

## July 2024 Analysis and Research Bulletin

Welcome to the Local Government Association (LGA) Analysis and Research Bulletin.

This comprehensive monthly publication keeps you informed about key issues and developments in research impacting on local government.

The bulletin brings together the work of the LGA and also features relevant publications from the wider research community. The information in this bulletin is grouped under themed areas. This publication is produced by LGA Research and Information and we provide high-quality analysis and research across all aspects of local government.

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## Health and social care:

### Public health evaluations

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams (PHIRST) are producing public health evaluations with local authorities across the UK (funded by the NIHR). The three most recent are:

- [Greater Manchester communities addressing gambling harms](#)
- [The change from face-to-face to telephone specialist smoking cessation service and its effects on underserved communities in Bedford, Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes](#)
- [Reducing inequalities in exercise participation: Evaluation of the novel 'Bracknell Forest Health and Well-Being Locality Service' \(BFHWBS\)](#)

### Health trends in England 2017/18 to 2022/23

This Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) report presents data trends for the [health of the people in England](#) and shows how these have changed over time. Themes covered include risk factors, disease prevalence and outcomes.

### **How eating out contributes to our diets – Great Britain**

This research from NESTA considers how eating out, impacts on [diets in Great Britain](#).

### **Health survey for England, 2022 - part 1**

This [NHS Digital health survey](#) of adults and children in private households provides information on the proportion of people in England who have health conditions, and the prevalence of risk factors and behaviours associated with certain health conditions.

### **Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) spring survey 2024**

The [annual survey from ADASS](#) considers the challenges facing adult social care and the implications of these for the NHS.

### **UK Covid-19 Inquiry: Resilience and preparedness (Module 1) report**

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry has published its [first report](#), setting out findings and recommendations following its investigation into the United Kingdom's resilience and preparedness (Module 1).

### **GP patient survey results 2024 - England**

The [NHS England GP Patient Survey](#) assesses patients' experiences of healthcare services provided by GP practices and their experience of NHS pharmacy and dental services. The results are presented at GP practice, Integrated Care System (ICS), Primary Care Network (PCN), and national level.

### **What's going on with A&E waiting times - England**

This long read from The King's Fund looks at [A&E waiting times](#) and considers who is using A&E services, why people have been waiting longer in A&E in recent years, and what is being done nationally to address waiting times in England.

### **How much funding does the NHS need over the next decade? - England**

This analysis from The Health Foundation projects that [health care funding](#) in England will need to rise by 3.8 per cent per year in real terms, over the next 10 years, to meet rising care needs and deliver significant improvements in the NHS.

### **How likely is a general election to transform health and social care?**

This [long read](#) from The King's Fund reviews the past 45 years and asks whether a change of government is ever a catalyst for rapid change in the health and care system.

### **Realising the potential of integrated care systems**

This report from The King's Fund examines the [development of integrated care systems](#) (ICSs) by assessing their efforts to develop system-wide strategies for staff recruitment, training, and retention.

### **Adult social care in England, monthly statistics: week ending 14 June 2024**

These Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) [adult social care statistics](#) provide information on a range of topics including occupancy, infection control measures and COVID-19 vaccinations in adult social care settings in England in the week ending 14 June 2024.

### **Public opinions and social trends, Great Britain: 5 June to 30 June 2024**

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) statistics provide [social insights on daily life and events](#) from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey relating to the biggest issues facing society in Great Britain today.

### **How our surroundings shape our health**

This [resource](#) from The Health Foundation explores how our surroundings shape our health, and the extent of inequalities across different features of neighbourhoods.

## **Education and young people**

### **The impact of hardship on primary schools and primary and community healthcare - Britain**

This Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) report considers the [impact hardship is having on the delivery of services in primary schools and primary and community healthcare](#) settings such as GP surgeries in Britain.

### **Pupil attendance in schools 11 September 2023 to 12 July 2024 - England**

These Department for Education (DfE) statistics provide data on the levels of [attendance and overall, authorised and unauthorised absence in state-funded primary, secondary and special schools in England](#).

### **Special educational needs (SEN) in England: Academic Year 2023/24**

These DfE statistics provide information from the school census on [pupils with SEN and SEN provision](#) in schools in England for the 2023/24 academic year.

### **Forgotten generation: shaping better services for children and young people - UK**

This [report from NHS Providers](#) suggests that the health service is struggling to cope with rising demand for complex and acute care for children.

### **Schools, pupils and their characteristics: January 2024 - England**

These DfE statistics provide information on [pupils in schools](#) in England as collected in the January 2024 school census.

### **Pupil projections 2024 - England**

These DfE statistics provide information on [national projections for the number of pupils in schools](#) by type of school and age group in England in 2024.

### **Suspensions and permanent exclusions in England: 2022 to 2023 academic year**

This DfE publication provides information on the [levels of suspension and permanent exclusion](#) in the 2022/2023 academic year by school type in England, and the reasons for suspending and excluding pupils.

### **Education, health and care plans: England 2024**

These DfE statistics provide information on the number of children and young people with a Special Educational Need ([SEN](#)) or education, health and care (EHC) plan in England. Data is presented for both the caseload in January 2024 and for activity during the 2023 calendar year.

### **Provision for children under 5 in England: January 2024**

These DfE statistics provide information on [children aged 2 to 4 registered for funded early education and childcare entitlements](#) in England in January 2024 (including on staff and providers delivering them).

### **Holiday childcare survey 2024**

This report from Coram Family and Childcare provides information on the [cost of childcare over the school summer holidays](#).

### **Childcare and early years survey of parents 2023**

This DfE publication provides information on a [survey of parents with children aged 0 to 14](#). It covers parents' use of childcare and early years provision, and their views and experiences.

### **Support matters: an overview of services for adult victims/survivors of child sexual abuse – England and Wales**

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA Centre) has released the second overview of the key findings and implications of their [Support matters research](#), focussing this time on the services supporting adult victims/survivors of child sexual abuse.

## **Child sexual abuse of African, Asian and Caribbean heritage children**

This [knowledge review](#) from the CSA Centre explores the nature of sexual abuse, its impacts, the barriers that prevent children talking about it, and how concerns about it are identified and responded to, both within communities and by services.

# **Transport:**

## **Quarterly bus fares statistics: January to March 2024 – Great Britain**

These Department for Transport (DfT) statistics provide information on [local bus fares in Great Britain](#) for January to March 2024.

## **Passenger rail usage: January to March 2024 – Great Britain**

These Office of Rail and Road (ORR) [passenger rail usage quarterly statistics](#) provide information on the volume of passenger journeys, kilometres and revenue on the mainline network in Great Britain between January and March 2024.

## **Provisional road traffic estimates, Great Britain: April 2023 to March 2024**

These DfT statistics provide [provisional estimates for road traffic in Great Britain](#) for the year ending March 2024, by vehicle type and road class.

## **Walking and cycling statistics - England**

These DfT data and statistics provide information about [walking and cycling in England](#), based on the National Travel Survey and Active Lives Survey.

## **National travel attitudes study: wave 10 – March 2024, England**

This DfT [national travel attitudes study](#) reports on the views and experiences of individuals in March 2024 in England relating to bus fare caps, concessionary travel, international travel and the European Entry Exit System (EES).

## **Daily domestic transport use by mode from July 2023 – Great Britain**

These DfT statistics provide the daily [usage of selected domestic transport by mode](#) for Great Britain from July 2023.

## **Reported road casualties in Great Britain, involving illegal alcohol levels: 2022**

These DfT statistics provide information on [drink-drive collisions and casualties](#) in Great Britain during 2022.

# Environment

## **Agriculture in the UK 2023**

These Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) annual statistics provide information about [agriculture in the UK](#) during 2023.

## **Provisional woodland statistics 2024 - UK**

These Forestry Commission provisional UK statistics provide information on areas of [woodland, certified woodland, planting and the Woodland Carbon Code](#).

# Local Government

## **AI (Artificial Intelligence) use case bank**

The LGA recently launched an [AI Hub](#), which has been compiled to inform and empower local councils in their exploration of AI solutions. A set of local council case studies are included.

## **Local government capacity surveys:**

The series of LGA surveys below provide quantitative and qualitative data about local government capacity across a range of areas:

**Finance:** This LGA [finance capacity report](#) highlights challenges in recruiting, developing and retaining staff across all finance disciplines, and the increasing pressures facing finance teams.

**Legal services:** The LGA has collected quantitative and qualitative legal services workforce data across different council service areas. This [legal services capacity report](#) highlights challenges in recruiting, developing and retaining staff across all legal disciplines, and increasing pressures facing legal teams.

**Adult social care:** This LGA [adult social care report](#) highlights challenges in recruiting, developing and retaining staff across the different adult social care specialisms, and increasing pressures facing adult social care teams.

**Building control:** This LGA [building control capacity report](#) provides building control workforce data, and additionally highlights challenges in recruiting, developing and retaining staff across all building control disciplines, and the increasing pressures facing building control teams.

**IT:** This LGA [IT capacity report](#) is in response to heads of IT highlighting challenges in recruiting, developing and retaining staff across all IT disciplines, and increasing pressures facing IT teams. All heads of IT in all English councils were asked to complete an online survey.

**Environmental health:** This LGA [environmental health capacity report](#) highlights challenges in recruiting, developing and retaining staff across the different environmental health specialisms, and increasing pressures facing environmental health teams.

### **What is the outlook for English council's funding**

This report from the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) considers issues around [funding for local authorities in England](#) following the General Election.

### **Election candidate survey – England, May 2024**

This [research from the Electoral Commission](#) has uncovered significant levels of abuse faced by candidates in the May 2024 elections. In England, 43 per cent of candidates surveyed reported experiencing some kind of abuse or intimidation, with 10 per cent describing it as a serious problem.

### **Council tax statistics - England**

This collection brings together all documents from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) relating to [council tax statistics](#).

### **Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:**

#### **Liver Disease Profiles- financial year 2022/23 - England**

Liver Disease metrics published by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) have been added to LG Inform. Hospital admission rate due to liver disease per 100,000 in England for males in financial year 2022/23 was 194.8 compared to 118.6 for females. The region with the highest rate was the North East at 155.2 per 100,000 persons.

Hospital admission rate for alcoholic liver disease per 100,000 (Persons) in England for financial year 2022/23 was 49.4 an increase from 31.8 a decade ago in 2012/13. Under 75 mortality rate from alcoholic liver disease per 100,000 in England for males in the 3-years 2020-2022 was 14.7 compared to 8.0 for females.



Acute hepatitis B incidence rate per 100,000 population in England for 2021 was 0.31, this has been falling since 2016 when it was 0.82 persons.

**Available Geographies: Country – Region – County – London borough – Metropolitan District – Unitary - District**

### **Greenhouse gas emissions 2022 - England**

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) have published the latest greenhouse gas emissions statistics. Total CO2 emissions estimates in England for 2022 were 243,641.3 Kilotonnes, down from 259,523.3 Kilotonnes in 2021 and significantly lower than in 2012 when they were 370,112.4 Kilotonnes. Per Capita Emissions (tCO2e) in England for 2022 were 5.1 tonnes per person, compared to 8.0 tonnes per person in 2012.

**Available Geographies: Country – Region – County – London borough – Metropolitan District – Unitary - District**

## **Employment, pay and workforce**

### **The great skills divide: how learning inequalities risk holding the UK back**

This [skills report](#) from the Learning and Work Institute examines the UK's qualification profile, projecting it forward to 2035 and comparing against trends with international comparators. The report also considers trends in employer demand for skills and qualifications.

### **UK labour market: February to April 2024**

These ONS statistics provide estimates of [employment, unemployment, inactivity, average weekly earnings, vacancies and other labour market-related statistics](#) for the UK between February to April 2024.

### **Longitudinal education outcomes (LEO) data on graduate and postgraduate outcomes: 2021 to 2022 - England**

This DfE and Office for Students data provides information on [employment and earnings outcomes](#) for higher education graduates and postgraduates in England between 2021 and 2022.

### **Public sector employment - UK: March 2024**

These ONS statistics provide quarterly estimates on a headcount and full-time equivalent basis by sector, industry and region of [people employed in the public and private sectors in the UK in March 2024](#).

### **School workforce in England: November 2023**

These DfE statistics provide information on the size and characteristics of the [schools' workforce](#) in state-funded schools in England in November 2023.



### **Graduate labour market statistics: 2007 to 2023 - England**

These DfE statistics provide information [on graduate, postgraduate and non-graduate employment rates and earnings](#) for England from 2007 to 2023.

### **Apprenticeships: August 2023 to April 2024**

These DfE statistics provide information on [apprenticeship starts in England](#) from August 2023 to April 2024.

### **Apprenticeships in England by industry characteristics: 2017 to 2018 and 2021 to 2022 academic years**

These DfE experimental statistics provide information on [apprenticeship starts and achievements](#) between the 2017 to 2018 and 2021 to 2022 academic years by employer size, industry sector and region.

### **Offender Employment Outcomes, April 2019 to March 2024 – England and Wales**

These Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistics provide information on [employment outcomes for people supervised by the probation service](#) to March 2024 in England and Wales.

## **Economy**

### **Economic activity and social change in the UK, real-time indicators in the week to 18 July 2024**

This ONS early data provides information on the [UK economy and society](#) in the week to 18 July 2024. These faster indicators are created using rapid response surveys, novel data sources and innovative methods.

### **Business insights and impact on the UK economy: 1-14 July 2024**

This ONS data provides details of the [impact of challenges facing the economy](#) and other events on UK businesses.

### **UK trade: May 2024**

These ONS statistics provide information on the [total value of UK exports and imports of goods and services](#) by current price, chained volume measures and implied deflators in May 2024.

### **Retail sales: May 2024 - Great Britain**

These ONS statistics provide a first estimate of [retail sales in Great Britain](#) in volume and value terms, seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted during May 2024.

## **Consumer trends, January to March 2024 – UK**

These ONS statistics provide information on [household final consumption expenditure](#) (HHFCE) for the UK, as a measure of growth. This includes all spending on goods and services by members of UK households.

# **Housing**

## **Housing affordability for small areas in England and Wales: year ending March 2020**

These ONS statistics provide details of [affordability ratios of house prices](#) to small area model-based income estimates covering local areas called Middle layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) in England and Wales for the year ending March 2020.

## **Housing statistics 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 - England**

These statistics present the [housing starts on site and housing completions](#) delivered by Homes England between 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

# **Crime**

## **Civil justice statistics: January to March 2024 – England and Wales**

These MoJ statistics provide information on the [volume of civil and judicial review cases](#) dealt with by the courts over time in England and Wales between January and March 2024 and the overall timeliness of these cases.

## **Proven reoffending statistics: July 2022 to September 2022 – England and Wales**

These MoJ statistics provide information on [reoffending of offenders](#) who were released from custody, received a non-custodial conviction, or a caution in England and Wales between July and September 2022.

## **Estimates of children with a parent in prison - England and Wales**

This MoJ report uses linked government data to measure the scale of parental imprisonment and [estimates how many children have a parent in prison](#).

## **Work-related violence statistics from the Crime Survey for England and Wales 2022 to 2023**

This Health and Safety Executive (HSE) publication provides statistics from the crime survey for England and Wales 2022-2023 on [work-related violence](#).

## **Police use of firearms statistics, April 2023 to March 2024 – England and Wales**

These Home Office statistics provide information on the [police use of firearms](#) in England and Wales in the year ending March 2024.

## **Regular publications and events:**

### **LG Inform and LG Inform Plus webinar programme 2024**

The LG Inform and LG Inform Plus programme of free webinars for 2024 are available.

To book a place and discover more about the data, report writing and the various modules on offer visit the [online training page](#) for more details and how to book.

If you would like something more tailored to your needs, contact [lginformplus@local.gov.uk](mailto:lginformplus@local.gov.uk)

### **Social Research Association (SRA) training courses**

The SRA are currently offering a range of [online training courses](#) using Zoom.

### **SRA - Social Research Practice journal**

The latest issue of the SRA's free [e-journal](#) is now available.

### **Changing Populations newsletter**

The [latest newsletter](#) from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Centre for Population Change is now available.

### **Child Welfare Inequalities Project (CWIP) news**

The CWIP at Coventry University studies the links between deprivation and children's chances of being unable to live safely within their birth families and also aims to establish child welfare inequalities as a core concept in policy making, practice and research. Information about [current CWIP projects](#) is available on the website.

### **NIHR School for Public Health Research**

Sign-up to receive the latest news and updates from the NIHR School for Public Research including publications, funding opportunities, upcoming events and more. [Sign-up here](#).

### **Centre for Evaluation newsletter**

The Centre for Evaluation develops interventions, systems and strategies to improve public health using rigorous evaluation methods. Visit the website to [sign up for the Centre for Evaluation newsletter](#).

### **What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth newsletter**

This regular newsletter from the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth provides the latest resources and evidence. Visit the website to [sign up for the newsletter](#).

### **The Centre for Youth Impact newsletter**

The Centre for Youth Impact is a community of organisations that work together to progress thinking and practice around impact measurement in youth work and services for young people. [Sign up for the latest newsletter](#).

### **Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Newsletter**

The CSA newsletter brings together the most up-to-date research into an accessible overview for frontline professionals and commissioners. Visit the website to [sign up for the CSA newsletter](#).

### **National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) Direct**

This regular NFER newsletter provides research, industry insights and free resources and events. [Sign up](#) for the newsletter here.

### **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) Centre for Evaluation**

The Centre for Evaluation aims to improve the design and conduct of evaluations of complex public health interventions through the development, application and dissemination of rigorous methods, and facilitate the use of robust evidence to inform policy and practice decisions. The Centre produce a [termly newsletter](#).

### **Wales Centre for Public Policy (WCPP) newsletter**

WCPP works to address key economic and societal challenges through the use of evidence and produce a [regular newsletter](#)

### **Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) news alert**

[EEF news alerts](#) provide information about teaching and learning toolkits, project evaluation reports, grant funding rounds and news and events.

### **NESTA**

NESTA is an innovation foundation which aims to tackle society's big challenges. They produce a regular [newsletter](#).

**Research and Economic Analysis for the Long Term (REAL) Centre**

The Health Foundation's REAL Centre was set up to support long-term decision making in health and social care. Visit the website to sign up for [regular updates](#).

**Policy Bristol Newsletter**

The [Policy Bristol Newsletter](#) provides regular policy updates and the latest policy research and events news.

**ActEarly monthly bulletin**

The [AntennAE monthly e-bulletin](#) provides the latest news and developments from Act Early.

**The Health Foundation newsletter**

This [monthly newsletter](#) from The Health Foundation provides details about funding opportunities, latest publications and blogs, and the latest news from the world of UK health care.

**The Learning and Work Institute newsletter**

This [monthly newsletter](#) from the Learning and Work Institute provides news updates, latest publications and blogs.