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A single adult chosen at random has a **75%** chance of earning more than £10,270.

The middle 50% of people earn between **£10,270** and **£20,802**.

The interquartile range is **£10,532**.

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Example statements:

The top 1% of people earn more than £73,024. The bottom 99% earn less than £73,024.

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The top 10% of people earn more than £29,538. The bottom 90% earn less than £29,538.

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The middle 80% of people earn between £7,541 and £29,538.

The middle 98% of people earn between £1,170 and £73,024.

The gap between the top 1% and bottom 1% is £71,854.