

Football finances continue to swell

European football has proved resistant to the economic downturn, with the football market growing to €15.7 billion in 2008-09 and revenues of €7.9bn in the top five leagues. Despite UEFA's demand for cost control, wages continue to spiral, exceeding €5bn for the big five alone

ENGLAND Premier League

Total revenue

€2,326 million

▼ *Down €115m despite 3% sterling increase*

Operating profit **€93m**

Down over 50% ▼

Wages **€1,559m**

Up 11% ▲



GERMANY Bundesliga

Revenue **€1,575m**

▲ *Up €137m, 10% on 2007-08*

Profit **€172m**

Wages **€803m**

Up 11% ▲



SPAIN La Liga

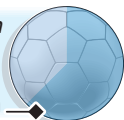
Revenue **€1,501m**

▲ *Growth of €63m, up 4%**

Profit unknown

Wages **€939m**

**€93m revenue increase at Barcelona and Real Madrid offset by €30m aggregate loss at other clubs*



ITALY Serie A

Revenue

€1,494m

▲ *Up 4%*

Loss **€116m**

Wages **€1,093m**

Up 12% ▲



FRANCE Ligue 1

€1,004m

▲ *Up 6%*

Loss **€64m**

Wages **€722m**

Up 3% ▲

