

Lord King

Mervyn Allister King, Baron King of Lothbury, [KG](#), [GBE](#), [DL](#), [FBA](#) (born 30 March 1948) is a British economist and public servant who served as the [Governor of the Bank of England](#) from 2003 to 2013.

Born in [Chesham Bois](#), [Buckinghamshire](#), King attended [Wolverhampton Grammar School](#) and studied economics at [King's College, Cambridge](#), [St John's College, Cambridge](#), and [Harvard University](#). He then worked as a researcher on the Cambridge Growth Project, taught at the [University of Birmingham](#), Harvard and [MIT](#), and became a Professor of Economics at the [London School of Economics](#). He joined the [Bank of England](#) in 1990 as a non-executive director, and became the chief economist in 1991. In 1998, he became a [deputy governor](#) of the bank and a member of the [Group of Thirty](#).

King was appointed as Governor of the Bank of England in 2003, succeeding [Edward George](#). Most notably, he oversaw the bank during the [financial crisis of 2007–2008](#) and the [Great Recession](#). King retired from his office as governor in June 2013, and was succeeded by [Mark Carney](#). He was appointed a [life peer](#) and entered the [House of Lords](#) as a [crossbencher](#) in July 2013. Since September 2014 he has served as a professor of economics and law with a joint appointment at [New York University's Stern School of Business](#) and [School of Law](#).^[2]