Birmingham in full

The council tax bill and who receives it, spending by service, payments over £500, senior pay, the report card and how the council compares.

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Executive summary

The key figures from each part of this report, with the change on a year earlier where the source gives one.

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£620.78
Largest line: adult social care
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Parking income in Birmingham

£20.10m
Parking surplus
+£4.01m (+24.9%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£35.11m
Parking income
+£7.42m (+26.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£15.01m
Spending on parking
+£3.42m (+29.5%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

Birmingham: spending over £500

£1.74bn
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

101,159
Payments

3,745
Suppliers

Birmingham: senior pay and councillor allowances

£397,097
Managing Director, 2025-26

78
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,600,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

Birmingham: your area

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/your-area/birmingham/

Birmingham sets a Band D council tax of **£2,363** for 2026-27, 201 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: West Midlands. Fire and rescue: West Midlands. Health: NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board. This page links to everything the site holds on the area; the full bill, the report card and parking each have a page of their own.

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2%
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

80%
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

What is the council tax in Birmingham?

Band D is **£2,363** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,575**. That is £48 below the England average of £2,411, 201 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£2,023** goes to Birmingham.

Every band, who gets the money and how Birmingham compares

Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service

Every payment over £500 that Birmingham publishes

Birmingham: senior pay and councillors' allowances

How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.2% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £553 Lower than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 88% (113 of 128) Higher than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 80% Higher than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £7,460 Higher than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 4% of bodies had an opinion delivered by the backstop date
- Ofsted, children's services Good 73% of English councils are good or outstanding
- CQC, adult social care Good 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 2% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 20.3% Lower than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 80.8% Lower than the England figure of 91.0%

Each figure is set against the figure for England as a whole. They are plain comparisons, one measure at a time: there is no overall score and no ranking of councils. Higher is not always better or worse; what each measure does and does not show is on the methodology page.

The full report card: complaints, finances, audit, pay and services

Roads, bins and planning

Roads, recycling and planning in Birmingham

Measure	Figure	Period
A roads where maintenance should be considered	2%	2024-25
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered	4%	2024-25
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered	8%	2024-25
Household waste reused, recycled or composted	20.3%	2024-25
Major planning decisions made on time	80.8%	24 months to end of June 2026

Road condition is from the Department for Transport; each figure is compared with England as a whole in the report card.

What does the council make from parking?

Parking income and surplus for Birmingham

Authority	Year	Income	Surplus
Birmingham	2025-26	£35.1m	£20.1m

What the law lets a council spend a parking surplus on is on parking fines and council parking income.

Who is your MP?

A council area can span several constituencies, so your MP depends on your address. Enter your postcode in the box at the top of this page to see your MP and what their office cost, find any MP by name or constituency , or see every constituency and its MP on the MP map.

How much crime is recorded here?

In the 12 months to August 2026, police recorded **119.2 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Birmingham, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.5 across England.

Birmingham on the crime map, down to streets of a few hundred homes

Your police precept

A Band D home in Birmingham pays **£244.50** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **West Midlands**, which has £889m in all for 2026-27. The precept is set once for the whole force area and spent across the whole force area, so the crime figures above for Birmingham are not what its precept bought.

West Midlands: funding, precept and results for the whole force

Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

The bodies that serve Birmingham, and their latest money

Service	Body	Latest	Per resident
Police	West Midlands	£889m (2026-27)	£294
Fire and rescue	West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service	£138m (2025-26)	£45.52
Ambulance	West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust	£456m (2024-25)	£73.76
NHS	NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board	£4.8bn (2028-29)	£3,412
Roads	Birmingham	£125m (2025-26)	£106
Schools	Birmingham	£1.3bn (2026-27)	£1,105
Council spending	Birmingham	£2.7bn (2025-26)	£2,261
Social care	Birmingham	£916m (2024-25)	£774
Housing	Birmingham	£95m (2025-26)	£80.66
Waste and recycling	Birmingham	not published	—

Each body serves a wider area than Birmingham, and its money is for the whole of that area. Its page has its funding over time and what is recorded alongside it; public services near you looks them up for any postcode. Water is not covered yet: see Discover Water.

Which bodies cover Birmingham: ONS lookups of local authorities to police force areas, fire and rescue authorities, integrated care boards and local health boards (Open Government Licence v3.0); where an area is split between integrated care boards, the one covering most residents is named.

How does Birmingham look against other councils?

See Birmingham on the council map, alongside every other council on council tax, complaints, reserves, audit and inspections, or browse every council.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Birmingham?** Band D is £2,363 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Birmingham?** West Midlands police force area. Fire and rescue: West Midlands.

Council tax in Birmingham

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/birmingham/

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Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

What is the bill for each band?

Council tax by band in Birmingham, bands A to H

Band	A year	A month
Band A	£1,575.27	£131.27
Band B	£1,837.81	£153.15
Band C	£2,100.36	£175.03
Band D	£2,362.90	£196.91
Band E	£2,887.99	£240.67
Band F	£3,413.08	£284.42
Band G	£3,938.17	£328.18
Band H	£4,725.80	£393.82

Who gets the money?

Band D bill in Birmingham by receiving body

Who receives it	Band D	Share
Birmingham	£2,023	86%
Other precepting bodies	£339	14%

Each body sets its own precept and the council simply collects them together. The council that sends the bill keeps only its own share.

Where your council tax goes: from your bill to each service

How does it compare?

Band D here is **£48 below** the England average, 201 of 296 councils from the highest.

Birmingham among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27



Ranked highest first. Every council is in the full table.

How does Birmingham compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for Birmingham, each from the body that published it and set against the figure for England. See every council on the council map.

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What do complaints to the ombudsman show?

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: Birmingham, 2025-26

Measure	Birmingham	For comparison
Complaints and enquiries received	747	—
Complaints and enquiries decided	655	572 in 2024-25
Detailed investigations	128	—
Upheld	113	—
Uphold rate	88%	86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 83% for similar councils
Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy	8%	13% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Ombudsman's recommendations the council complied with	100%	99.9% for every body the Ombudsman covers
Uphold rate in 2024-25	82%	—

An uphold rate depends on how many complaints reach a detailed investigation. With few investigations, one decision moves it a long way.

Source: Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Annual review of local government complaints, 2025-26.

The Housing Ombudsman, which handles complaints from council tenants, made **9** findings of severe maladministration against Birmingham City Council in 2025-26, out of 197 findings in 91 determinations. Its maladministration rate for this landlord was 76%.

Source: Housing Ombudsman Service, Annual complaints review: landlord tables, 2025-26.

How healthy are its finances?

Reserves, spending and borrowing: Birmingham

Measure	Birmingham	For comparison
Net revenue spending, 2025-26	£1.14bn	—
Reserves at the end of 2025-26	£906.8m	—
Reserves as a share of net spending	80%	50% for England; 93% in 2024-25
Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026	£3.49bn	—
Borrowing per home on the valuation list	£7,460	£3,474 across English billing authorities

Earmarked and unallocated revenue reserves at the end of the year, excluding schools and public health, as a share of net revenue expenditure. Much of any council's reserves is set aside for particular purposes. Borrowing is total outstanding loans of every kind; councils borrow mainly to pay for buildings, roads and housing, and the figure does not show what the borrowing was for.

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn time series, 2025-26; Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority borrowing and investment live table, 30 June 2026; Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Council Taxbase statistics, 2025.

The council has issued a section 114 report since 2018. It is under statutory intervention by the government. It was agreed Exceptional Financial Support for 2024-25, 2025-26. Each is dated and linked in the events below.

What have the auditors said?

Audit of the accounts: Birmingham

Accounts year	Status recorded by PSAA	Opinion signed
2025-26	Unsigned	Not yet
2024-25	Delivered by backstop	26 February 2026

"Delivered by backstop" means the auditor gave an opinion by the statutory backstop date. Many opinions given that way were disclaimed or qualified because the deadline cut the audit short; PSAA publishes which type of opinion each council received only as national totals, so it is not shown here. Auditors' value-for-money findings are in each auditor's annual report on the council's website.

Source: Public Sector Audit Appointments, Monthly audit opinion data, 2025-26.

What are senior staff and councillors paid?

Pay and allowances: Birmingham, from the statement of accounts

Measure	2025-26	2024-25
Employees paid £50,000 or more	2,973	2,509
Councillors' allowances	£2,600,000	£2,600,000

The count is up 464 on the year before. Council uses £10,000 bands with a top band of £120,000+. Headed 'Other Council employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's pension contributions)'; split into 'Teaching Staff & Staff in Schools' and 'Other Council Employees'. Staff within Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools are excluded. Figures include employees with planned termination payments (94 in 2025/26). The accounts describe the allowances figure as "Allowances paid to Members of the Council in 2025/26 totalled £2.6m (2024/25: £2.6m). These figures include Members' allowances and expenses.". These are draft accounts and may change at audit. Thresholds are not adjusted for inflation, so more staff cross them each year as pay rises.

Source: Birmingham, Draft Statement of Accounts 2025/26, PDF page 137. Checked 24 September 2026.

How are its services rated?

Service ratings and performance: Birmingham

Measure	Birmingham	For comparison
Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness	Good	18 April 2023. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding
Adult social care, CQC assessment	Good	13 May 2026. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	2%	5% in England
B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	4%	7% in England
Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25	8%	17% in England
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25	20.3%	42.0% for England
Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026	80.8%	91.0% for England
Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026	74.3%	90.7% for England

Inspections happen at different times, so a rating can be several years old; the date is shown with each. Planning figures are measured differently in each nation: share of decisions made within the statutory time (13 weeks for major, 8 for non-major) or an agreed extension, over 24 months. Recycling rates are measured differently in England, Scotland and Wales, so compare within a nation.

Source: Ofsted, Children's social care: local authority inspection outcomes, as at 31 March 2026; Care Quality Commission, Local authority assessments, latest assessment; Department for Transport, Road condition statistics: data tables (RDC), 2024-25; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Local authority collected waste management: annual results, 2024-25; Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Live tables on planning application statistics (P151, P153), 24 months to end of June 2026.

What has happened recently?

Decisions and publications by official bodies about Birmingham, newest first. Each links to the body that made or published it. News reports are not included.

1. 7 May 2026 Election Local election: 101 seats won Reform UK 23, Green Party 19, Conservative and Unionist Party 16, Labour Party 16, Independent 13, Liberal Democrats 12, Labour and Co-operative Party 1, Workers Party of Britain 1 Democracy Club
2. 1 April 2026 Council tax Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,363, up 5.2% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3. 1 December 2025 Intervention report Ministerial response to Commissioners' third report Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
4. 1 December 2025 Intervention report Commissioners' Third Report Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
5. 3 April 2025 Intervention report Ministerial response to the Commissioners' second report Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
6. 1 April 2025 Council tax limit Council tax referendum limit for 2025-26 set at 7.5% Set for this council in the government's referendum principles report, above the standard limit. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
7. 31 March 2025 Intervention report Commissioners' second report Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
8. 28 February 2025 Audit backstop Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2023-24 Draft accounts published by the deadline: no. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: no. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
9. 20 February 2025 Exceptional Financial Support Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2025-26 £180.0m (support agreed in-principle); Note: For support agreed in-principle for 2024-25, this has been revised to £490.0m (from £685.0m) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

10. 13 December 2024 Audit backstop Listed by MHCLG as not meeting the audit backstop requirements for 2022-23 Draft accounts published by the deadline: no. Audit opinion delivered by the backstop date: not stated. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
11. 22 October 2024 Intervention report Ministerial response to the Commissioners' first report Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
12. 22 October 2024 Intervention report Commissioners' first report Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
13. 1 April 2024 Council tax limit Council tax referendum limit for 2024-25 set at 10% Set for this council in the government's referendum principles report, above the standard limit. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
14. 29 February 2024 Exceptional Financial Support Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2024-25 £685.0m (support agreed in-principle); This was subsequently revised to: £490.0m (support agreed in-principle for 2024-25); £570.1m agreed in-principle covering: 2020-21: £288.4m; 2021-22: £109.5m; 2022-23: £172.2m Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
15. 5 October 2023 Statutory intervention Directions made under the Local Government Act 1999 Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
16. 5 September 2023 Section 114 report Section 114(3) report issued Birmingham City Council
17. 9 February 2023 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, disabled children Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-015-635. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
18. 13 October 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, homelessness Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-015-013. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
19. 13 September 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, refuse and recycling Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 22-001-880. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
20. 13 September 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, refuse and recycling Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 22-002-457. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
21. 13 September 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, refuse and recycling Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-015-723. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
22. 2 September 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, residential care Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-003-197. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
23. 5 May 2022 Election Local election: 101 seats won Labour Party 52, Conservative and Unionist Party 22, Labour and Co-operative Party 13, Liberal Democrats 12, Green Party 2 Democracy Club
24. 8 March 2022 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, disabled children Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 21-000-323. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
25. 1 November 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, refuse and recycling Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-011-230. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
26. 12 October 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, allocations Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 20-007-658. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
27. 7 May 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, school transport Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-016-798. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
28. 7 May 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, school transport Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-019-859. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Birmingham and think a figure here is wrong, out of date or unfairly presented, email hello@whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk with this page's address and the source you would point to. Every correction is logged, with its date, on the corrections page.

How much of the council's spending does this cover?

Council tax paid for **12.3%** of the money Birmingham had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (54.7%), business rates (15.0%) and fees, charges and other income (18.0%). That is why a grant cut can raise your bill even when the council has not changed what it does. See where it goes.

Where can I find out more?

What council tax is and why it works this way, including why the bands are still based on 1991 property values in England and Scotland, and how every area compares, everything else on Birmingham: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Birmingham on the council map.

Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Birmingham?** Band D is £2,363 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,575 and the top band £4,726.
- **Is council tax in Birmingham higher than average?** No. Band D here is £48 below the England average of £2,411.

Where your council tax goes in Birmingham

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/birmingham/where-it-goes/

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Of the council's money that comes from council tax, 2025-26
As of 28 September 2026

Who gets your bill

Figures are for a **Band D** home. Bands A to H pay a fixed fraction of this, set in law.

Parish precepts differ from parish to parish; this is the average across the area, and a home outside any parish pays none.

And where does that bit go?

Choose any part of the bill to see how it divides, then keep going as far as the published returns allow. Every level has its own link you can share.

An interactive map or explorer appears here on the live page.

Parks, street cleaning and roads here

What Birmingham spent, net of income, on the lines readers ask about most. Roads and street cleaning are also shown per mile of road the council looks after, where it is the highway authority. Gully cleaning and verge cutting are inside routine maintenance; no return splits them out.

Birmingham, 2025-26

Line	Net spending	Per resident	Similar councils, per resident	Per mile of road	Change
Parks and open spaces (including play areas)	£21.2m	£18	£10	—	up 4.7% on 2024-25
Street cleaning	£25.1m	£21	£16	£15,741 (similar: £7,821)	up 15.1% on 2024-25
Road and bridge maintenance	£112.0m	£95	£16	£70,158 (similar: £8,663)	up 48.4% on 2024-25
Environmental, safety and routine maintenance	£1.7m	£1.44	£12	£1,061 (similar: £6,112)	up 145.9% on 2024-25
Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges)	£110.3m	£94	£1.10	£69,096 (similar: £491)	up 47.5% on 2024-25
Street lighting (including energy)	£12.5m	£11	£13	£7,857 (similar: £7,140)	down 5.9% on 2024-25

Miles of road: Department for Transport road lengths, 2025; locally managed major roads and all minor roads. More on what council tax does and doesn't pay for.

What it adds up to

Birmingham: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for metropolitan borough councils

Service	Per resident	Median
Education	£976	£869
Adult social care	£459	£482
Children's social care	£331	£340
Public health	£104	£88
Environment and regulation	£101	£92
Roads and transport	£92	£29
Housing (not council homes)	£81	£39
Parks, leisure, libraries and culture	£65	£49
Running the council	£37	£60
Other services	£21	£0.34
Planning and development	£-6.07	£29

- Birmingham spent **26.4**% of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for metropolitan borough councils: 34.4%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.
- Its published payments of £500 or more came to **£1.74bn** between 2025-08 and 2026-07. These include capital and council housing spending, so they are not a share of the figures above.
- Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **14.1**% of its staff costs (median among the 3 other metropolitan borough councils whose £500 data is read: 8.2%). The two come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale, not an exact share.

What this data does and doesn't show

- These are each body's own figures, as reported to government in its revenue outturn return. Net spending is after the fees, charges and grants a service brings in.
- Your bill is for 2026-27; it is shared out using the latest published return, which covers an earlier year. The mix of spending changes little from one year to the next, but it does change.
- Council tax is not ring-fenced: this shows your bill in proportion to spending, not what your money bought. Where a precept is set aside for adult social care, it is shown against adult social care.
- No council publishes spending at street or property level, so nothing here says what was spent near you.
- Sub-service lines are the ones the national returns itemise. Councils describe their own budgets differently; their budget books and statements of accounts have more detail.

Sources

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How the split is worked out, and how the three nations' returns are matched to one list of services, is on the methodology page. The dataset is on the data page. See also council tax in Birmingham and everything else about Birmingham.

Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Birmingham?** A Band D bill of £2,362.90 is split between Birmingham, Birmingham: adult social care precept, this year's increase, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £620.78.
- **Is council tax ring-fenced for particular services?** No. Council tax is pooled with grants, business rates and fees. The adult social care precept is the exception: councils raise it for adult social care.

Parking income in Birmingham

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/birmingham/

In 2025–26 Birmingham took **£35.1m** in parking income and spent £15.0m, a **surplus of £20.1m** against £16.1m in 2024–25 (+25%), the 16th largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £7.5m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Key figures

£20.10m
Parking surplus
+£4.01m (+24.9%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£35.11m
Parking income
+£7.42m (+26.8%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

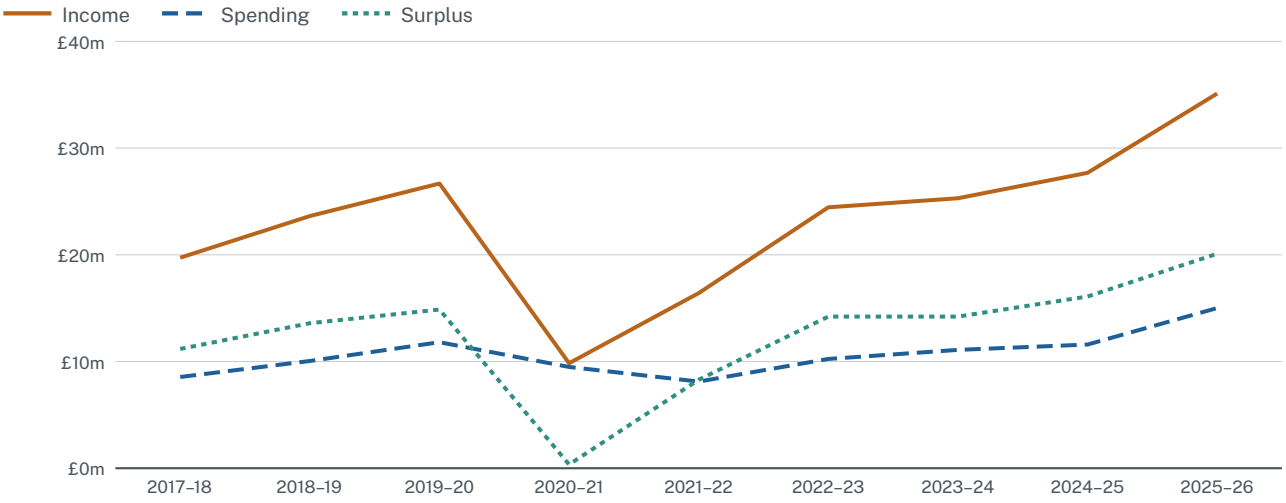
£15.01m
Spending on parking
+£3.42m (+29.5%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

£7.46m
Penalty charge income
+£2.68m (+56.0%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

16 of 290
Rank in England, largest surplus first
2025–26

How much has Birmingham made from parking each year?

Birmingham: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million



Birmingham: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £19.73m in 2017–18, £35.11m in 2025–26. Spending: £8.55m in 2017–18, £15.01m in 2025–26. Surplus: £11.18m in 2017–18, £20.1m in 2025–26.

Birmingham: on-street and car park accounts

Year	On-street income	On-street spending	Car park income	Car park spending	Penalty income
2017–18	£8.95m	£2.85m	£10.78m	£5.70m	£5.14m
2018–19	£11.44m	£3.67m	£12.19m	£6.37m	£4.54m
2019–20	£13.65m	£3.99m	£13.03m	£7.82m	£5.55m
2020–21	£6.25m	£3.12m	£3.59m	£6.38m	£2.47m
2021–22	£10.56m	£3.49m	£5.84m	£4.63m	£4.13m
2022–23	£8.67m	£4.56m	£15.77m	£5.68m	£4.79m
2023–24	£9.99m	£5.88m	£15.31m	£5.22m	£5.84m
2024–25	£11.78m	£7.35m	£15.90m	£4.24m	£4.78m
2025–26	£25.76m	£10.26m	£9.35m	£4.75m	£7.46m

All figures are cash, in the council's own return. The most recent year is a first release and may be revised. Birmingham is recorded as: Met District.

What can Birmingham spend a surplus on?

On-street parking charges and all council parking penalty charges (England and Wales)

Ring-fenced by law a ring-fenced parking account. A surplus may only be spent on parking, public transport, highway and environmental improvements and similar purposes; a deficit is made good from the general fund.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55, as applied in England by SI 2022/71, regs 25 and 27

Council car park (off-street) tariffs

Kept by the body that collects it the council's general fund. Section 55 covers on-street parking and enforcement income, not car park fees. Not verified

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s55(1), and DfT statutory guidance on civil parking enforcement

How does Birmingham compare with other councils?

Birmingham among the England councils nearest it, parking surplus 2025–26



Ranked largest surplus first; a negative figure is a deficit. Every council is in the full tables.

Every council's parking surplus, penalty charge levels and the national trend.

Birmingham: spending over £500

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/councils/spending-over-500/birmingham/

Birmingham published **101,159 payments** of £500 or more between August 2025 and July 2026, worth **£1.74bn** in all, to 3,745 suppliers. The largest total went to Equans Regeneration Limited: £179.5m across 65 payments. These are the council's own published records; the gaps in them are listed below.

Key figures

£1.74bn
Paid in payments of £500 or more, latest year

101,159
Payments

3,745
Suppliers

11 of 12
Months with payments published

What the council published

1. Augmissing
2. Septpublished
3. Octpublished
4. Novpublished
5. Decpublished
6. Janpublished
7. Febpublished
8. Marpublished
9. Aprpublished
10. Maypublished
11. Junpublished
12. Julpublished

Gaps and problems in the data, as published:

- The newest payment published is from 2026-07, 4 months before this page was built.
- No payments for one month in the year covered (2025-08): the file was not published, could not be read, or was empty.
- 2.6% of payments (£9,300,061) have the supplier name withheld or redacted by the council, usually because the payee is an individual.
- 422 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £25,795,342 in all) are included, so totals are net.

Top 50 suppliers by value

Birmingham: the 50 suppliers paid most, August 2025 to July 2026

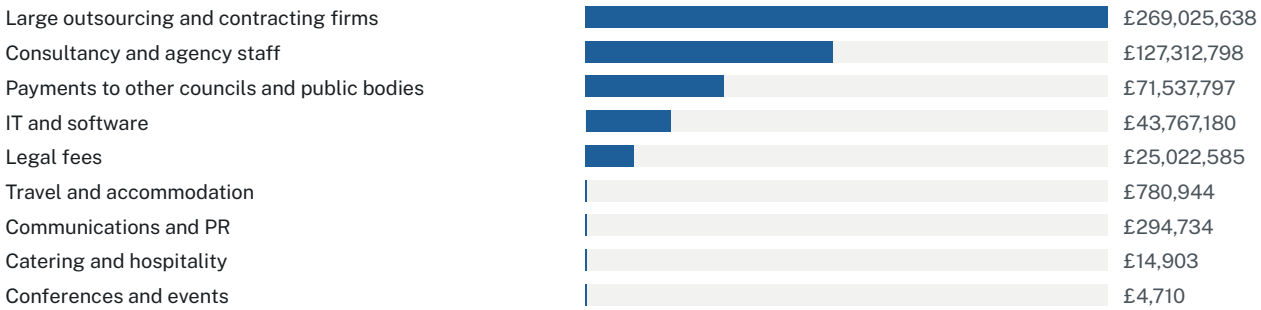
Supplier	Paid	Payments
Equans Regeneration Limited	£179,481,914	65
Birmingham Highways Ltd	£143,143,717	21
Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd	£107,553,052	72
Fortem Solutions Ltd	£97,188,370	21

Supplier	Paid	Payments
Veolia Es Birmingham Ltd	£51,275,516	87
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	£36,406,003	81
Change Grow Live Services Ltd	£25,440,489	33
West Mercia Energy	£24,153,245	5,639
Volkerfitzpatrick Limited	£23,206,977	16
Acivico (Design, Construction and Facilities Management) Limited	£22,219,138	3,869
Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Ltd	£21,229,932	19
Transform Schools Bham Ltd	£20,479,710	47
Birmingham Schools Partnership Ltd	£17,421,830	35
Sevacare UK Ltd	£15,932,807	660
University Hospital Bham Nhs Trust	£15,644,028	46
Green Destinations Ltd	£14,885,161	62
Tom White Waste Limited	£14,011,199	70
TravelPerk UK IRL Ltd	£13,736,191	20
Birmingham Childrens Trust CIC	£13,507,029	22
Claremont Living Group Limited	£12,519,483	1,010
Perk UK Ltd	£12,289,745	17
Birmingham Schools Spc Phase 1A Ltd	£12,088,690	33
Morgan Sindall PLC	£10,835,527	6
Extra Personnel Limited	£10,569,440	11,016
Galliford Try Construction Limited	£10,361,067	19
Names withheld by the council	£9,300,061	2,642
Hats Group Ltd	£8,604,995	25
AFJ Ltd	£8,148,856	28
West Midlands Combined Authority	£8,062,109	23
Medequip Assistive Technology Ltd	£7,645,732	39
Macc Care Ltd	£7,521,595	85
Bevan Brittan LLP	£7,290,972	111
Birmingham Museums Trust	£7,269,283	25
Oracle Corporation UK Ltd	£7,015,858	69
Second City Housing Ltd	£6,805,090	73
Constellia Public Ltd	£6,772,188	603
Birmingham Schools Spc Phase 1B Ltd	£6,501,227	21
Phoenix Software Limited	£6,420,957	7
Royal Mail Group Limited	£6,397,233	126
CPC Civils Limited	£6,380,420	9
Xma Ltd	£6,226,210	219
Sanctuary Care Property 2 Ltd	£6,123,092	83
Nationwide Care Services Ltd	£5,789,269	3,498
The Ridings Care Home	£5,662,694	81
NSL Ltd	£5,524,587	56
Morro Partnerships Limited	£5,425,851	21
Mcphillips (Wellington) Ltd	£5,393,248	27
Avery Homes (Nelson) Limited	£4,941,397	58
Lifeways Community Care Limited	£4,482,793	609
Reed Talent Solutions Limited	£4,469,355	117

Spending by category (our classification)

Payments this site classifies into each category from the supplier and the council's description; most payments fall into none. The rules are on the methodology page.

Birmingham: payments by category (our classification)



The supplier is another council, a police, fire or NHS body, a government department or agency, or a pension fund.

1. Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: £36,406,003 (81 payments)
2. University Hospital Bham Nhs Trust: £15,644,028 (46 payments)
3. West Midlands Combined Authority: £8,062,109 (23 payments)
4. Department for Transport: £2,025,248 (4 payments)
5. Coventry City Council: £2,011,608 (5 payments)
6. Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust: £1,144,764 (13 payments)
7. Birmingham Voluntary Service Council: £1,041,281 (28 payments)
8. Washwood Heath Multi Academy Trust: £956,835 (32 payments)
9. Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council: £672,650 (53 payments)
10. Telford & Wrekin Council: £363,343 (4 payments)

The supplier is one of a named list of large firms that run council services under contract. A payment to one is often a routine instalment on a long contract.

1. Equans Regeneration Limited: £179,481,914 (65 payments)
2. Veolia Es Birmingham Ltd: £51,275,516 (87 payments)
3. Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Ltd: £21,229,932 (19 payments)
4. Morgan Sindall PLC: £10,835,527 (6 payments)
5. OCS Group UK Limited: £4,311,082 (449 payments)
6. Capita Business Services Ltd: £1,707,153 (39 payments)
7. G4S Cash Solutions (UK) Limited: £49,836 (25 payments)
8. Kier Transportation Limited: £47,288 (14 payments)
9. Veolia Es (UK) Ltd: £31,825 (30 payments)
10. Serco Limited: £29,645 (1 payment)

The supplier is a law firm or chambers, or the council describes the payment as legal fees, counsel or court fees.

1. Bevan Brittan LLP: £7,290,972 (111 payments)
2. Antony Hodari Holdings Ltd: £1,962,412 (331 payments)
3. DLA Piper Scotland LLP: £1,645,583 (27 payments)
4. Bond Turner Limited: £1,071,571 (164 payments)
5. Diagonus Limited: £989,525 (11 payments)
6. Trowers & Hamlins LLP: £732,913 (49 payments)
7. Freeths LLP: £549,255 (3 payments)
8. The Community Law Partnership Limited: £531,039 (56 payments)
9. Coupland Cavendish Ltd: £506,581 (125 payments)

10. Veritas Solicitors LLP: £463,862 (63 payments)

The supplier is a recruitment agency or consultancy on a named list, or the council describes the payment as consultancy, agency or interim staff, or professional fees.

1. Hays Specialist Recruitment Ltd: £107,553,052 (72 payments)
2. Reed Talent Solutions Limited: £4,469,355 (117 payments)
3. Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Limited: £2,834,149 (8 payments)
4. KPMG LLP: £2,796,584 (31 payments)
5. Grant Thornton UK LLP: £1,685,932 (8 payments)
6. Brown & Brown Insurance Brokers (UK) Limited: £1,354,205 (1 payment)
7. Higgs LLP: £985,270 (25 payments)
8. Zurich Insurance Europe AG: £926,092 (3 payments)
9. Names withheld by the council: £858,856 (119 payments)
10. Physiotoday Pvt Ltd: £702,426 (48 payments)

The supplier is on a named list of IT and telecoms firms, or the council describes the payment as software, licences, IT, hardware, hosting or telephony.

1. Oracle Corporation UK Ltd: £7,015,858 (69 payments)
2. Phoenix Software Limited: £6,420,957 (7 payments)
3. Xma Ltd: £6,221,761 (217 payments)
4. NEC Software Solutions UK Limited: £3,066,499 (25 payments)
5. Softcat PLC: £2,921,957 (38 payments)
6. CDW Limited: £2,848,621 (27 payments)
7. Insight Direct (UK) Ltd: £2,559,256 (74 payments)
8. Cirrus Response Ltd: £2,034,931 (11 payments)
9. Civica UK Ltd: £934,643 (20 payments)
10. Virgin Media Business Limited: £758,337 (62 payments)

The council describes the payment as advertising, marketing, publicity or public relations. Recruitment and statutory notices are left out.

1. Birmingham & Solihull Lift Limited: £122,910 (2 payments)
2. British Telecommunications Public Limited Company: £46,422 (4 payments)
3. Sportfive UK Ltd: £17,880 (1 payment)
4. AWS Education Ltd: £12,537 (13 payments)
5. Hull & East Yorkshire Credit Union: £7,475 (6 payments)
6. DSCM Limited: £7,308 (1 payment)
7. Wild Edric Media Ltd: £6,870 (1 payment)
8. Explode Social Media Limited: £6,000 (1 payment)
9. Global Outdoor Media Ltd: £5,759 (3 payments)
10. Emg - Educations Media Group Ab: £5,000 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as a conference, seminar, exhibition, event or venue hire.

1. Charterd Trading Standards Institute: £2,910 (1 payment)
2. Pitch 2 Progress CIC: £800 (1 payment)
3. Norton Hall Children & Family Centre: £500 (1 payment)
4. New Hope Global: £500 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as travel, fares, flights, subsistence or hotels. Homeless and temporary accommodation, and home to school and client transport, are left out.

1. West Midlands Travel Limited: £525,437 (18 payments)
2. Take Me Group (Birmingham) Limited: £107,629 (50 payments)

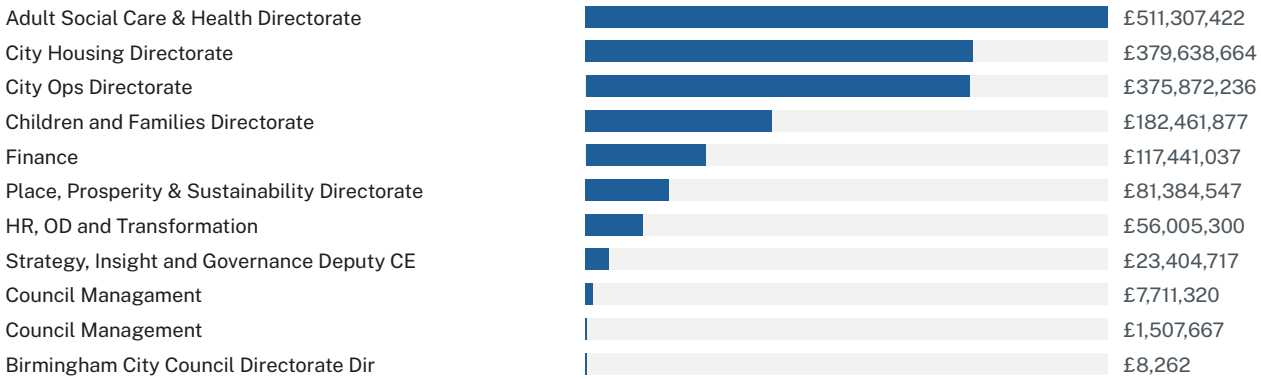
3. Touchwood Private Hire Ltd: £92,386 (49 payments)
4. Elite Radio Cars Ltd: £20,287 (27 payments)
5. T O A Taxis (Radio System) Ltd: £12,395 (14 payments)
6. Green Destinations Ltd: £7,894 (3 payments)
7. PA Community Trust: £7,424 (2 payments)
8. Shencare Community Transport: £5,413 (8 payments)
9. Back Care Solutions Limited: £850 (1 payment)
10. Open Awards: £700 (1 payment)

The council describes the payment as catering, hospitality or refreshments. School meals are left out.

1. Nobisco Limited: £14,903 (22 payments)

Spending by the council's own service areas

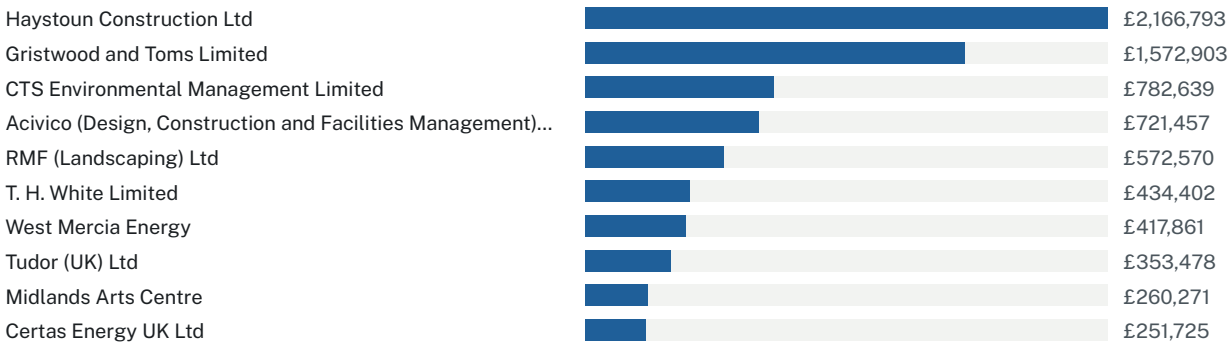
Birmingham: payments by service area, as the council labels them



Who is paid for grounds, street cleaning, roads and bins?

The suppliers paid most for each kind of work, where the council's own labels say what the payment was for (our matching). A council that does the work with its own staff pays mostly wages, which are not in this data, so a short list here can mean the work is done in-house.

Parks and open spaces (including play areas): largest suppliers



Consultancy and agency against the pay bill

Payments we classify as consultancy and agency staff came to **14.1%** of Birmingham's own staff costs in its 2025-26 revenue return, against a median of 8.2% for the other metropolitan borough councils read so far. The payments and the staff costs come from different sources and periods, so this is a guide to scale.

Search every payment

Searching needs JavaScript. Every payment is in one JSON file.

Every payment, as the council published it, is in one JSON file; the search can download any selection as CSV.

What this data does and doesn't show

- It is the council's own record of payments of £500 or more. It leaves out salaries, most staff costs and many internal costs, so it is not the council's whole spending.
- Descriptions are the council's own and vary in quality; some are codes, some are blank, and some supplier names are withheld to protect individuals.
- A large payment to one supplier is often a routine instalment on a long contract that was tendered openly.
- The categories and the matching to services are this site's classification from keywords, not the council's. The rules are on the methodology page.

Sources

Birmingham, spending over £500, published here. Licence as the council states it: Open Government Licence v3.0. Checked 2026-09-24; files read 2026-11-13.

- export: 101,159 payments of £500 or more. Read 2026-11-13.

Birmingham: senior pay and councillor allowances

Your area · Last updated 13 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/councils/pay-and-allowances/birmingham/

In its draft statement of accounts for 2025-26, Birmingham reports total remuneration of **£397,097** for its managing director (including employer pension contributions), a year in which the post changed hands, **78** employees paid £100,000 or more, and **£2,600,000** paid in members' allowances.

Key figures

£397,097
Managing Director, 2025-26

78
Staff paid £100,000 or more, 2025-26

£2,600,000
Members' allowances, 2025-26

£22,596
Basic allowance per councillor, 2026-27

Managing Director

Total remuneration of **£397,097** in 2025-26, including employer pension contributions. The post changed hands, or the figure covers part of a year, so it is not compared with the year before.

From the accounts: Joanne Roney, Managing Director, took up the role on 9 September 2024. 2025/26: salary 312,149, expenses 43, pension 84,905. 2024/25 (part year): salary 169,719, expenses 381, pension 46,164. Also in 2024/25: Professor Graeme Betts, 'Acting Chief Executive and Director Adult Social Care', total 164,390 (left 3 November 2024; acting-up payments of £3,380.45). Total excluding pension is not printed as a separate column.

PDF pages 132 and 135

Employees paid £50,000 or more

2,973 employees in 2025-26, up 18.5% on 2024-25 (2,509). 78 were paid £100,000 or more, 6.6 per 100,000 residents. The median among the 4 other metropolitan borough councils collected so far is 7.7 per 100,000.

Birmingham: employees by pay band, as printed

Band	2025-26	2024-25
£50,000 to £59,999	1,795	1,300
£60,000 to £69,999	552	600
£70,000 to £79,999	301	263
£80,000 to £89,999	167	188
£90,000 to £99,999	80	61
£100,000 to £109,999	24	33
£110,000 to £119,999	17	26
£120,000 and over	37	38

Includes schools staff. Senior officers listed separately are not in these counts. From the accounts: Council uses £10,000 bands with a top band of £120,000+. Headed 'Other Council employees receiving more than £50,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's pension contributions)'; split into 'Teaching Staff & Staff in Schools' and 'Other Council Employees'. Staff within Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools are excluded. Figures include employees with planned termination payments (94 in 2025/26).

Source: Birmingham, Draft Statement of Accounts 2025/26 (draft), PDF page 137. Read by hand; checked 2026-09-24.

Councillors' allowances

£2,600,000 in 2025-26, no change on 2024-25 (£2,600,000), or £2.21 per resident. The median among the 4 other metropolitan borough councils collected so far is £3.27 per resident.

Birmingham: allowances paid, 2024-25, from its published list

Paid as	Total
Basic allowances	£1,903,912
Special responsibility allowances	£576,420
Expenses	£4,893
All	£2,485,224

The basic allowance for each councillor is £22,596 a year (2026-27).

From the accounts: "Allowances paid to Members of the Council in 2025/26 totalled £2.6m (2024/25: £2.6m). These figures include Members' allowances and expenses." (PDF page 131)

Published allowances: Payments made to City Councillors / *Co-opted Members in financial year 2024/25.

What this data does and doesn't show

- Every figure is as Birmingham printed it, in accounts that have not yet been audited. Counts in the £100,000 figure are our sum of the council's bands.
- Comparisons are with the other metropolitan borough councils read so far; no national figure is published for England.
- Accounts figures in £m as printed. Published 2024/25 schedule Grand Total row: Basic Allowance 1,903,911.86; Special Responsibility 576,419.59; Travel 887.86; Other Travel 543.70; Carers 3,461.08; Subsistence 0.00. 'expenses' is our sum of the travel, other travel, carers and subsistence columns and 'total' is our sum of all columns; the schedule prints no overall total. 2025/26 schedule not yet published at time of checking. Basic rate is the scheme appendix 'Members' Allowances Rates (from April 2026)'; the 2024/25 schedule shows a full-year basic allowance of 18,876.00.

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Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: revenue outturn multi-year data set (RO2 parking)	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	the 2025–26 financial year	Open Government Licence v3.0	Birmingham: your area; Parking income in Birmingham
https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing-england-revenue-outturn-multi-year-data-set				
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