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**Premier League footballers earned \$3.7bn last season – 27th April, 2019**

## **Level 0**

Premier League clubs paid over \$3.7 billion in wages for the first time last season. Almost 60 per cent of clubs' money goes towards wages. This was 55 per cent in 2016-17. The Premier League's top six clubs, which include Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills.

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## **Level 1**

Premier League clubs paid over \$3.7 billion in wages last season. A report showed that wages went above \$3.5 billion for the first time. The report showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the League. Almost 60 per cent of revenue goes towards wages. This is up from 55 per cent from 2016-17. The Premier League's top six clubs, which include Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills.

The Premier League is the most-watched league in the world. People in 212 countries watch it. The League makes a lot of money from television. However, the increase in wages has lowered the clubs' profits. These may go down in the next few years because of higher wages. It is harder for teams in the lower half of the League to make a profit. The bottom teams can lose up to \$130 million if they go down from the Premier League.

## **Level 2**

The UK's Premier League clubs paid over \$3.7 billion in wages last season. A report on football finances from an international accountancy company showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the League. It reported that Premier League wages went above \$3.5 billion for the first time. Almost 60 per cent of all League revenue goes towards wages. This is up from 55 per cent in the 2016/17 season. The Premier League's top six clubs, which include Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills in the League.

The Premier League is the top level of English football. It is the most-watched league in the world. People in 212 countries and 643 million homes worldwide watch it. The League makes a lot of money from television rights. The increase in the wage bill has lowered the clubs' profits. The report said profits at the clubs may go down over the next few years because of higher wages. It is harder for the teams in the lower half of the League to make a profit. The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if they go down from the Premier League.

## **Level 3**

Football players in the UK's Premier League clubs were paid over \$3.7 billion last season. An annual report on football finances showed a 15 per cent increase in revenue for the League's 20 clubs. The report is from the international accountancy company Deloitte. It reported that the wage bill for Premier League teams went above \$3.5 billion for the first time ever. The report said that almost 60 per cent of all the revenue earned by the League goes towards wages. This is up from 55 per cent in the 2016/17 season. The Premier League's top six clubs, which includes Manchester City, Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal, have the highest wage bills in the League.

The Premier League is the top level of English football leagues. It is the most-watched sports league in the world. People in 212 countries and territories, in 643 million homes worldwide watch it. This means it makes a lot of money from television rights and merchandising. However, the increase in the wage bill has reduced the profits earned by the clubs. Deloitte said: "With the emphasis now on clubs to generate revenue growth...it may be that we see the levels of pre-tax profit [go down] over the next few years." The teams in the lower half of the League are finding it more difficult to make a profit. The bottom three teams can lose up to \$130 million if they are relegated from the Premier League.