

**figure****1. ['figə] n****1. 1) цифра число**

double [three, four] figures - двузначные [трёхзначные, четырёхзначные] числа

target /control, key/ figures - контрольные цифры

in round figures - в круглых цифрах

income running into six figures - доход, выраженный шестизначным числом

**2) pl количественная информация количественные данные; цифры****2. pl разг. арифметика**

to be smart [quick] at figures - хорошо [быстро] считать

to be a poor hand at figures - быть не в ладах с арифметикой

**3. диаграмма, рисунок, чертёж (в книге)**

see figure 2 on page 5 - смотрите рис. 2 на с. 5

**4. фигура, внешний вид, телосложение, облик, образ**

a fine figure of a man - видный /представительный/ мужчина

the girl had a nice slender figure - у девушки была красивая стройная фигура

a garment adjusted to the figure - одежда по фигуре

to keep one's figure - следить за фигурой

**5. 1) фигура, персона, личность**

he was one of the greatest figures of his age - он был одним из самых выдающихся людей своего времени

public figure - общественный деятель

a person of figure - выдающаяся /замечательная/ личность

**2) человек; кто-то, некто**

I saw figures moving in the dusk - в полутьме я видел какие-то движущиеся фигуры; я видел, что в темноте кто-то ходит

**6. 1) изображение; портрет; статуя**

lay figure - манекен (художника)

the wall was decorated with figures of beasts, birds, flowers - стена была украшена изображениями животных, птиц, цветов

a figure of a deer stood on the mantelpiece - на камине стояла фигурка оленя

**2) (of) воплощение или предмет (чего-л.)**

a figure of fun - предмет всеобщего осмеяния; посмешище

she was a figure of distress - она была самоотчаяние

**7. впечатление**

the couple cut quite a figure - эта пара произвела большое впечатление

**8. риторическая фигура, троп (мж. figure of speech)****9. фигура (в танцах, фигурном катании, пилотаже)****10. узор (на ткани, бумаге)**

a polka-dot figure - рисунок в горошек

**11. разг. цена**

to buy at a high [at a low] figure - покупать по высокой [по низкой] цене

what's the figure? - сколько я вам должен?, сколько это стоит?

**12. мат. фигура, тело****13. гороскоп (в астрологии)**

to cast a figure - составить гороскоп

◇ to cut /to make/ a conspicuous /good, great/ figure - играть важную роль

to cut /to make/ a little [poor, ridiculous] figure - играть незначительную [жалкую, смешную] роль

to cut no figure - **преим. амер.** не играть никакой роли, не иметь никакого значения; не производить никакого впечатления

to do things on the big figure - **амер.** делать что-л. в большом масштабе, поставить что-л. на широкую ногу

to miss a /one's/ figure - **амер.** допустить грубую ошибку /просчёт/, просчитаться

**2. ['figə] v****1. изображать (графически, диаграммой и т. п.)****2. 1) представлять себе**

how do you figure it to yourself? - как вы это себе представляете?

**2) амер. разг. считать, полагать**

I figure that it will take three years - я считаю, что на это понадобится три года

I figure that you'd want your tea - я полагаю, что вам пора пить чай

will it explode? - John figures not - а оно не взорвётся? - Джон думает, что нет

they backed him because they figured him an upright man - они поддерживали его, так как считали его честным человеком

**3. (on)****1) рассчитывать на**

they figured on extra income - они рассчитывали на дополнительный доход

**2) полагаться**

I figured on him leaving early - я надеялся, что он рано уйдёт

**3) планировать, собираться**

I figure on going into town - я думаю поехать в город

**4. 1) играть важную роль**

the vice-president really figured in the company - в этой фирме вице-президент был (важной) фигурой

he will certainly figure in history - он, несомненно, войдёт в историю

the envoy figured often at court - посланник часто появлялся при дворе

**2) фигурировать, участвовать**

his name figures on the list - его фамилия есть в списке  
persons who figured in a robbery - лица, замешанные в ограблении

5. украшать (*фигурами*)

6. обозначать цифрами

7. *разг.* (*часто figure up*)

1) считать, подсчитывать; вычислять

2) складывать

to figure smth. in - включать что-л. в подсчёт

have you figured in the cost of the hotel? - а вы учли расходы на гостинцу?

8. выполнять фигуры (*в танцах, фигурном катании и т. п.*)

9. придавать форму

10. *амер. разг.* быть подходящим

that figures! - это меня устраивает!

## figure

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**figure** [figure figures figured figuring] noun, verb BrE ['fɪgə(r)] <sup>u</sup> NAmE ['fɪgjər]

noun

### NUMBERS

1. **countable**, usually plural a number representing a particular amount, especially one given in official information

- the latest **trade/sales/unemployment, etc. figures**
- Viewing figures for the series have dropped dramatically.
- Figures for April show a slight improvement on previous months
- By 2009, this figure had risen to 14 million.
- The final figure looks like being much higher than predicted.
- Experts put the real figure at closer to 75%.

2. **countable** a symbol rather than a word representing one of the numbers between 0 and 9

- Write the figure '7' on the board.
- a six-figure salary (= over 100 000 pounds or dollars)
- His salary is now in six figures.

**see also** ↑double figures, ↑single figures

3. **fig-ures plural (informal)** the area of mathematics that deals with adding, multiplying, etc. numbers

**Syn:** ↑arithmetic

- Are you any good at figures?
- I'm afraid I don't **have a head for figures** (= I am not good at adding, etc.) .

### PERSON

4. **countable** a person of the type mentioned

- a **leading figure** in the music industry
- a political figure
- a figure of authority
- When she last saw him, he was a sad figure— old and tired.
- a relatively unknown figure the world of fashion
- one of the most popular figures in athletics

**see also** ↑father figure, ↑mother figure

5. **countable** the shape of a person seen from a distance or not clearly

- a tall figure in black
- I saw a shadowy figure approaching.

### SHAPE OF BODY

6. **countable** the shape of the human body, especially a woman's body that is attractive

- She's always had a good figure.
- I'm watching my figure (= trying not to get fat) .

### IN PAINTING/STORY

7. **countable** a person or an animal in a drawing, painting, etc., or in a story

- The central figure in the painting is the artist's daughter.

### STATUE

8. **countable** a statue of a person or an animal

- a bronze figure of a horse

### PICTURE/DIAGRAM

9. **countable** (abbr. **fig.**) a picture, diagram, etc. in a book, that is referred to by a number

- The results are illustrated in figure 3 opposite.

### GEOMETRY

10. **countable** a particular shape formed by lines or surfaces

- a five-sided figure
- a solid figure

## MOVEMENT ON ICE

**11. countable** a pattern or series of movements performed on ice

- The skater executed a perfect set of figures.

**more at** facts and figures **at** ↑fact

### Word Origin:

Middle English (in the senses 'distinctive shape of a person or thing', 'representation of something material or immaterial', and 'numerical symbol', among others): from Old French **figure** (noun), **figurer** (verb), from Latin **figura** 'shape, figure, form'; related to **ingere** 'form, contrive'.

### Thesaurus:

**figure** noun

1. C

- the latest unemployment figures

**statistics** • **number** • **fraction** • **data** • **informal stats** •

a **high/low/round** figure/number

**exact** figures/numbers/statistics/data

**add/multiply/subtract/divide** figures/numbers/fractions

**publish** figures/statistics/data

**Figure or statistics?** In many cases you can use either word:

- official/crime/unemployment figures/statistics

**Statistics** can suggest a higher level of science or calculation than **figures**. It is usually necessary to say which figures:

- Government/Inflation figures show that...
- Statistics show that...

✗ **Figures** show that...

2. C

- Write the figure '7' on the board.

**digit** • **number** • **symbol** • **sign** • **character** •

**write sth in** figures/numbers/symbols

a **single** figure/digit/symbol/character

**double** figures/digits

a **sequence/series/set/string** of figures/numbers/symbols/digits/characters

**Figure or digit?** Use **figure** for amounts of money, but **digit** for a series of figures to identify sth

- a deal for a seven-figure sum
- a four-digit extension number

**Digit** is used more than **figure** for matters of technology and related equipment.

3. C

- He's a leading figure in the music industry.

**person** • **individual** • **character** •

a **sad** figure/person/individual/character

a **key/powerful/independent** figure/person/individual

4. C

- I saw a shadowy figure approaching.

**shape** • **form** • **shadow** • **outline** • **silhouette** •

a **tall** figure/shape/form/shadow/silhouette

a **black/dark** figure/shape/shadow/outline/silhouette

**make out/see** a/an figure/shape/form/outline/silhouette

5. C

- She has a good figure.

**body** • **build** • **often approving physique** •

**have** a good, large, slim, etc. figure/body/build/physique

### Collocations:

#### Physical appearance

A person may be described as **having** :

#### Eyes

(bright) blue/green/(dark/light) brown/hazel **eyes**

deep-set/sunken/bulging/protruding **eyes**

small/beady/sparkling/twinkling/(*informal*) shifty **eyes**

piercing/penetrating/steely **eyes**

bloodshot/watery/puffy **eyes**

bushy/thick/dark/raised/arched **eyebrows**

long/dark/thick/curlly/false **eyelashes/lashes**

#### Face

a flat/bulbous/pointed/sharp/snub **nose**

a straight/a hooked/a Roman/(*formal*) an aquiline **nose**

full/thick/thin/pouty **lips**  
dry/chapped/cracked **lips**  
flushed/rosy/red/ruddy/pale **cheeks**  
soft/chubby/sunken **cheeks**  
white/perfect/crooked/protruding **teeth**  
a large/high/broad/wide/sloping **forehead**  
a strong/weak/pointed/double **chin**  
a long/full/bushy/wispy/goatee **beard**  
a long/thin/bushy/droopy/handlebar/pencil **moustache/ (especially US) mustache**

#### Hair and skin

pale/fair/olive/dark/tanned **skin**  
dry/oily/smooth/rough/leathery/wrinkled **skin**  
a dark/pale/light/sallow/ruddy/olive/swarthy/clear **complexion**  
deep/fine/little/facial **wrinkles**  
blonde/blond/fair/(light/dark) brown/(jet-)black/auburn/red/(BrE) ginger/grey **hair**  
straight/curly/wavy/frizzy/spiky **hair**  
thick/thin/fine/bushy/thinning **hair**  
dyed/bleached/soft/silky/dry/greasy/shiny **hair**  
long/short/shoulder-length/cropped **hair**  
a bald/balding/shaved **head**  
a receding **hairline**  
a bald **patch/spot**  
a side/centre/(US) center (BrE) **parting/ (NAme) part**

#### Body

a long/short/thick/slender/(disapproving) scrawny **neck**  
broad/narrow/sloping/rounded/hunched **shoulders**  
a bare/broad/muscular/small/large **chest**  
a flat/swollen/bulging **stomach**  
a small/tiny/narrow/slim/slender/28-inch **waist**  
big/wide/narrow/slim **hips**  
a straight/bent/arched/broad/hairy **back**  
thin/slender/muscular **arms**  
big/large/small/manicured/calloused/gloved **hands**  
long/short/fat/slender/delicate/bony **fingers**  
long/muscular/hairy/shapely/(both informal, often disapproving) skinny/spindly **legs**  
muscular/chubby/(informal, disapproving) flabby **thighs**  
big/little/small/dainty/wide/narrow/bare **feet**  
a good/a slim/a slender/an hourglass **figure**  
**be of** slim/medium/average/large/athletic/stocky **build**

#### Example Bank:

- He cut a dashing figure in his uniform.
- He was a familiar figure in the local pub.
- I was never very good at figures.
- Lots of different figures were being bandied about.
- See Figure 8.
- She still had a lovely figure.
- She's kept her figure after all these years.
- The government has just released new unemployment figures.
- The industry remains in the doldrums, according to official figures out today.
- The rate of inflation has now reached double figures.
- The seated figure in the corner beckoned me over.
- These figures don't add up.
- They were visited by the unlikely figure of Bill Clinton.
- You can't put a dollar figure on the lives ruined by the hurricane.
- You need to watch your figure.
- a figure of authority/fun
- a key figure on the committee
- the central figure in the photo
- By 2004, this figure had risen to 14 million.
- Experts put the real figure at closer to 75%.
- Figure 4 represents the process of soil erosion.
- Figures for April show a slight improvement on previous months.
- He's a leading figure in the music industry.
- I'm watching my figure.
- Inflation is now in single/double figures.
- She's always had a good figure.
- She's earning a six-figure salary.
- There before him stood a tall figure in black.
- Viewing figures for the series have dropped dramatically.

- When she last saw him he was a sad figure— old and tired.

- a cult/public/political figure

**Idioms:** a figure of fun ▪ ↑cut a ... figure ▪ ↑go figure ▪ ↑it figures ▪ ↑put a figure on something

**Derived** ↑figure on doing something ▪ ↑figure on something ▪ ↑figure somebody out

verb

## BE IMPORTANT

**1. intransitive** to be part of a process, situation, etc. especially an important part

**Syn:** ↑feature

- My feelings about the matter didn't seem to figure at all.
- ~ **(as sth) (in/on/among sth)** Do I still figure in your plans?
- The question of the peace settlement is likely to **figure prominently** in the talks.
- It did not figure high on her list of priorities.

## THINK/DECIDE

**2. transitive (informal)** to think or decide that sth will happen or is true

- ~ **(that)...** I figured (that) if I took the night train, I could be in Scotland by morning.
- We figured the sensible thing to do was to wait.
- ~ **sth** That's what I figured.
- ~ **why, whether, etc...** He tried to figure why she had come.

## CALCULATE

**3. transitive ~ sth (at sth) (NAmE)** to calculate an amount or the cost of sth

- We figured the attendance at 150 000.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	figure
	BrE / 'fɪɡə(r) /
	NAmE / 'fɪɡjə /
he / she /it	figures
	BrE / 'fɪɡəz /
	NAmE / 'fɪɡjəz /
past simple, past participle	figured
	BrE / 'fɪɡəd /
	NAmE / 'fɪɡjəd /
-ing form	figuring
	BrE / 'fɪɡərɪŋ /
	NAmE / 'fɪɡjərɪŋ /

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**figure** verb

- I**
  - Do I still figure in your plans?
  - appear** • • **feature** •
  - figure/appear/feature **as sb/sth**
  - figure/appear/feature **prominently in sth**
- T (AmE)**
  - First we should figure roughly how much it will cost.
  - estimate** • • **judge** • • **reckon** • • **calculate** • • **guess** • • **gauge** •
  - figure/estimate/judge/reckon/calculate/guess **that...**
  - figure/estimate/judge/calculate/guess/gauge **how much, how many, how far, etc.**
  - figure/estimate/judge/reckon/calculate/guess/gauge sth **to be sth**

**Example Bank:**

- The issue figured prominently in our discussion.
- This man did not figure among the suspects.
- Vegetables hardly figure at all in their diet.
- I figured (that) if I took the night train, I could be in Scotland by morning.
- I figured him to be well over 40.
- If we can figure roughly how much it will cost, we can decide what to do.
- My feelings about the matter didn't seem to figure at all.
- She tried to figure who might have made the call.
- That's exactly what I figured.

- The cost of manufacture is figured at \$15 000.
- There was only one thing to do, he figured.

## figure

1. **figure** <sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /'fɪgə \$ 'fɪgjər/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: French; Origin: Latin figura, from fingere 'to shape, make']

### 1. NUMBER

a) [usually plural] a number representing an amount, especially an official number

unemployment/sales/trade figures

- " Ohio's unemployment figures for December
- " Government figures underestimate the problem.
- " It's about 30,000 in round figures (=to the nearest 10, 20, 100 etc).

b) a number from 0 to 9, written as a character rather than a word:

- " the figure '2'
- " executives with salaries in six figures (=more than £99,999)

a four/five/six figure number (=a number in the thousands, ten thousands, hundred thousands etc) ⇒ ↑double figures, ↑single figures

### 2. AMOUNT OF MONEY a particular amount of money

figure of

- " an estimated figure of \$200 million

### 3. PERSON

a) someone who is important or famous in some way

a leading/key/central figure

- " Several leading figures resigned from the party.
- " the outstanding political figure of his time

b) someone with a particular type of appearance or character, especially when they are far away or difficult to see:

- " a tall figure in a hat
- " Through the window I could see the commanding figure of Mrs Bradshaw. ⇒ **cult figure** at ↑cult<sup>2</sup>

### 4. WOMAN'S BODY the shape of a woman's body:

- " She has a good figure.

keep/lose your figure (=stay thin or become fat)

- " Most women have to watch their figure (=be careful not to get fat).

### 5. father/mother/authority figure someone who is considered to be like a father etc, or to represent authority, because of their character or behaviour

### 6. figures [plural] *British English* the activity of adding, multiplying etc numbers **SYN arithmetic**:

- " a natural ability with figures

have a head for figures (=be good at arithmetic)

### 7. MATHEMATICAL SHAPE a ↑geometric shape:

- " A hexagon is a six-sided figure.

### 8. PAINTING/MODEL a person in a painting or a model of a person:

- " the figure in the background ⇒ ↑figurine

### 9. DRAWING (written abbreviation **fig.**) a numbered drawing or a ↑diagram in a book

### 10. put a figure on it/give an exact figure to say exactly how much something is worth, or how much or how many of something you are talking about:

- " It's worth a lot but I couldn't put a figure on it.

### 11. a fine figure of a man/woman someone who is tall and has a good body

### 12. a figure of fun someone who people laugh at

### 13. ON ICE a pattern or movement in ↑figure skating

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + figure

- **high/low** The figures are worryingly high.
- **sales figures** We exceeded our target sales figures.
- **unemployment figures** There have been changes in the way the unemployment figures are calculated.
- **trade figures** (=showing the value of a country's exports compared to imports) Trade figures showed a slump last month.
- **government figures** (=figures produced by the government) Government figures suggest a moderate recovery in consumer spending.
- **official figures** According to official figures, two million houses in England are inadequately heated.
- **the latest figures** The latest figures show that crimes are down by 0.2 percent.
- **the exact figure** The government was unable to give the exact figure for the number of foreign workers in the country.
- **an approximate /rough figure** He gave us an approximate figure for the cost of the repairs.
- **a ballpark figure** *informal* (=one that is not exact) Can you give me a ballpark figure of the likely price?

### ■ verbs

- **reach double/six etc figures** (=be 10 or more/100,000 or more etc) The death toll in the region has reached five figures.
- **add up the figures** I must have made a mistake when I added up the figures.
- **release the figures** (=make them public) The company will release the sales figures later this week.

### ■ phrases

- **in single figures** (=less than 10) Women heads of department are in single figures.
- **in double figures** (=between 10 and 99) Only two of the group had scores in double figures.
- **in round figures** (=to the nearest 10, 20, 100 etc) In round figures, about 20 million people emigrated from Europe during that period.
- **according to the figures** According to official figures, exam results have improved again this year.
- **a four/five/six etc figure number** (=a number in the thousands/ten thousands/hundred thousands etc) Choose a four figure number that you can easily remember.

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## THESAURUS

- **body** the shape, size, and appearance of someone's body: Many women are not happy with their bodies. | His clothes emphasized his strong body.
- **figure** a woman's figure is the shape of her body – used especially when it is attractive: She has a really nice figure. | Freya had an enviably slim figure.
- **build** the size and shape of someone's body – used in the following phrases: Police described the man as tall and of medium build. | He was of heavy build. | She has a very slight build.
- **physique** the size and appearance of someone's body – used especially about men who look attractive: He was over 1.8 m tall with a muscular physique. | Ben has a very athletic physique.

## II. figure<sup>2</sup> S1 W3 BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> verb

1. [intransitive] to be an important part of a process, event, or situation, or to be included in something  
figure in/among

- Social issues figured prominently in the talks.
- My wishes didn't figure among his considerations.
- Reform now figures high on the agenda.

2. [transitive] *informal* to form a particular opinion after thinking about a situation  
figure (that)

- From the way he behaved, I figured that he was drunk.
- It was worth the trouble, I figured.

3. **that figures/(it) figures** *spoken especially American English*

a) used to say that something that happens is expected or typical, especially something bad:

- 'It rained the whole weekend.' 'Oh, that figures.'

b) used to say that something is reasonable or makes sense:

- It figures that she'd be mad at you, after what you did.

4. **go figure** *American English spoken* said to show that you think something is strange or difficult to explain:

- 'He didn't even leave a message.' 'Go figure.'

5. [transitive] *American English* to calculate an amount **SYN work out**:

- I'm just figuring my expenses.

**figure on something** *phrasal verb informal especially American English*

to expect something or include it in your plans:

- She was younger than any of us had figured on.

**figure somebody/something ↔ out** *phrasal verb*

1. to think about a problem or situation until you find the answer or understand what has happened **SYN work out**

figure out how/what/why etc

- Can you figure out how to do it?
- If I have a map, I can figure it out.
- Don't worry, we'll figure something out (=find a way to solve the problem).

2. to understand why someone behaves in the way they do **SYN work out**:

- Women. I just can't figure them out.

## figure

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15000 **405**<sup>COCA</sup>

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figure 74550

figures 26596

figured 12041

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figural 451

fig 1325

figs 784

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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5075 **6281**<sup>5795</sup> *vv0*

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