# Isle of Wight 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.

## Isle of Wight: your area

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As of 6 April 2025

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As of 6 April 2026

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Above average
As of 6 April 2026

## Where your council tax goes in Isle of Wight

**£2,625.79**
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

**£2,063.71**
Goes to Isle of Wight itself (79%)
As of 6 April 2026

**£903.66**
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

## Parking income in Isle of Wight UA

**£4.20m**
Parking surplus
−£0.07m (−1.7%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

**£6.62m**
Parking income
+£0.19m (+2.9%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

**£2.42m**
Spending on parking
+£0.26m (+12.1%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

# Isle of Wight: your area

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**Isle of Wight** sets a Band D council tax of **£2,626** for 2026-27, 22 of 296 councils in England from the highest. Police: Hampshire. Fire and rescue: Hampshire and Isle of Wight. Health: NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight 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.

## Key figures

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Household waste recycled, 2024-25

**1%**
A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25

**74%**
Reserves as a share of spending, 2025-26

## What is the council tax in Isle of Wight?

Band D is **£2,626** a year for 2026-27, and Band A, the lowest, **£1,751**. That is £215 above the England average of £2,411, 22 of 296 in England from the highest.

Of a Band D bill, **£2,104** goes to Isle of Wight.

Every band, who gets the money and how Isle of Wight compares

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

## How does the council compare?

- Council tax rise this year 5.3% Higher than the England figure of 4.9%
- Council tax per head £1,083 Higher than the England figure of £796
- Ombudsman uphold rate 73% (11 of 15) Lower than the England figure of 86%
- Reserves as a share of net spending 74% Higher than the England figure of 50%
- Borrowing per home £2,367 Lower than the England figure of £3,474
- Accounts, 2025-26 Unsigned 6% 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 Requires improvement 63% of assessed councils are good or outstanding
- A roads needing maintenance considered 1% Lower than the England figure of 5%
- Recycling rate 44.8% Higher than the England figure of 42.0%
- Major planning decisions on time 82.8% 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 Isle of Wight**

| Measure | Figure | Period |
|---|---|---|
| A roads where maintenance should be considered | 1% | 2024-25 |
| B and C roads where maintenance should be considered | 1% | 2024-25 |
| Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered | 3% | 2024-25 |
| Household waste reused, recycled or composted | 44.8% | 2024-25 |
| Major planning decisions made on time | 82.8% | 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 Isle of Wight**

| Authority | Year | Income | Surplus |
|---|---|---|---|
| Isle of Wight UA | 2025-26 | £6.6m | £4.2m |

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 **73.3 crimes per 1,000 residents** in Isle of Wight, excluding anti-social behaviour, against 82.5 across England.

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

### Your police precept

A Band D home in Isle of Wight pays **£290.46** police precept in 2026-27. It funds **Hampshire and Isle of Wight** , which has £517m 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 Isle of Wight are not what its precept bought.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight: funding, precept and results for the whole force

## Who runs police, fire, health and ambulances here?

**The bodies that serve Isle of Wight, and their latest money**

| Service | Body | Latest | Per resident |
|---|---|---|---|
| Police | Hampshire and Isle of Wight | £517m (2026-27) | £251 |
| Fire and rescue | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service | £99m (2025-26) | £47.92 |
| Ambulance | Isle of Wight NHS Trust (ambulance service) | not published | — |
| NHS | NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board | £6.2bn (2028-29) | £2,993 |
| Roads | Isle of Wight | £8m (2025-26) | £56.12 |
| Schools | Isle of Wight | £99m (2026-27) | £700 |
| Council spending | Isle of Wight | £332m (2025-26) | £2,356 |
| Social care | Isle of Wight | £150m (2024-25) | £1,058 |
| Housing | Isle of Wight | £6m (2025-26) | £45.62 |
| Waste and recycling | Isle of Wight | not published | — |

Each body serves a wider area than Isle of Wight, 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 Isle of Wight: 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 Isle of Wight look against other councils?

See Isle of Wight 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 Isle of Wight?** Band D is £2,626 a year for 2026-27. Every band.
- **Which police force covers Isle of Wight?** Hampshire police force area. Fire and rescue: Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

# Council tax in Isle of Wight

Your area · Last updated 18 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/isle-of-wight/

Council tax in **Isle of Wight** for 2026-27 is **£2,626 a year for a Band D home**, £1,751 for Band A and £5,252 for the top band. That is £215 above the England average of £2,411. It ranks 22 of 296 billing areas in England. Figures are the council's own set rates.

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**22 of 296**
Rank in England, highest first
As of 6 April 2026

## What is the bill for each band?

**Council tax by band in Isle of Wight, bands A to H**

| Band | A year | A month |
|---|---|---|
| Band A | £1,750.53 | £145.88 |
| Band B | £2,042.28 | £170.19 |
| Band C | £2,334.04 | £194.50 |
| Band D | £2,625.79 | £218.82 |
| Band E | £3,209.30 | £267.44 |
| Band F | £3,792.81 | £316.07 |
| Band G | £4,376.32 | £364.69 |
| Band H | £5,251.58 | £437.63 |

## Who gets the money?

**Band D bill in Isle of Wight by receiving body**

| Who receives it | Band D | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Isle of Wight | £2,104 | 80% |
| Other precepting bodies | £522 | 20% |

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 **£215 above** the England average, 22 of 296 councils from the highest.

### Isle of Wight among the England councils nearest it, Band D 2026-27




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

## How does Isle of Wight compare? The report card

Official figures on complaints, finances, audit, pay and services for Isle of Wight, 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: Isle of Wight, 2025-26**

| Measure | Isle of Wight | For comparison |
|---|---|---|
| **Complaints and enquiries received** | 86 | — |
| **Complaints and enquiries decided** | 72 | 59 in 2024-25 |
| **Detailed investigations** | 15 | — |
| **Upheld** | 11 | — |
| **Uphold rate** | 73% | 86% for every body the Ombudsman covers; 85% for similar councils |
| **Upheld cases where the council had already offered a satisfactory remedy** | 9% | 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** | 73% | — |

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.

This council is not in the Housing Ombudsman's landlord tables for 2025-26, which list landlords with five or more findings. Most councils without their own homes are not.

## How healthy are its finances?

**Reserves, spending and borrowing: Isle of Wight**

| Measure | Isle of Wight | For comparison |
|---|---|---|
| **Net revenue spending, 2025-26** | £183.1m | — |
| **Reserves at the end of 2025-26** | £134.6m | — |
| **Reserves as a share of net spending** | 74% | 50% for England; 71% in 2024-25 |
| **Outstanding borrowing at 30 June 2026** | £173.4m | — |
| **Borrowing per home on the valuation list** | £2,367 | £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.

It was agreed Exceptional Financial Support for 2026-27. Each is dated and linked in the events below.

## What have the auditors said?

**Audit of the accounts: Isle of Wight**

| 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?

Senior pay and councillor allowances for Isle of Wight have not yet been read from its statement of accounts. There is no central dataset of either; they are being added council by council, each with a link to the page of the accounts it comes from.

## How are its services rated?

**Service ratings and performance: Isle of Wight**

| Measure | Isle of Wight | For comparison |
|---|---|---|
| **Children's services, Ofsted overall effectiveness** | Good | 15 December 2023. 73% of English councils judged good or outstanding |
| **Adult social care, CQC assessment** | Requires improvement | 3 June 2026. 63% of assessed councils rated good or outstanding |
| **A roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25** | 1% | 5% in England |
| **B and C roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25** | 1% | 7% in England |
| **Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered, 2024-25** | 3% | 17% in England |
| **Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting, 2024-25** | 44.8% | 42.0% for England |
| **Major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of june 2026** | 82.8% | 91.0% for England |
| **Non-major planning decisions on time, 24 months to end of June 2026** | 95.7% | 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 Isle of Wight, newest first. Each links to the body that made or published it. News reports are not included.

1. 7 May 2026 Election Local election: 39 seats won Reform UK 19, Independent 9, Liberal Democrats 4, Conservative and Unionist Party 2, Green Party 2, Independent Network 2, Labour Party 1 Democracy Club
2. 1 April 2026 Council tax Council tax for 2026-27: Band D £2,626, up 5.3% on the year before Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
3. 23 February 2026 Exceptional Financial Support Exceptional Financial Support agreed in principle for 2026-27 £12.9m (support agreed in-principle) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
4. 1 April 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, special educational needs Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-012-699. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
5. 21 January 2021 Ombudsman Ombudsman report: upheld, other Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman public interest report, case 19-015-597. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

### Does the council think something here is wrong?

If you represent Isle of Wight 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 **24.4%** of the money Isle of Wight had to spend in 2025-26. The rest came from government grants (45.0%), business rates (10.5%) and fees, charges and other income (20.1%). 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 Isle of Wight: parking, roads, your MP and local services, and Isle of Wight on the council map.

## Common questions

- **How much is council tax in Isle of Wight?** Band D is £2,626 a year for 2026-27. Band A is £1,751 and the top band £5,252.
- **Is council tax in Isle of Wight higher than average?** Yes. Band D here is £215 above the England average of £2,411.

# Where your council tax goes in Isle of Wight

Your area · Last updated 18 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/council-tax/england/isle-of-wight/where-it-goes/

A Band D council tax bill in **Isle of Wight** is **£2,625.79** for 2026-27, split between Isle of Wight £2,063.71, Isle of Wight: adult social care precept, this year's increase £40.06, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable £290.46, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority £92.84, Parish and town councils (average for the area) £138.72. Shared out in proportion to what each body spends, the largest single line is adult social care at Isle of Wight: **£903.66** of the bill. Council tax pays for 24% of the council's own spending; the rest is government grant, business rates and fees.

## Key figures

**£2,625.79**
Band D bill, 2026-27
As of 6 April 2026

**£2,063.71**
Goes to Isle of Wight itself (79%)
As of 6 April 2026

**£903.66**
Largest line: adult social care
As of 28 September 2026

**24.4%**
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 Isle of Wight 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.

Isle of Wight, 2025-26

| Line | Net spending | Per resident | Similar councils, per resident | Per mile of road | Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Parks and open spaces (including play areas) | £1.5m | £11 | £15 | — | up 2.1% on 2024-25 |
| Street cleaning | £3.9m | £28 | £15 | £7,084 (similar: £5,583) | down 1.1% on 2024-25 |
| Road and bridge maintenance | £6.1m | £43 | £14 | £11,126 (similar: £5,297) | down 2.9% on 2024-25 |
| Environmental, safety and routine maintenance | £3.0m | £22 | £10 | £5,547 (similar: £4,845) | down 1.9% on 2024-25 |
| Structural maintenance (resurfacing, bridges) | £3.1m | £22 | £2.83 | £5,580 (similar: £960) | down 3.9% on 2024-25 |
| Winter service (gritting) | £791k | £5.62 | £2.28 | £1,446 (similar: £880) | down 2.0% on 2024-25 |
| Street lighting (including energy) | £1.0m | £7.17 | £8.95 | £1,846 (similar: £4,206) | down 2.0% 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

Isle of Wight: net spending per resident by service, 2025-26, against the median for unitary councils in England

| Service | Per resident | Median |
|---|---|---|
| Education | £868 | £712 |
| Adult social care | £706 | £478 |
| Children's social care | £316 | £300 |
| Environment and regulation | £132 | £110 |
| Roads and transport | £93 | £49 |
| Running the council | £69 | £51 |
| Public health | £68 | £64 |
| Housing (not council homes) | £46 | £33 |
| Parks, leisure, libraries and culture | £33 | £38 |
| Planning and development | £24 | £21 |

- Isle of Wight spent **35.2%** of its gross service spending on its own staff in 2025-26 (median for unitary councils in England: 31.1%); the rest went on suppliers, contractors, grants, benefits and other running costs.

### 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

- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Council Tax levels set by local authorities in England: Table 10, local authority level data, published 25 March 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Local authority revenue expenditure and financing: Revenue Outturn multi-year data set, published 28 September 2026. Open Government Licence v3.0.

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 Isle of Wight and everything else about Isle of Wight.

## Common questions

- **What does council tax pay for in Isle of Wight?** A Band D bill of £2,625.79 is split between Isle of Wight, Isle of Wight: adult social care precept, this year's increase, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority, Parish and town councils (average for the area). In proportion to spending, the largest line is adult social care, £903.66.
- **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 Isle of Wight UA

Your area · Last updated 18 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/parking/isle-of-wight-ua/

In 2025–26 Isle of Wight UA took **£6.6m** in parking income and spent £2.4m, a **surplus of £4.2m** against £4.3m in 2024–25 (−2%), the 73rd largest of 290 councils in England. Penalty charges brought in £0.3m. Figures are from the council's own return to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

## Key figures

**£4.20m**
Parking surplus
−£0.07m (−1.7%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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Parking income
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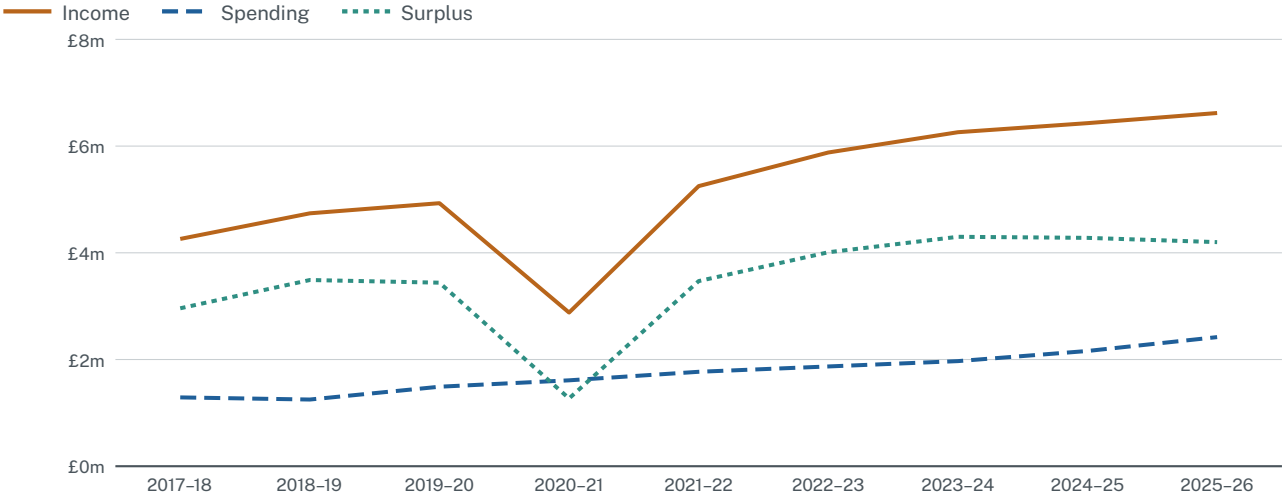
**£2.42m**
Spending on parking
+£0.26m (+12.1%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

**£0.28m**
Penalty charge income
+£0.02m (+7.2%) vs 2024–25
2025–26

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

## How much has Isle of Wight UA made from parking each year?

Isle of Wight UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million




Isle of Wight UA: parking income, spending and surplus, £ million. Income: £4.26m in 2017–18, £6.62m in 2025–26. Spending: £1.29m in 2017–18, £2.42m in 2025–26. Surplus: £2.96m in 2017–18, £4.2m in 2025–26.

**Isle of Wight UA: on-street and car park accounts**

| Year | On-street income | On-street spending | Car park income | Car park spending | Penalty income |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2017–18 | £1.60m | £0.50m | £2.66m | £0.79m | £0.44m |
| 2018–19 | £1.78m | £0.47m | £2.97m | £0.78m | £0.43m |
| 2019–20 | £1.87m | £0.67m | £3.06m | £0.83m | £0.48m |
| 2020–21 | £1.12m | £0.62m | £1.76m | £0.99m | £0.30m |
| 2021–22 | £1.75m | £0.75m | £3.50m | £1.02m | £0.18m |
| 2022–23 | £2.05m | £0.74m | £3.82m | £1.13m | £0.23m |
| 2023–24 | £2.02m | £0.89m | £4.24m | £1.08m | £0.26m |
| 2024–25 | £2.44m | £1.01m | £4.00m | £1.15m | £0.27m |
| 2025–26 | £2.46m | £1.13m | £4.16m | £1.29m | £0.28m |

All figures are cash, in the council's own return. The most recent year is a first release and may be revised. Isle of Wight UA is recorded as: Unitary Authority.

## What can Isle of Wight UA 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 Isle of Wight UA compare with other councils?

**Isle of Wight UA 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.

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