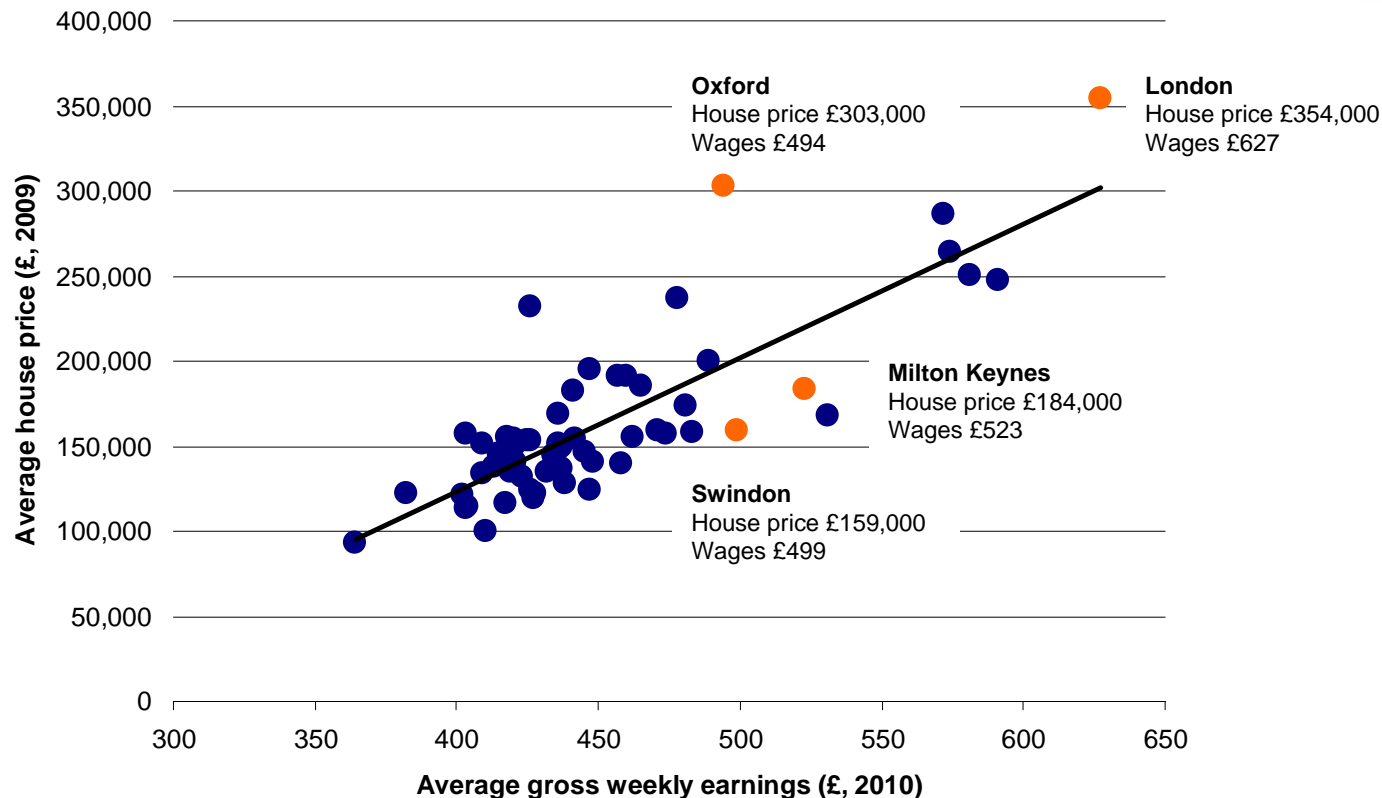


# London house prices – but not the wages

A recent report from the Centre for Cities, *Cities Outlook 2011*, has highlighted the uniquely poor affordability of housing in Oxford. The chart below shows average house prices against average wages for 59 cities in England and Wales. For most cities there is a strong relationship between house prices and wages – the higher the house price, the higher the wages. Oxford looks very different though. It has the second highest house prices – behind London – but wages are similar to those paid in Swindon and Milton Keynes where house prices are much lower.

The full report from the Centre for Cities is available at <http://www.centreforcities.org/outlook11.html>.

Average weekly earnings and average weekly house prices in urban areas



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