Length of Finance Acts passed since 1940, by year

Year	Number of sections	Number of schedules	Number of pages
1940	107	18	154
1941	52	5	44
1942	49	12	53
1943	31	9	32
1944	49	5	45
1945	69	10	81
1946	67	12	79
1947	83	16	124
1948	82	11	91
1949	52	11	87
1950	50	8	67
1951	44	7	63
1952	76	14	146
1953	35	3	38
1954	35	6	53
1955	8	5	25
1956	44	5	69
1957	42	9	66
1958	40	9	68
1959	37	8	58
1960	79	8	98
1961	37	6	40
1962	34	11	86
1963	73	14	114
1964	36	13	70
1965	97	22	271
1966	53	13	123
1967	45	16	110

1968	61	20	129
1969	61	21	216
1970	40	8	78
1971	69	14	130
1972	134	28	223
1973	59	22	116
1974	57	14	122
1975	134	27	279
1976	132	15	179
1977	59	9	88
1978	80	13	108
1979	28	5	24
1980	122	20	176
1981	139	19	218
1982	157	22	256
1983	64	12	94
1984	128	23	262
1985	98	27	242
1986	114	23	265
1987	176	25	211
1988	149	14	182
1989	188	17	275
1990	133	19	192
1991	124	19	185
1992	94	19	182
1993	214	23	312
1994	259	26	463
1995	163	29	380
1996	206	41	463
1997	167	26	339
1998	166	27	422
1999	140	20	196
2000	157	40	613

2001	111	33	331
2002	143	40	494
2003	217	43	453
2004	328	42	634
2005	178	22	363
2006	180	26	506
2007	115	27	309
2008	166	46	451
2009	127	61	468
2010	114	39	290
2011	93	26	404
2012	229	39	687
2013	236	51	634
2014	303	39	646
2015	181	29	579
2016	191	25	649
2017	135	29	813
2018	50	12	187
2019	97	20	328
2020	114	16	208
2021	136	34	417
2022	104	18	214
2023	366	24	471
2024	65	13	352
2025	87	13	288
2026	282	23	543

NOTES

Pre-2016 data on the length of Finance Acts are adapted from 'Big Ben's Statutory Tax Burden', an annual monitor of tax complexity published by ICAEW's Tax Faculty from 2005 until c. 2016.

In 1940, 1945, 1947, 1955, 1964, 1970, 1975, 1979, 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2005, 2015, 2017, 2023, and 2024 there were two Finance Acts; in 2010 there were three. The figures given for these years are cumulative totals covering all of the Finance Acts passed during the calendar year in question.

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