

# ONLINE OXFORD COLLOCATIONS DICTIONARY

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## increase *noun*

**ADJ.** big, considerable, dramatic, enormous, exponential, huge, large, major, marked, massive, significant, substantial, vast | moderate, modest, small | apparent | rapid, sharp | gradual, steady | fivefold, tenfold, etc. | 10%, etc. | net, overall | across-the-board *The pay rise represented an across-the-board increase of between 9% for the highest paid and 32% for the lowest paid worker.* | annual, monthly, etc. | dividend, fare, pay, price, rent, salary, tax, temperature, wage

**VERB + INCREASE** experience, see, show *Many parts of the country have experienced an increase in unemployment. This year saw an increase in the number of job applicants. Profits show a steady increase.* | enjoy *The country is enjoying the biggest increase in business confidence for years.* | achieve *We achieved a small increase in profits of £3,257.* | bring (about), cause, lead to, result in *Intensive farming has brought about an increase in outbreaks of food poisoning. The war resulted in a massive increase in government spending.* | reflect, represent | entail, involve, mean *The measures to improve the health service will involve an increase in government spending.* | announce, report *The company reported a 9.5% increase in third quarter losses.*

**INCREASE + VERB** occur

**PREP.** on the ~ *Burglaries in the area are on the increase.* | ~ in *There has been an increase in demand for two-bedroom flats.* | ~ on/over *The figures show a sharp increase on last year's turnover.* | ~ to *a dividend increase to 11.4 pence*

**PHRASES** a rate of increase

## increase *verb*

**ADV.** considerably, dramatically, enormously, greatly, significantly, substantially | slightly

| gradually | rapidly, sharply, steeply | steadily | twofold, threefold, etc. *Sales increased almost fourfold in this period.*

**VERB + INCREASE** be expected to, be likely to *Demand is expected to increase over the next decade.*

**PREP.** by *The budget has increased by more than a third in the last year.* | from, in *to increase in amount/number/price/size* | to *Last month the reward was increased from £20,000 to £40,000.* | with *Disability increases with age.*