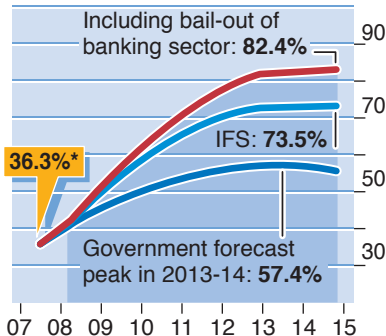


# Britain's soaring debt

Prime Minister Gordon Brown used to have a "golden rule" that Britain's overall debt should not exceed 40% of Gross Domestic Product. New Institute for Fiscal Studies forecasts predict that Public Sector Net Debt (PSND) could rise to over 70% of GDP

Forecast PSND as % of GDP



\*Actual PSDN 2007-08 £516bn

Forecast 2014-15 £1,513bn

*Equivalent to £49,400 per taxpayer*