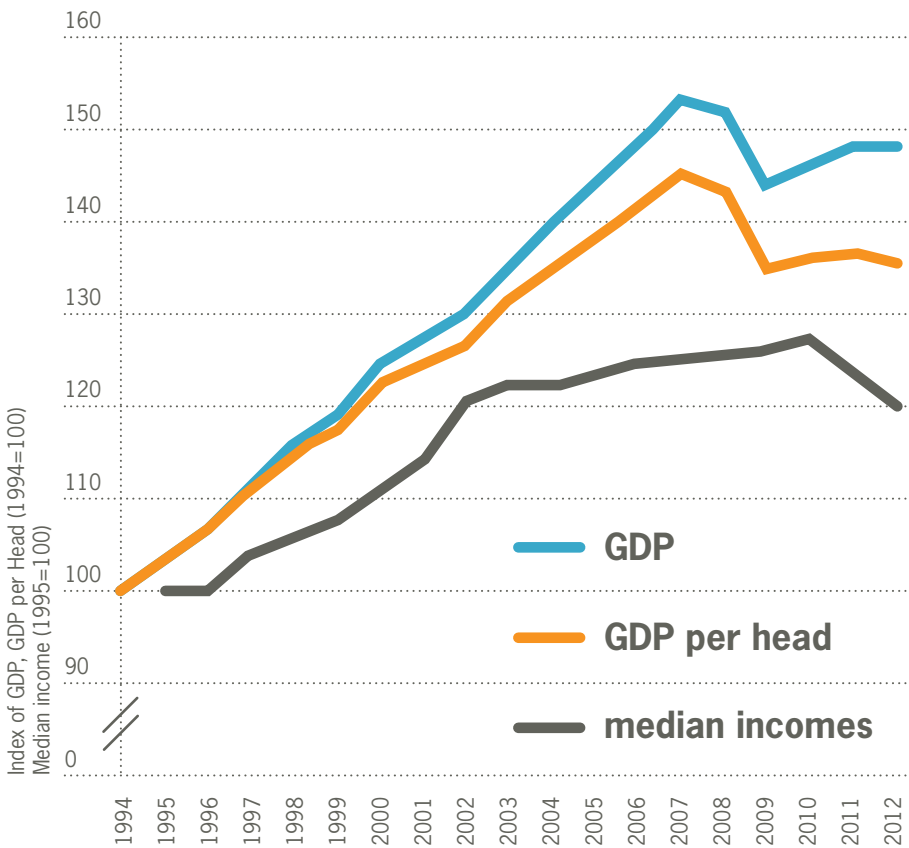


# Pay for middle-income earners is not increasing in line with economic growth

GDP, GDP PER HEAD AND MEDIAN INCOME, UK, 1994 TO 2012



## What does this mean?

The economy has grown by almost 50% since 1994, while ‘GDP per head’ – the value of the UK economy divided by the number of people living in the UK – has increased by nearly 40%. But over the past two decades ‘median incomes’ (‘those who are exactly in the middle of the income distribution - they earn more than the poorest half of the population but less than the richest half) have only risen by 20% - and have fallen dramatically since 2009, despite the economic recovery. This suggests that as the UK gets richer, it is mainly people at the top who are benefiting.

### Explaining the data

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