

August 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:

Adult social care in England, monthly statistics: Week ending 15 July 2024

These Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) statistics provide information on a range of topics including [occupancy and infection control measures in adult social care settings](#) in England for the week ending 15 July 2024.

Health trends in England: 2001 to 2023

This report from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) presents trends in [data on the health of the people in England](#) and how this has changed over time. Themes covered include risk factors, disease prevalence and outcomes. Data is presented for England and English regions.

Family spending in the UK: April 2022 to March 2023

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) statistics provide information on [average weekly household expenditure on goods and services in the UK](#), by age, income, economic status, socio-economic class, household composition and region.

AI in health care: what do the public and NHS staff think?

This research from The Health Foundation surveyed the UK public and NHS staff about their attitudes towards [artificial intelligence \(AI\) in health care](#).

Feeling the pressure: what the 2023 Commonwealth Fund survey reveals about the state of the UK health system

This report from The Health Foundation analyses the [findings of the 2023 international survey by the Commonwealth Fund](#) about people's experience of using health care services in 10 high-income countries, including access to general practice, care coordination, hospital care and cost-related barriers to care.

Working and workless households in the UK: April to June 2024

These ONS statistics provide information on the [economic status of households in the UK](#) and the people living in them between April and June 2024, where at least one person is aged 16 to 64 years.

The reality of, and potential for, digitally enabled care in the community

This long read from the King's Fund, explores the current reality of [how digital technology is used in community services](#), and what the future could hold.

Tackling food insecurity through different local models of support

This report from the ActEarly team and partners provides information for those involved or interested in the [provision of food at a local level](#). It includes general findings on local-level community food provision, highlighting examples from Bradford and Tower Hamlets where relevant.

Healthy industry, prosperous economy

This discussion paper from the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) considers how [public health and economic strategy](#) need to work in lockstep to ensure both health and prosperity.

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' \(BFHWBS\)](#)

A [short animation and infographic](#) to share the PHIRST evaluation findings on reducing inequalities in exercise participation in Bracknell Forest is also available.

Education and young people

Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), UK: April to June 2024

This ONS data provides estimates of [young people \(aged 16 to 24 years\) who were NEET](#), by age and sex in the UK, in the period April to June 2024.

Pupil attendance in schools – week commencing 15 July 2024, England

This Department for Education (DfE) data provides information on the [levels of attendance](#) and overall, authorised and unauthorised absence in state-funded primary, secondary and special schools in England for the week commencing 15 July 2024.

Pupil absence in schools in England - autumn term 2023/24

This ONS release looks at [pupil absence in the autumn term 2023/24 in England](#) and includes reason and school types.

Higher education enrolments and qualifications from 2022 to 2023, UK

These DfE statistics provide information about [higher education in the UK](#) including student enrolments and qualifications, and staff level data from 2022 to 2023.

Subject choice trends in post-16 education in England

This report from the National Foundation for Education Research (NFER) and The British Academy on [subject choice trends](#), considers the data on how students have chosen to combine different subjects over the last two decades and how student characteristics relate to subject choice. It also explores how wider contextual changes have affected the subjects that students choose to study in order to build a better understanding of the drivers of post-16 education choices.

Transport:

National travel survey: 2023 – Great Britain

The Department for Transport (DfT) [travel survey](#) provides information on personal travel in Great Britain during 2023 by residents of England, including how and why people travel, driving licences and vehicle ownership.

Passenger satisfaction with complaints handling: April 2023 to March 2024 – Great Britain

These Office of Rail and Road (ORR) annual statistics provide information on rail [passengers' satisfaction with how train operating companies handled their complaints](#) between April 2023 and March 2024 in Great Britain.

Walking and cycling statistics, England: 2023

These DfT data and statistics provide information about [walking and cycling in England](#) during 2023, based on the National Travel Survey and Active Lives Survey.

Electric vehicle public charging infrastructure statistics: April to June 2024 - UK

These DfT statistics provide information on the number of [publicly available electric vehicle charging devices](#) in the UK broken down by local authority for April to June 2024.

Daily domestic transport use by mode – since 1 March 2020 – Great Britain

These DfT statistics provide information on daily [usage of selected domestic transport](#) by mode for Great Britain since 1 March 2020.

Environment

Access to green space in England

These Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) statistics provide [information on access to green space](#) in England, calculated using a range of definitions.

Energy consumption in the UK - 1970 to 2022

This information from the Department for Energy, Security and Net-Zero provides details on [overall energy consumption in the UK during 2022](#) with details of the industry, transport, domestic and services sectors.

Local Government

Latest resident satisfaction polling

Results from the most recent [LGA resident satisfaction survey](#), undertaken in June 2024, are now available. The survey aims to understand residents' views of local government and LGA use this to inform the narrative about the sector and to help member councils benchmark their own local resident polling.

Analysis of local council tax levels for 2024/25

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has published its [annual analysis of council tax levels of local precepting authorities](#), including local (parish and town) councils, for the 2024/25 financial year.

Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:

TB strategy monitoring indicators

TB strategy monitoring metrics published by OHID have been added to LG Inform. In England for 2022, the proportion of pulmonary TB notifications starting treatment within two months of symptom onset was 38.0 per cent and 69.7 per cent within four months and overall, the proportion of culture confirmed was 75.6 per cent. The proportion of TB notifications offered an HIV test in England for 2022 was 98.2 per cent. This compares to 93.5 per cent in 2012.

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

NHS outcomes framework indicators

NHS England have published outcomes framework indicators for the first time in two years and this data is available in LG Inform. In England for the financial year 2022/23, unplanned hospitalisation for chronic ambulatory care sensitive conditions, all ages, per 100,000 population was 95.2 down from 98.6 in 2021/22. The rate of emergency admissions for children with lower respiratory infections per 100,000 population was 587.9 an increase from 520.7 in the 2021/22 financial year. The rate is highest at 800.8 in the North West compared to 344.7 in London.

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

Employment, pay and workforce

UK labour market statistics time series: August 2024

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

Labour market in the regions of the UK: August 2024

These ONS [regional labour market statistics](#) provide information on regional, local authority and parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in UK employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other related statistics.

Labour market statistics: August 2024

The Learning and Work Institute have published their [analysis of the ONS labour market statistics](#) for August 2024.

Understanding skill and qualification suitability:labour market - UK 2021/22

These ONS statistics provide information on [measures of potential skills of the working age population across the UK](#).

Apprenticeships: August 2023 to May 2024 - England

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

Economy

Business insights and impact on the UK economy: June and July 2024

This ONS publication provides details of the [impact of challenges facing the economy](#) and other events on UK businesses and is based on responses from the voluntary fortnightly business survey (BICS).

Economic activity and social change in the UK, real-time indicators: August 2024

These ONS early data provide information and analysis on [economic activity and social change in the UK as at 8 August 2024](#).

Retail sales: Great Britain - July 2024

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

UK trade: June 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 June 2024.

Evaluating responses to local economic shocks

This [briefing](#) from the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth sets out guidance for local and national policymakers on evaluating their responses to local economic challenges

Housing

Household support fund survey report: June to July 2024

This report provides the results of an LGA online survey of single-tier and county councils conducted from June to July 2024, to identify the impact that is likely to result from the Government's plan not to extend the [Household Support Fund](#) beyond September 2024.

Statutory homelessness in England: January to March 2024

These Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) statistics provide information on [statutory homelessness](#) applications, duties, and outcomes for local authorities in England between January and March 2024 and also report on households in temporary accommodation.

Crime

Criminal justice statistics quarterly: March 2024 – England and Wales

These Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistics provide an overview of trends in the use of [out of court disposals, defendants prosecuted, offenders convicted, remand and sentencing decisions](#) in England and Wales in March 2024.

Knife and offensive weapon sentencing statistics: January to March 2024 – England and Wales

These MoJ statistics provide information on trends in cautioning and sentencing of [knife and offensive weapon offences](#) between January and March 2024 in England and Wales.

Prison population: Weekly prison figures during August 2024 – England and Wales

These monthly [prison population figures](#) from the MoJ provide information for August 2024 in England and Wales.

Regular publications and events:

LG Challenge 2025

Apply for the [LG Challenge 2025](#) - LGA's unique officer leadership programme which takes place over six-months. A cohort of ten officers tackle five real-life challenges in councils across the country. Email questions, or arrange an informal call, via lgchallenge@local.gov.uk

LG Inform and LG Inform Plus webinar programme 2024

The LG Inform and LG Inform Plus programme of free webinars for autumn 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

NIHR PHIRST scheme webinar - 4th September 2024 at 2pm.

This webinar will be aimed at local authorities across the UK who might be interested in submitting an Expression of Interest to NIHR's PHIRST scheme (the scheme offers local authorities an opportunity to co-create an evaluation of an intervention in their local area with a focus on health outcomes).

Interested parties can send an email to phirst@nihr.ac.uk to sign up and submit any queries/questions prior to the virtual webinar (which will be taking place on Microsoft Teams). Further details are available on the [NIHR website](#).

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.

The Rees Centre newsletter

The [Rees Centre newsletter](#) is published every two months giving an update on their fostering related research activities and events along with a book review and a section on young voices.

Changing Populations newsletter

The [July 2024 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 Health Research including publications, funding opportunities, upcoming events and more. [Sign-up here](#). [Read the latest newsletter here](#).

NIHR Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams (PHIRST)

[Sign-up](#) to receive the latest newsletter from NIHR PHIRST.

NIHR Research Support Service – Specialist Centre for Public Health

[Sign-up](#) to receive the new update from the NIHR RSS Specialist Centre for Public Health delivered by Newcastle University and Partners. [Read the latest update](#).

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. The [latest Centre for Youth Impact newsletter](#) is now available.

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](#).

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.

