

# Public services: where the money goes

Public spending by function over the long run, what it buys, and the NHS, police, fire, ambulance, armed forces and search and rescue.

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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.

## Where the £ goes: public spending by function

**£1,360.1bn**

Total managed expenditure,  
2025-26  
+1.9% in real terms on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**£19,573**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

**44.3%**

Of GDP, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

## What it buys: spending and what is published alongside it

**£31.6bn**

Police, 2025-26  
+4.8% in real terms  
As of 16 July 2026

**£4.2bn**

Fire and rescue, 2025-26  
+1.8% in real terms  
As of 16 July 2026

**£5.5bn**

Ambulance, 2024-25  
+4.4% in real terms

## The NHS: spending by nation, down to your health body

**£257.5bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+6.2% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**+2.7%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£257.5bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£3,706**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

## Police funding: grant, precept and each force

**£31.6bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+8.4% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**+4.8%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£31.6bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£454**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

## Fire and rescue: funding, staff, stations and incidents

**£4.2bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+5.3% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**+1.8%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£4.2bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£59.95**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

## Ambulance services: funding, staff and response times

**£5.5bn**

Spent in 2024-25, cash  
+8.7% on a year earlier

**+4.4%**

Real-terms change, 2024-25 on a  
year earlier  
£5.6bn in 2025-26 prices

**£78.77**

Per resident, 2024-25

The armed forces: spending, people and commitments

**£65.4bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+2.7% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**-0.8%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£65.4bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£941**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

Search and rescue: what the taxpayer funds and what charities do

**£451m**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+4.2% on a year earlier  
As of 15 July 2026

**+0.7%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£451m in 2025-26 prices  
As of 15 July 2026

**£6.49**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 15 July 2026

Funded or charity: who pays for each emergency service

**£451m**

HM Coastguard, 2025-26,  
taxpayer-funded  
As of 15 July 2026

**£305.2m**

Air ambulance charities' income,  
latest accounts

**£253.8m**

Lifeboat charities' income, latest  
accounts

# Where the £ goes: public spending by function

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The UK public sector spent **£1,360.1bn** in 2025-26, **£19,573** per resident and **44.3%** of GDP (HM Treasury). The largest items were social protection, including the state pension (£407.3bn), health (£257.5bn) and general public services (£165.5bn).

## Key figures

|                                                                                                                        |                                                               |                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>£1,360.1bn</b><br>Total managed expenditure, 2025-26<br>+1.9% in real terms on a year earlier<br>As of 16 July 2026 | <b>£19,573</b><br>Per resident, 2025-26<br>As of 16 July 2026 | <b>44.3%</b><br>Of GDP, 2025-26<br>As of 16 July 2026 |
| <b>£407.3bn</b><br>Social protection, 2025-26<br>As of 16 July 2026                                                    | <b>£257.5bn</b><br>Health, 2025-26<br>As of 16 July 2026      |                                                       |

## By function, 2025-26

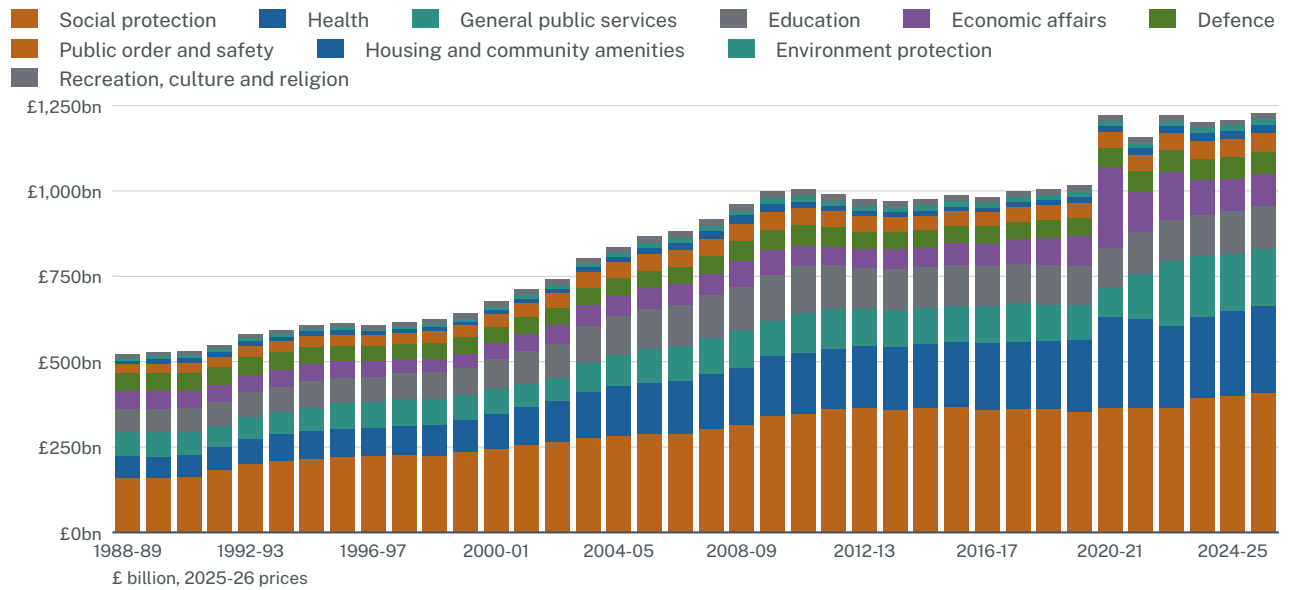
Public spending by function, 2025-26

| Function                                       | Cash     | Per resident | Share of GDP | Real change on a year earlier |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Social protection, including the state pension | £407.3bn | £5,862       | 13.3%        | +1.9%                         |
| Health                                         | £257.5bn | £3,706       | 8.4%         | +2.7%                         |
| General public services                        | £165.5bn | £2,382       | 5.4%         | -0.1%                         |
| Debt interest                                  | £130.3bn | £1,875       | 4.2%         | -0.4%                         |
| Education                                      | £125.7bn | £1,809       | 4.1%         | -1.2%                         |
| Economic affairs, including transport          | £94.0bn  | £1,353       | 3.1%         | +3.3%                         |
| Defence                                        | £65.4bn  | £941         | 2.1%         | -0.8%                         |
| Public order and safety                        | £55.7bn  | £802         | 1.8%         | +3.9%                         |
| Housing and community amenities                | £22.5bn  | £324         | 0.7%         | +0.2%                         |
| Environment protection                         | £19.2bn  | £276         | 0.6%         | +7.3%                         |
| Recreation, culture and religion               | £15.1bn  | £217         | 0.5%         | +7.3%                         |

Source: HM Treasury, [PESA 2026: chapters 4 and 5 tables](#), published 16 July 2026; Office for National Statistics, [Population estimates \(UK and nations time series; local authorities on Nomis\)](#); HM Treasury, [GDP deflators at market prices, and money GDP](#).

## Over time, in real terms

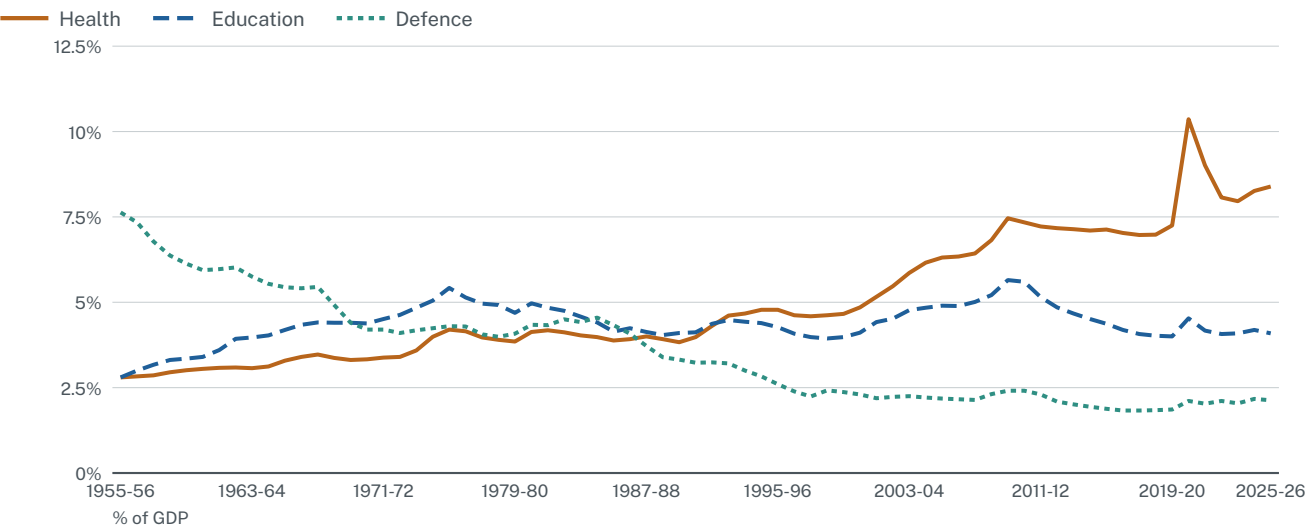
Public spending by function, 2025-26 prices, £ billion



Stacked bar chart of UK public spending on services by function from 1988-89 to 2025-26, in 2025-26 prices. The largest in 2025-26 is social protection, including the state pension at £407.3bn.

The longest run: health, education and defence since 1955

Health, education and defence as a share of GDP, since 1955-56



Line chart of UK spending on health, education and defence as a share of GDP from 1955-56 to 2025-26. Defence fell from 7.6% to 2.1%; health rose from 2.8% to 8.4%.

Per resident, by nation

Spending that can be identified as for the people of one nation, divided by that nation's population, so the nations compare like for like. It leaves out spending for the UK as a whole (defence, debt interest, most overseas spending), so it does not add up to the UK total and is never mixed with it.

Identifiable spending per resident by nation, 2024-25

| Function                        | England | Scotland | Wales  | Northern Ireland |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|------------------|
| Health                          | £3,462  | £3,539   | £3,758 | £3,659           |
| Education                       | £1,722  | £2,129   | £1,850 | £2,111           |
| Public order and safety         | £653    | £707     | £688   | £831             |
| Social protection               | £5,322  | £6,123   | £6,471 | £6,627           |
| Economic affairs                | £1,191  | £1,638   | £1,172 | £1,438           |
| Housing and community amenities | £277    | £543     | £452   | £667             |

Source: HM Treasury, [Country and regional analysis 2025: B tables](#), published 19 November 2025; Office for National Statistics, [Population estimates \(UK and nations time series; local authorities on Nomis\)](#).

What these figures do and don't show

- **Functions, not departments.** Spending is grouped by what it is for (the UN's COFOG classification), whoever spends it, so it does not follow machinery-of-government changes between departments.
- **Cash, real terms and per head are all shown.** Real terms use HM Treasury's GDP deflator in 2025-26 prices; per head uses ONS mid-year population.
- **The long run joins sources.** Before 1988-89 health, education and defence come from the OBR's historical database; the join is at matching figures and is marked.
- **Nations and the UK are different measures.** Nation figures are identifiable spending only and never add up to the UK figure.

# What it buys: spending and what is published alongside it

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Each service below shows its spending in real terms beside what is published about what it delivers: officers and recorded crime, incidents and response times, calls and waits, headcount. The two are shown together; how much of any change the money caused is not something these figures can show.

## Key figures

**£31.6bn**

Police, 2025-26  
+4.8% in real terms  
As of 16 July 2026

**£4.2bn**

Fire and rescue, 2025-26  
+1.8% in real terms  
As of 16 July 2026

**£5.5bn**

Ambulance, 2024-25  
+4.4% in real terms

**£257.5bn**

NHS, 2025-26  
+2.7% in real terms  
As of 16 July 2026

**£14.2bn**

Roads, 2025-26  
+1.1% in real terms  
As of 16 July 2026

## Police

Spending: **£31.6bn** in 2025-26 (Police, United Kingdom), £454 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £26.1bn in 2020-21 and £31.6bn in 2025-26.

Police: what is published alongside the money, England and Wales

| Measure                              | Latest                    | Five periods earlier      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Recorded crime per 1,000 residents   | 83.0 per 1,000 (2025-26)  | 77.1 per 1,000 (2020-21)  |
| Officers per 100,000 residents       | 235 per 100,000 (2025-26) | 228 per 100,000 (2020-21) |
| Charged or summonsed                 | 8.6% (2025-26)            | 8.5% (2020-21)            |
| 999 calls answered within 10 seconds | 88.8% (2026-08)           | 90.3% (2026-03)           |

## Fire and rescue

Spending: **£4.2bn** in 2025-26 (Fire and rescue, United Kingdom), £59.95 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £3.8bn in 2020-21 and £4.2bn in 2025-26.

Fire and rescue: what is published alongside the money, England

| Measure                                | Latest                             | Five periods earlier              |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Incidents per 1,000 residents          | 10.9 per 1,000 residents (2025-26) | 9.2 per 1,000 residents (2020-21) |
| Average response time to primary fires | 9.42 minutes (2025-26)             | 8.59 minutes (2020-21)            |
| Staff, full-time equivalent            | 40,082 FTE (2024-25)               | 40,135 FTE (2019-20)              |
| Fire stations                          | 1,386 stations (2024-25)           | 1,394 stations (2019-20)          |

## Ambulance

Spending: **£5.5bn** in 2024-25 (Ambulance services, United Kingdom), £78.77 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £5.4bn in 2023-24 and £5.6bn in 2024-25.

**Ambulance: what is published alongside the money, England**

| Measure                                                                  | Latest                 | Five periods earlier   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Category 1 (life-threatening): average response                          | 7.9 minutes (2026-08)  | 7.8 minutes (2026-03)  |
| Category 2 (emergency, such as stroke or heart attack): average response | 28.9 minutes (2026-08) | 26.3 minutes (2026-03) |
| Handovers taking over an hour                                            | 7.0% (2026-08)         | 5.4% (2026-03)         |

**NHS**

Spending: **£257.5bn** in 2025-26 (Health, United Kingdom), £3,706 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £265.7bn in 2020-21 and £257.5bn in 2025-26.

**NHS: what is published alongside the money, England**

| Measure                                    | Latest                              | Five periods earlier                |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Waiting under 18 weeks (England)           | 65.3% (2026-07)                     | 64.9% (2026-04)                     |
| Waiting list per 1,000 residents (England) | 121.7 per 1,000 residents (2026-07) | 121.1 per 1,000 residents (2026-04) |
| NHS staff, full-time equivalent (England)  | 1,369,177 FTE (2026-07)             | 1,379,060 FTE (2026-02)             |

**Roads**

Spending: **£14.2bn** in 2025-26 (United Kingdom), £205 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £14.5bn in 2020-21 and £14.2bn in 2025-26.

**Roads: what is published alongside the money, England**

| Measure                                        | Latest                  | Five periods earlier    |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Road maintenance spending per mile             | £6,923 (2025-26)        | £6,313 (2023-24)        |
| A roads where maintenance should be considered | 5% (2024-25)            | 4% (2019-20)            |
| Roadworks on site in the month                 | 185,759 works (2026-08) | 176,423 works (2026-06) |

**Schools**

Spending: **£125.7bn** in 2025-26 (United Kingdom), £1,809 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £116.1bn in 2020-21 and £125.7bn in 2025-26.

**Schools: what is published alongside the money, England**

| Measure                         | Latest                            | Five periods earlier              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Schools block funding per pupil | £6,771 (2026-27)                  | £5,221 (2021-22)                  |
| Pupils per teacher              | 17.9 pupils per teacher (2025/26) | 18.0 pupils per teacher (2020/21) |

**Council spending**

Spending: **£202.4bn** in 2024-25 (United Kingdom), £2,921 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £197.5bn in 2019-20 and £209.3bn in 2024-25.

**Council spending: what is published alongside the money, England, all councils**

| Measure                                                           | Latest           | Five periods earlier |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Council spending per resident, excluding schools, police and fire | £1,173 (2025-26) | £905 (2020-21)       |
| Share of income from council tax                                  | 20.8% (2025-26)  | 20.5% (2020-21)      |
| Adult social care spending per resident                           | £466 (2025-26)   | £332 (2020-21)       |

**Social care**

Spending: **£56.1bn** in 2025-26 (United Kingdom), £808 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £44.8bn in 2020-21 and £56.1bn in 2025-26.

Social care: what is published alongside the money, England

| Measure                                        | Latest                        | Five periods earlier          |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Adult social care spending per adult           | £633 (2024-25)                | £444 (2019-20)                |
| Share of long-term care spending on care homes | 46.5% (2024-25)               | 49.0% (2019-20)               |
| Children's services spending per child         | £1,197 (2024-25)              | £794 (2019-20)                |
| Children looked after per 10,000 children      | 67 per 10,000 children (2025) | 69 per 10,000 children (2021) |

Housing

Spending: **£22.5bn** in 2025-26 (United Kingdom), £324 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £16.7bn in 2020-21 and £22.5bn in 2025-26.

Housing: what is published alongside the money, England

| Measure                                                    | Latest                             | Five periods earlier               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Households in temporary accommodation per 1,000 households | 5.5 per 1,000 households (2026-03) | 4.0 per 1,000 households (2021-03) |
| Spending on temporary accommodation per resident           | £23.27 (2025-26)                   | £16.17 (2023-24)                   |
| Affordable homes completed per 1,000 households            | 2.6 per 1,000 households (2024-25) | 2.1 per 1,000 households (2020-21) |
| General Fund housing spending per resident                 | £59.13 (2025-26)                   | £45.44 (2023-24)                   |

Waste and recycling

Spending: **£25.8bn** in 2025-26 (United Kingdom), £371 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £23.0bn in 2020-21 and £25.8bn in 2025-26.

Waste and recycling: what is published alongside the money, England

| Measure                                                  | Latest          | Five periods earlier |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting  | 42.0% (2024-25) | 43.8% (2019-20)      |
| Spending on waste collection and recycling per household | £81 (2025-26)   | —                    |

Armed forces

Spending: **£65.4bn** in 2025-26 (Defence, United Kingdom), £941 per resident; in 2025-26 prices it was £54.2bn in 2020-21 and £65.4bn in 2025-26.

Armed forces: what is published alongside the money

| Measure                             | Latest                   | Five periods earlier     |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| UK regular forces                   | 137,482 people (2026-07) | 136,998 people (2025-04) |
| Core defence spending, NATO measure | 2.56 % of GDP (2026e)    | 2.25 % of GDP (2021)     |

What these figures do and don't show

- **Side by side, not cause and effect.** A rise in spending and a change in an output in the same years does not show that one caused the other: demand, prices, population, policy and recording all change too.
- **Different areas.** Spending is for the UK or the nation named; outputs are for the group named in each table (England and Wales for police, England for fire response times). They are not mixed into one figure.
- **Outputs are what is published,** not everything a service does. Each service's page has the fuller picture and the breaks in each series.

# The NHS: spending by nation, down to your health body

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**£257.5bn** was spent on health in Health, United Kingdom in 2025-26, **£3,706** per resident. That is +2.7% on a year earlier after inflation (+6.2% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £17.9bn in 1955-56 to £257.5bn.

## Key figures

**£257.5bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+6.2% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**+2.7%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£257.5bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£3,706**

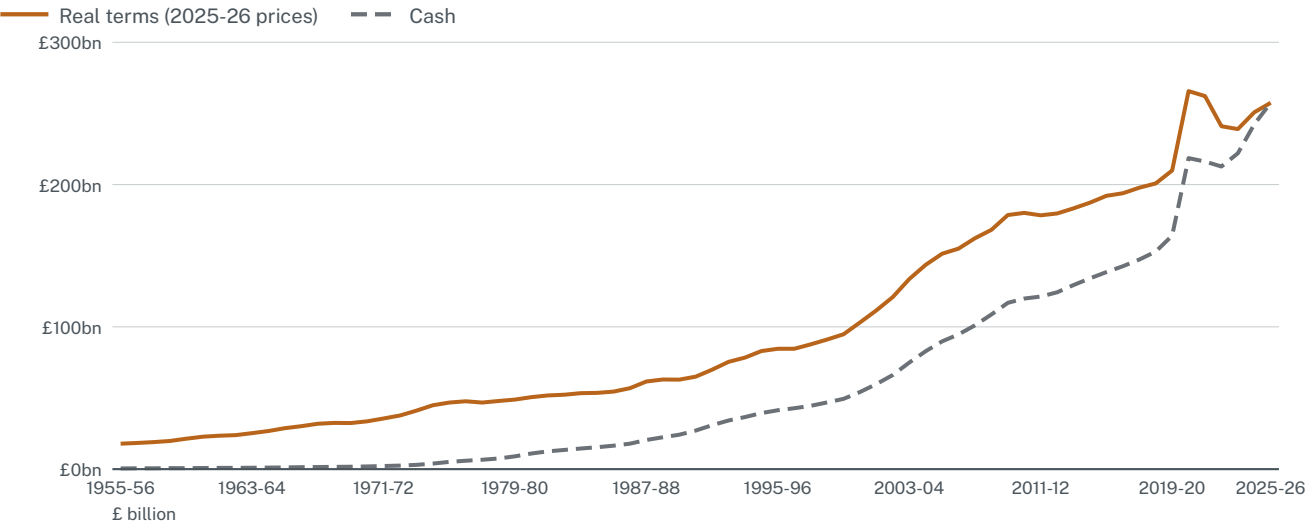
Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

## The short version

- **Four health services:** England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland each run their own, with their own budgets and targets.
- **Per head, like for like:** each nation's spending divided by its own population.
- **Down to your health body:** integrated care boards in England, local health boards in Wales and health boards in Scotland each have a page.

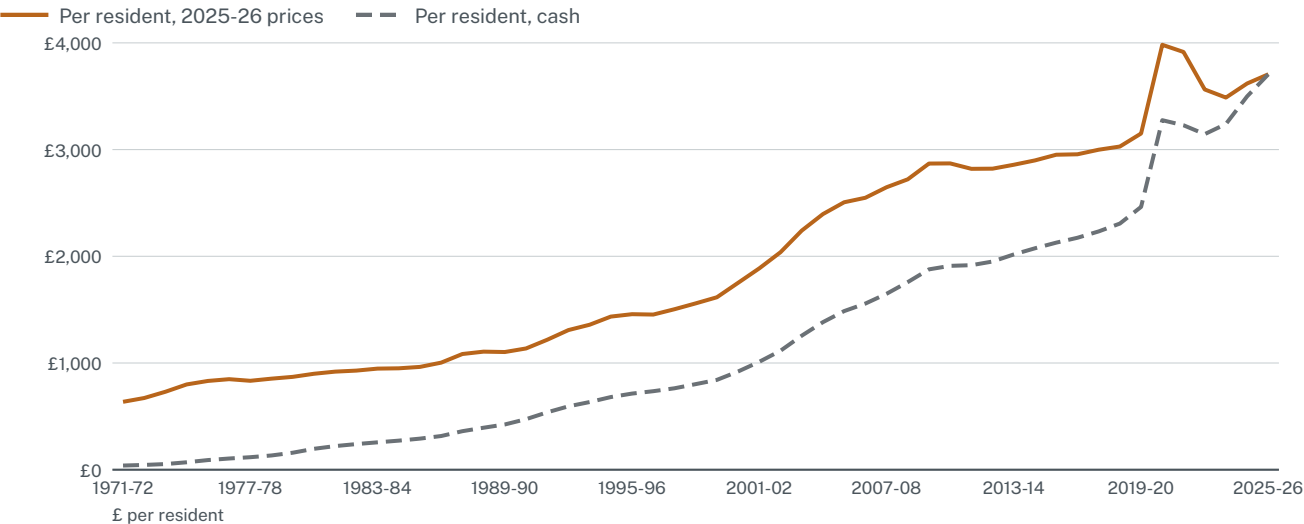
## Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

Health, United Kingdom: spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ billion



Line chart of Health, United Kingdom spending from 1955-56 to 2025-26: £549m to £257.5bn in cash; £17.9bn to £257.5bn in 2025-26 prices.

### Health, United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of Health, United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 1971-72 (£636) to 2025-26 (£3,706).

### Spending per resident by nation, 2024-25



Bar chart of spending per resident by nation in 2024-25: Health, England £3,462, Health, Scotland £3,539, Health, Wales £3,758, Health, Northern Ireland £3,659.

Source: HM Treasury, [PESA 2026: chapters 4 and 5 tables](#), published 16 July 2026; HM Treasury, [PESA 2021: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2016: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2011: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); Office for Budget Responsibility, [Historical public finances database](#).

## Each nation's health service

Day-to-day spending pays for staff, drugs and running services; capital pays for buildings and equipment. Staff and emergency department waits are each nation's own published figures: the four count them differently, so the rows are side by side, not a ranking.

### Health spending, staff and emergency department waits by nation, spending 2024-25

| Nation           | Day-to-day | Capital | Staff (full-time equivalent) | Emergency department: seen within 4 hours |
|------------------|------------|---------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| England          | £191.0bn   | £11.9bn | 1,369,177 FTE (2026-07)      | 75.0% (2026-08)                           |
| Scotland         | £18.7bn    | £954m   | 164,412.5 WTE (2026-06)      | 69.1% (2026-07)                           |
| Wales            | £11.4bn    | £544m   | 100,276 FTE (2026-03)        | 63.8% (2026-08)                           |
| Northern Ireland | £6.6bn     | £416m   | 68,109.7 WTE (2026-06)       | 43.3% (2025-26)                           |

Spending from HM Treasury's country and regional analysis (identifiable health spending, outturn). The NHS pay bill is published by nation only in annual accounts, not as data, except Scotland's hospital and community staff costs, which are on each Scottish board's page.

## Where the money goes, level by level

1. UK total
2. Nation
3. Department or service body
4. Local body
5. Spending category
6. Line or transaction

## Health, United Kingdom

HM Treasury's public spending on health by function (COFOG 7): the NHS in all four nations, public health and medical research, cash outturn. The nations below are the parts HM Treasury can assign to a country ("identifiable" spending).

**£257.5bn** in 2025-26 (cash); **£257.5bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£3,706** per resident; **+6.2%** on a year earlier in cash, **+2.7%** in real terms.

### Health, United Kingdom: by nation, 2024-25

| Nation                   | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Health, England          | £202.9bn      | £209.9bn                    | £3,462       | +3.9%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Health, Scotland         | £19.6bn       | £20.3bn                     | £3,539       | +3.9%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Health, Wales            | £12.0bn       | £12.4bn                     | £3,758       | +4.4%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Health, Northern Ireland | £7.1bn        | £7.3bn                      | £3,659       | -1.1%                         | HM Treasury | Department or service body not published: The Department of Health's budget and the five health and social care trusts' accounts are published only as PDF documents, and no 2026-27 Executive budget has been agreed, so there is no machine-readable body or trust level. The figure above is HM Treasury's identifiable health spending in Northern Ireland, which is also where its capital and day-to-day split comes from (extra.capitalSplit). |

## Health, England

Identifiable public spending on health in England: HM Treasury's country and regional analysis (from 2020-21) and ONS country and regional public sector finances (1999-00 to 2019-20). Outturn, cash, all public bodies, including spending by UK-wide bodies on England's behalf.

**£202.9bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£209.9bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£3,462** per resident; **+8.1%** on a year earlier in cash, **+3.9%** in real terms.

### Health, England: by department or service body, 2024-25

| Department or service body | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this        |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| NHS England                | £187.5bn      | £194.0bn                    | £3,199       | +5.0%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |

## NHS England

NHS England's total departmental expenditure limit (day-to-day and capital), outturn, as HM Treasury records it (PESA Annex G). It is the money for the NHS in England. The ICBs below are allocations for years ahead and cover most of it; they are never added to these outturn figures.

**£198.7bn** in 2025-26 (cash); **£198.7bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£3,377** per resident; **+6.0%** on a year earlier in cash, **+2.4%** in real terms.

### NHS England: by local body, 2025-26

| Local body                                             | Cash, 2025-26 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this      |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| NHS West and North London Integrated Care Board        | £11.7bn       | £11.7bn                     | £3,213       | —                             | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board | £9.4bn        | £9.4bn                      | £3,103       | —                             | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board           | £9.2bn        | £9.2bn                      | £3,043       | —                             | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Central East Integrated Care Board                 | £8.5bn        | £8.5bn                      | £2,631       | —                             | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board      | £8.4bn        | £8.4bn                      | £3,192       | —                             | NHS England | On its own page |

| Local body                                                                    | Cash,<br>2025-26 | Real terms<br>(2025-26 prices) | Per<br>resident | Real change on a<br>year earlier | Source      | Below this      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| NHS Surrey and Sussex Integrated Care Board                                   | £8.4bn           | £8.4bn                         | £2,783          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board                                      | £7.1bn           | £7.1bn                         | £2,928          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS North East London Integrated Care Board                                   | £6.2bn           | £6.2bn                         | £2,923          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Thames Valley Integrated Care Board                                       | £5.8bn           | £5.8bn                         | £2,471          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS South East London Integrated Care Board                                   | £5.9bn           | £5.9bn                         | £3,223          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board                         | £5.7bn           | £5.7bn                         | £2,740          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board                        | £5.6bn           | £5.6bn                         | £3,012          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board                                     | £5.4bn           | £5.4bn                         | £2,757          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Essex Integrated Care Board                                               | £5.3bn           | £5.3bn                         | £2,721          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board                          | £4.9bn           | £4.9bn                         | £2,714          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Norfolk and Suffolk Integrated Care Board                                 | £4.9bn           | £4.9bn                         | £2,821          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board                             | £4.4bn           | £4.4bn                         | £3,149          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS South West London Integrated Care Board                                   | £4.3bn           | £4.3bn                         | £2,801          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board                                     | £4.2bn           | £4.2bn                         | £2,948          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Devon Integrated Care Board                                               | £3.7bn           | £3.7bn                         | £2,922          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board                                       | £3.7bn           | £3.7bn                         | £2,893          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board                      | £3.4bn           | £3.4bn                         | £2,885          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board                    | £3.3bn           | £3.3bn                         | £2,811          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board                                | £3.1bn           | £3.1bn                         | £2,808          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board               | £3.0bn           | £3.0bn                         | £2,519          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board   | £2.9bn           | £2.9bn                         | £2,775          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board                           | £2.8bn           | £2.8bn                         | £2,758          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board | £2.5bn           | £2.5bn                         | £2,597          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Dorset Integrated Care Board                                              | £2.3bn           | £2.3bn                         | £2,884          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board                                        | £2.3bn           | £2.3bn                         | £2,858          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board                    | £2.2bn           | £2.2bn                         | £2,746          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board                                    | £2.1bn           | £2.1bn                         | £2,570          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board                    | £1.8bn           | £1.8bn                         | £3,065          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |

| Local body                                               | Cash,<br>2025-26 | Real terms<br>(2025-26 prices) | Per<br>resident | Real change on a<br>year earlier | Source      | Below this      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board                | £1.7bn           | £1.7bn                         | £2,600          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board                       | £1.7bn           | £1.7bn                         | £2,862          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |
| NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board | £1.5bn           | £1.5bn                         | £2,777          | —                                | NHS England | On its own page |

### Health, Scotland

Identifiable public spending on health in Scotland: HM Treasury’s country and regional analysis (from 2020-21) and ONS country and regional public sector finances (1999-00 to 2019-20). Outturn, cash, all public bodies, including spending by UK-wide bodies on Scotland’s behalf.

**£19.6bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£20.3bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£3,539** per resident; **+8.2%** on a year earlier in cash, **+3.9%** in real terms.

#### Health, Scotland: by department or service body, 2024-25

| Department or service body | Cash,<br>2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                 | Below this        |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| NHS Scotland health boards | £18.2bn          | £18.9bn                     | £3,289       | +2.2%                         | Public Health Scotland | Broken down below |

### NHS Scotland health boards

Operating costs of the 14 territorial health boards, the State Hospital and the Golden Jubilee (hospital, community, family health services and resource transfer to councils), outturn, from Public Health Scotland’s health service costs. It leaves out the other national boards (the ambulance service, NHS 24, NHS Education, National Services) and is not the Scottish Government’s health budget, which is in [extra.scotland.budget](#).

**£18.2bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£18.9bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£3,289** per resident; **+6.3%** on a year earlier in cash, **+2.2%** in real terms.

## NHS Scotland health boards: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body                                     | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                 | Below this        |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde                  | £4.7bn        | £4.8bn                      | £3,845       | +1.4%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Lothian                                    | £2.9bn        | £3.0bn                      | £3,057       | +3.8%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Grampian                                   | £1.8bn        | £1.9bn                      | £3,027       | +2.2%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Lanarkshire                                | £1.8bn        | £1.8bn                      | £2,598       | +1.2%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Tayside                                    | £1.4bn        | £1.5bn                      | £3,459       | +0.1%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Ayrshire and Arran                         | £1.2bn        | £1.3bn                      | £3,325       | +1.6%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Highland                                   | £1.1bn        | £1.1bn                      | £3,338       | +3.2%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Fife                                       | £1.1bn        | £1.1bn                      | £2,818       | +1.1%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Forth Valley                               | £919m         | £951m                       | £2,999       | +5.3%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Dumfries and Galloway                      | £509m         | £526m                       | £3,484       | +1.3%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Borders                                    | £344m         | £356m                       | £2,934       | +1.9%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| National Waiting Times Centre (Golden Jubilee) | £255m         | £263m                       | —            | +13.6%                        | Public Health Scotland | Broken down below |
| NHS Western Isles                              | £111m         | £114m                       | £4,262       | +1.5%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Orkney                                     | £84m          | £87m                        | £3,811       | +1.1%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| NHS Shetland                                   | £82m          | £85m                        | £3,606       | +2.9%                         | Public Health Scotland | On its own page   |
| State Hospital                                 | £51m          | £53m                        | —            | +6.3%                         | Public Health Scotland | Broken down below |

## National Waiting Times Centre (Golden Jubilee)

A national board: it serves all of Scotland, so there is no per-head figure.

**£255m** in 2024-25 (cash); **£263m** in 2025-26 prices; +18.2% on a year earlier in cash, +13.6% in real terms.

## National Waiting Times Centre (Golden Jubilee): by spending category, 2024-25

| Spending category | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                 | Below this                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hospital services | £255m         | £263m                       | —            | +13.6%                        | Public Health Scotland | Line or transaction not published: Public Health Scotland's detailed cost book tables split these costs further by specialty and staff group; those tables overlap one another, so no lines are shown. |

## State Hospital

A national board: it serves all of Scotland, so there is no per-head figure.

**£51m** in 2024-25 (cash); **£53m** in 2025-26 prices; +10.5% on a year earlier in cash, +6.3% in real terms.

## State Hospital: by spending category, 2024-25

| Spending category | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                 | Below this                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hospital services | £51m          | £53m                        | —            | +6.3%                         | Public Health Scotland | Line or transaction not published: Public Health Scotland's detailed cost book tables split these costs further by specialty and staff group; those tables overlap one another, so no lines are shown. |

## Health, Wales

Identifiable public spending on health in Wales: HM Treasury's country and regional analysis (from 2020-21) and ONS country and regional public sector finances (1999-00 to 2019-20). Outturn, cash, all public bodies, including spending by UK-wide bodies on Wales's behalf.

**£12.0bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£12.4bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£3,758** per resident; **+8.6%** on a year earlier in cash, **+4.4%** in real terms.

## Health, Wales: by department or service body, 2023-24

| Department or service body | Cash, 2023-24 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                        | Below this        |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| NHS Wales                  | £9.9bn        | £10.7bn                     | £3,125       | +1.9%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | Broken down below |

## NHS Wales

NHS expenditure by programme budget, outturn: the seven local health boards and Public Health Wales. From 2019-20 the seven boards add up to this total; before then it also includes Abertawe Bro Morgannwg and Cwm Taf, which are not shown because their areas changed. The Welsh Government's health budget and the allocations to boards are budgets, in [extra.wales](#).

**£9.9bn** in 2023-24 (cash); **£10.7bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£3,125** per resident; **+7.3%** on a year earlier in cash, **+1.9%** in real terms.

## NHS Wales: by local body, 2023-24

| Local body                                | Cash, 2023-24 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                        | Below this      |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board   | £2.2bn        | £2.4bn                      | £3,185       | +2.8%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | On its own page |
| Aneurin Bevan University Health Board     | £1.8bn        | £2.0bn                      | £3,074       | +1.5%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | On its own page |
| Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board | £1.4bn        | £1.5bn                      | £3,220       | +1.4%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | On its own page |
| Cardiff and Vale University Health Board  | £1.4bn        | £1.5bn                      | £2,791       | -0.4%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | On its own page |
| Hywel Dda University Health Board         | £1.3bn        | £1.4bn                      | £3,295       | +3.4%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | On its own page |
| Swansea Bay University Health Board       | £1.3bn        | £1.4bn                      | £3,239       | +2.6%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | On its own page |
| Powys Teaching Health Board               | £435m         | £468m                       | £3,233       | +2.4%                         | Welsh Government (StatsWales) | On its own page |

Cash is as published. Real terms are in 2025-26 prices, using HM Treasury's GDP deflator. Per resident divides by ONS mid-year population for the area the body serves. Changes compare the same body in consecutive years.

## Search the department's payments over £25,000

Every payment of £25,000 or more the department published for the latest year, as published. See [every department's spending over £25,000](#) for what each covers.

Department of Health and Social Care published **20,679 payments** worth **£164.78bn** to 1,132 suppliers and recipients from May 2025 to April 2026 (12 of 12 months published). The department itself: NHS England's and NHS trusts' own payments are published by them, not here.

- The newest payment published is from 2026-04, 5 months before this was read.

- 1,399 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £1,414,008,937 in all) are included, so totals are net.

Searching needs JavaScript. Every payment is in [one JSON file](#).

Source: Department of Health and Social Care, [spending over £25,000](#) on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2026-07-09; every payment kept is in [one JSON file](#).

- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, April 2026](#) (2026-04): 931 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, March 2026](#) (2026-03): 4,525 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, February 2026](#) (2026-02): 2,131 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, January 2026](#) (2026-01): 1,169 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, December 2025](#) (2025-12): 2,345 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, November 2025](#) (2025-11): 914 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, October 2025](#) (2025-10): 1,323 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, September 2025](#) (2025-09): 2,589 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, August 2025](#) (2025-08): 653 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, July 2025](#) (2025-07): 920 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, June 2025](#) (2025-06): 2,598 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [DHSC: spending over £25,000, May 2025](#) (2025-05): 581 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

### On the map

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

Only measures that compare fairly between health bodies are on the map, each against its own nation's figure. Pick an area for its figures and a link to its page.

Every one of the health bodies, on each measure on the map

| Health body                                                | Nati<br>on  | Waiting list per 1,000<br>residents (England) | Waiting under 18<br>weeks (England) | A&E: seen within<br>four hours<br>(Scotland) | Emergency departments:<br>within four hours (Wales) |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| NHS Essex Integrated Care Board                            | Engl<br>and | 144.6 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 55.5%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS South West London Integrated Care Board                | Engl<br>and | 139.6 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 68.2%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board                     | Engl<br>and | 137.8 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 62.0%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Surrey and Sussex Integrated Care Board                | Engl<br>and | 136.6 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.3%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board               | Engl<br>and | 134.3 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 62.9%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS West and North London Integrated Care Board            | Engl<br>and | 134.1 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 67.5%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board                    | Engl<br>and | 133.8 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 65.2%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board          | Engl<br>and | 128.3 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 65.7%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board   | Engl<br>and | 126.2 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 69.9%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board     | Engl<br>and | 126.0 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 65.5%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Central East Integrated Care Board                     | Engl<br>and | 125.4 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.4%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board                  | Engl<br>and | 124.1 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.7%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board | Engl<br>and | 123.9 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 64.4%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Dorset Integrated Care Board                           | Engl<br>and | 123.6 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 66.0%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |

| Health body                                                                         | Nati<br>on  | Waiting list per 1,000<br>residents (England) | Waiting under 18<br>weeks (England) | A&E: seen within<br>four hours<br>(Scotland) | Emergency departments:<br>within four hours (Wales) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| NHS Humber and North<br>Yorkshire Integrated Care Board                             | Engl<br>and | 123.5 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 61.0%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Norfolk and Suffolk<br>Integrated Care Board                                    | Engl<br>and | 123.3 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.6%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS North East and North<br>Cumbria Integrated Care Board                           | Engl<br>and | 122.6 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 72.5%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS South East London<br>Integrated Care Board                                      | Engl<br>and | 121.7 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 67.1%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Coventry and<br>Warwickshire Integrated Care<br>Board                           | Engl<br>and | 120.7 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 62.9%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Herefordshire and<br>Worcestershire Integrated Care<br>Board                    | Engl<br>and | 119.0 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.8%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS North East London<br>Integrated Care Board                                      | Engl<br>and | 118.8 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 67.9%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Bath and North East<br>Somerset, Swindon and<br>Wiltshire Integrated Care Board | Engl<br>and | 116.5 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 66.2%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Northamptonshire<br>Integrated Care Board                                       | Engl<br>and | 114.5 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.5%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Somerset Integrated Care<br>Board                                               | Engl<br>and | 114.0 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 66.2%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Gloucestershire Integrated<br>Care Board                                        | Engl<br>and | 113.9 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 72.2%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Birmingham and Solihull<br>Integrated Care Board                                | Engl<br>and | 113.6 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 67.4%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Leicester, Leicestershire<br>and Rutland Integrated Care<br>Board               | Engl<br>and | 113.0 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 60.8%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Derby and Derbyshire<br>Integrated Care Board                                   | Engl<br>and | 104.6 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.6%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Hampshire and Isle of<br>Wight Integrated Care Board                            | Engl<br>and | 103.2 per 1,000<br>residents                  | 63.8%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Nottingham and<br>Nottinghamshire Integrated<br>Care Board                      | Engl<br>and | 99.8 per 1,000<br>residents                   | 63.3%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS West Yorkshire Integrated<br>Care Board                                         | Engl<br>and | 98.4 per 1,000<br>residents                   | 70.3%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Thames Valley Integrated<br>Care Board                                          | Engl<br>and | 93.7 per 1,000<br>residents                   | 65.9%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Bristol, North Somerset<br>and South Gloucestershire<br>Integrated Care Board   | Engl<br>and | 91.6 per 1,000<br>residents                   | 72.2%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Cornwall and the Isles of<br>Scilly Integrated Care Board                       | Engl<br>and | 90.4 per 1,000<br>residents                   | 73.9%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS South Yorkshire Integrated<br>Care Board                                        | Engl<br>and | 76.5 per 1,000<br>residents                   | 69.1%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| NHS Devon Integrated Care<br>Board                                                  | Engl<br>and | 63.6 per 1,000<br>residents                   | 63.2%                               | —                                            | —                                                   |
| Aneurin Bevan University Health<br>Board                                            | Wal<br>es   | —                                             | —                                   | —                                            | 71.9%                                               |
| Betsi Cadwaladr University<br>Health Board                                          | Wal<br>es   | —                                             | —                                   | —                                            | 57.2%                                               |
| Cardiff and Vale University<br>Health Board                                         | Wal<br>es   | —                                             | —                                   | —                                            | 57.5%                                               |
| Cwm Taf Morgannwg University<br>Health Board                                        | Wal<br>es   | —                                             | —                                   | —                                            | 58.7%                                               |

| Health body                         | Nation   | Waiting list per 1,000 residents (England) | Waiting under 18 weeks (England) | A&E: seen within four hours (Scotland) | Emergency departments: within four hours (Wales) |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Hywel Dda University Health Board   | Wales    | —                                          | —                                | —                                      | 67.1%                                            |
| NHS Ayrshire and Arran              | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 57.1%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Borders                         | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 67.8%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Dumfries and Galloway           | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 73.5%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Fife                            | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 73.0%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Forth Valley                    | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 60.2%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Grampian                        | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 64.7%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde       | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 71.1%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Highland                        | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 81.8%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Lanarkshire                     | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 54.0%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Lothian                         | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 69.3%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Orkney                          | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 91.8%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Shetland                        | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 84.2%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Tayside                         | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 89.3%                                  | —                                                |
| NHS Western Isles                   | Scotland | —                                          | —                                | 92.0%                                  | —                                                |
| Powys Teaching Health Board         | Wales    | —                                          | —                                | —                                      | 100.0%                                           |
| Swansea Bay University Health Board | Wales    | —                                          | —                                | —                                      | 69.1%                                            |

## What comes out: results by body

These are outputs and results published alongside the money. They are not what the money bought: demand, geography and recording practice differ between areas, and none of these figures shows cause and effect.

Each health body: waiting times, emergency department waits and staff

| Body                                      | Waiting under 18 weeks (England), 2026-07 | Waiting list per 1,000 residents (England), 2026-07 | A&E: seen within four hours (Scotland), 2026-07 | Emergency departments: within four hours (Wales), 2026-08 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| England                                   | 65.3%                                     | 121.7 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| Scotland                                  | —                                         | —                                                   | 69.1%                                           | —                                                         |
| Wales                                     | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 63.8%                                                     |
| Aneurin Bevan University Health Board     | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 71.9%                                                     |
| Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board   | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 57.2%                                                     |
| Cardiff and Vale University Health Board  | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 57.5%                                                     |
| Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 58.7%                                                     |
| Hywel Dda University Health Board         | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 67.1%                                                     |

| Body                                                                          | Waiting under 18 weeks (England), 2026-07 | Waiting list per 1,000 residents (England), 2026-07 | A&E: seen within four hours (Scotland), 2026-07 | Emergency departments: within four hours (Wales), 2026-08 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| NHS Ayrshire and Arran                                                        | —                                         | —                                                   | 57.1%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board | 66.2%                                     | 116.5 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board                             | 67.4%                                     | 113.6 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board                                       | 65.2%                                     | 133.8 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Borders                                                                   | —                                         | —                                                   | 67.8%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board   | 72.2%                                     | 91.6 per 1,000 residents                            | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Central East Integrated Care Board                                        | 63.4%                                     | 125.4 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board                             | 65.7%                                     | 128.3 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board                    | 73.9%                                     | 90.4 per 1,000 residents                            | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board                           | 62.9%                                     | 120.7 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board                                | 63.6%                                     | 104.6 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Devon Integrated Care Board                                               | 63.2%                                     | 63.6 per 1,000 residents                            | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Dorset Integrated Care Board                                              | 66.0%                                     | 123.6 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Dumfries and Galloway                                                     | —                                         | —                                                   | 73.5%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Essex Integrated Care Board                                               | 55.5%                                     | 144.6 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Fife                                                                      | —                                         | —                                                   | 73.0%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Forth Valley                                                              | —                                         | —                                                   | 60.2%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board                                     | 72.2%                                     | 113.9 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Grampian                                                                  | —                                         | —                                                   | 64.7%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde                                                 | —                                         | —                                                   | 71.1%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board                                  | 62.9%                                     | 134.3 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board                         | 63.8%                                     | 103.2 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board                    | 63.8%                                     | 119.0 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Highland                                                                  | —                                         | —                                                   | 81.8%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board                          | 61.0%                                     | 123.5 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board                                     | 63.7%                                     | 124.1 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Lanarkshire                                                               | —                                         | —                                                   | 54.0%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board                        | 65.5%                                     | 126.0 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |

| Body                                                            | Waiting under 18 weeks (England), 2026-07 | Waiting list per 1,000 residents (England), 2026-07 | A&E: seen within four hours (Scotland), 2026-07 | Emergency departments: within four hours (Wales), 2026-08 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board | 60.8%                                     | 113.0 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board                          | 62.0%                                     | 137.8 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Lothian                                                     | —                                         | —                                                   | 69.3%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Norfolk and Suffolk Integrated Care Board                   | 63.6%                                     | 123.3 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board          | 72.5%                                     | 122.6 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS North East London Integrated Care Board                     | 67.9%                                     | 118.8 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board                      | 63.5%                                     | 114.5 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board        | 63.3%                                     | 99.8 per 1,000 residents                            | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Orkney                                                      | —                                         | —                                                   | 91.8%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Shetland                                                    | —                                         | —                                                   | 84.2%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board        | 69.9%                                     | 126.2 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board                              | 66.2%                                     | 114.0 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS South East London Integrated Care Board                     | 67.1%                                     | 121.7 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS South West London Integrated Care Board                     | 68.2%                                     | 139.6 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board                       | 69.1%                                     | 76.5 per 1,000 residents                            | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board      | 64.4%                                     | 123.9 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Surrey and Sussex Integrated Care Board                     | 63.3%                                     | 136.6 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Tayside                                                     | —                                         | —                                                   | 89.3%                                           | —                                                         |
| NHS Thames Valley Integrated Care Board                         | 65.9%                                     | 93.7 per 1,000 residents                            | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS West and North London Integrated Care Board                 | 67.5%                                     | 134.1 per 1,000 residents                           | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board                        | 70.3%                                     | 98.4 per 1,000 residents                            | —                                               | —                                                         |
| NHS Western Isles                                               | —                                         | —                                                   | 92.0%                                           | —                                                         |
| Powys Teaching Health Board                                     | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 100.0%                                                    |
| Swansea Bay University Health Board                             | —                                         | —                                                   | —                                               | 69.1%                                                     |

**What each measure counts**

| Measure                                          | What it counts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Waiting under 18 weeks (England)                 | The share of incomplete RTT pathways with a known clock start that had been waiting 18 weeks or less at the end of the month. Each nation measures this differently, so it is never compared across nations. Target: 92% within 18 weeks (NHS Constitution standard).                                                                                                                      |
| Waiting list per 1,000 residents (England)       | The RTT waiting list divided by ONS mid-year residents of the local authorities the ICB mainly covers (the latest estimate for the month's calendar year). Residents, not GP-registered patients. Each nation measures this differently, so it is never compared across nations.                                                                                                           |
| A&E: seen within four hours (Scotland)           | Attendances at emergency departments and minor injury units that ended within four hours of arrival, as a share of all attendances, in the month, by the NHS board of treatment (Public Health Scotland). Each nation measures this differently, so it is never compared across nations. Target: 95% within four hours (Scottish Government standard).                                     |
| Emergency departments: within four hours (Wales) | Patients spending less than four hours in all emergency care facilities (major emergency departments and minor injury units) from arrival to admission, transfer or discharge, as a share of all attendances, in the month, by local health board. Each nation measures this differently, so it is never compared across nations. Target: 95% within four hours (Welsh Government target). |

**What people say about it****Does the NHS need more money, or better use of what it has?****Those who say the NHS needs more funding**

- “It still falls short of average increases we've seen in health spending historically, and of the investment needed to fulfil the NHS workforce plan.” Dr Latifa Patel, chair of the BMA representative body, British Medical Association ([11 June 2025](#))
- “But while capital budgets are being shown to increase, they do so by nowhere near enough to rebuild or replace the tired facilities and equipment on which large parts of the NHS currently rely, nor to develop the new hospitals and community facilities needed to deliver a modernised health service.” Sarah Woolnough, chief executive, The King's Fund ([12 June 2025](#)) King's Fund press release as republished by Wired-Gov (the King's Fund site blocks automated fetches).
- “For context, a 3% real terms rise in revenue budgets sits some way above average rises in health spending since 2010 (most notably the 2010-15 period where growth was consistently below 2%), however it still falls short of the long-term real terms average growth in health spending (3.7%).” NHS Providers (on-the-day briefing) ([11 June 2025](#)) The organisation's own analysis, not a named person. [nhsproviders.org](#) now redirects to [thenhsalliance.org](#).

**Those who say productivity and reform matter more than extra money**

- “They agree with the central argument we made at the last general election that investment must be matched with reform.” Wes Streeting MP (Labour), Health and Social Care Secretary, Department of Health and Social Care ([13 November 2024](#)) Speech to the NHS Providers annual conference.
- “For me, the path we must take is obvious. We must build a more productive state, not a bigger one.” Victoria Atkins MP (Conservative), then Health and Social Care Secretary, Department of Health and Social Care ([7 March 2024](#))
- “Throwing more money at broken systems without serious reform won't fix the problem. It just locks in failure at a higher cost.” Darwin Friend, TaxPayers' Alliance ([11 June 2025](#)) Written about the Spending Review as a whole, including the NHS settlement.

Views are attributed to the people and organisations named, with the date and a link to where they said it. This site takes no side.

### What these figures do and don't show

- **Each nation runs its own NHS.** Budgets, targets and waiting-time measures differ between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, so performance is compared within a nation, never across them.
- **Allocations are not spending.** An integrated care board's allocation is what it is given to plan and buy care; outturn is what was spent. They are labelled and never added together.
- **Per head needs a named denominator.** Figures here divide by ONS resident population; the NHS's own per-head figures often use GP-registered patients, which run higher.
- **Covid years are different.** Health spending from 2020-21 to 2022-23 includes testing, vaccines and protective equipment.
- **Nothing here shows cause and effect.** Money, staff and waiting times are shown side by side; demand, age and ill-health differ between areas.

Figures from data/services/nhs.json, generated 24 September 2026.

# Police funding: grant, precept and each force

Public services · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/police/>

£31.6bn was spent on police services in Police, United Kingdom in 2025-26, £454 per resident. That is +4.8% on a year earlier after inflation (+8.4% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £28.1bn in 2006-07 to £31.6bn. The 43 forces of England and Wales have £18.5bn to spend in 2026-27, £6.5bn of it from the council tax precept.

## Key figures

**£31.6bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+8.4% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**+4.8%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£31.6bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£454**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

**145,886**

Police officers, England and  
Wales, 31 March 2026  
As of 22 July 2026

**34.9%**

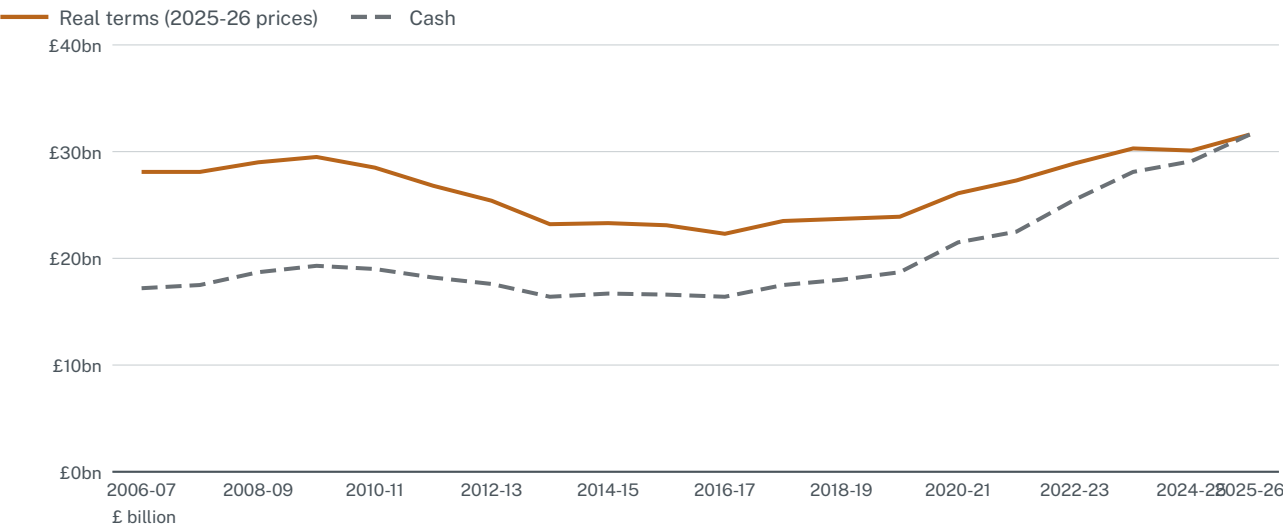
Of force funding from the precept,  
2026-27  
As of 19 August 2026

## The short version

- **Two sources of money:** Home Office grant and the council tax precept, which has grown faster since 2015-16.
- **Every force has a page:** its funding, precept per Band D home, officers, recorded crime, charge rate and 999 answering, against England and Wales and its most similar forces.
- **Side by side, not cause and effect:** recording practice differs, breaks are marked, and demand differs between areas.

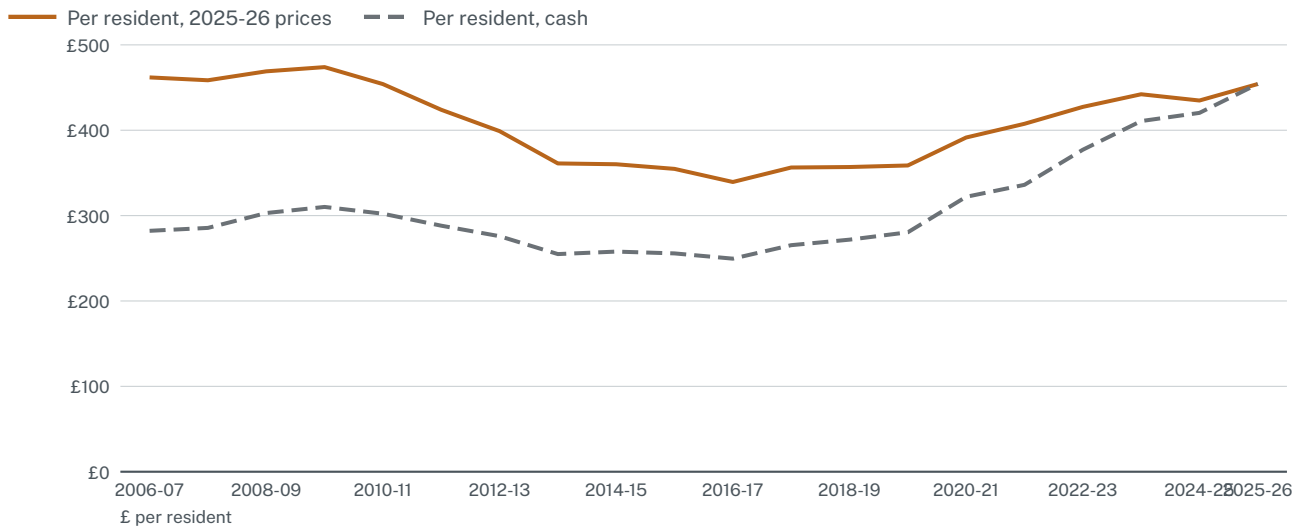
## Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

Police, United Kingdom: spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ billion



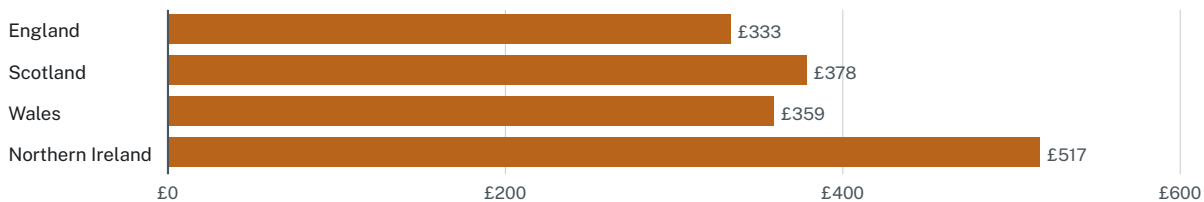
Line chart of Police, United Kingdom spending from 2006-07 to 2025-26: £17.2bn to £31.6bn in cash; £28.1bn to £31.6bn in 2025-26 prices.

## Police, United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of Police, United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2006-07 (£462) to 2025-26 (£454).

## Spending per resident by nation, 2024-25



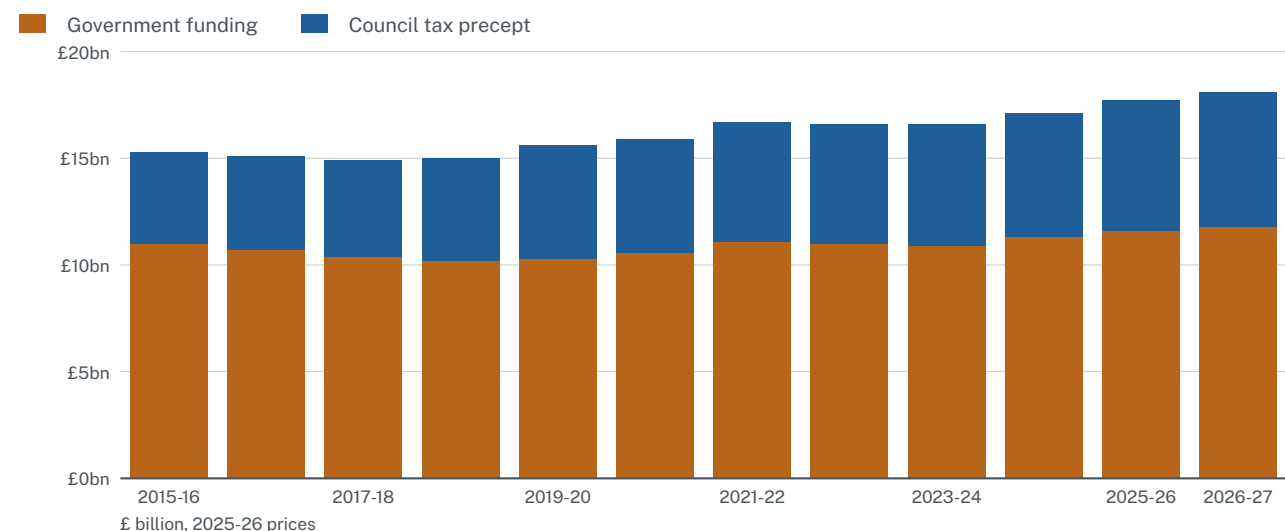
Bar chart of spending per resident by nation in 2024-25: England £333, Scotland £378, Wales £359, Northern Ireland £517.

Source: HM Treasury, [PESA 2026: chapters 4 and 5 tables](#), published 16 July 2026; HM Treasury, [PESA 2021: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2016: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2011: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#).

## Grant or precept: where the money comes from

Forces in England and Wales have two main sources of money: grant from the Home Office (and, in Wales, the Welsh Government), and the police precept on council tax, set each year by the police and crime commissioner or mayor. The precept was 28.2% of their funding in 2015-16 and is 34.9% in 2026-27. Scotland and Northern Ireland have no police precept.

## Police funding in England and Wales: government grant and council tax precept, 2025-26 prices, £ billion

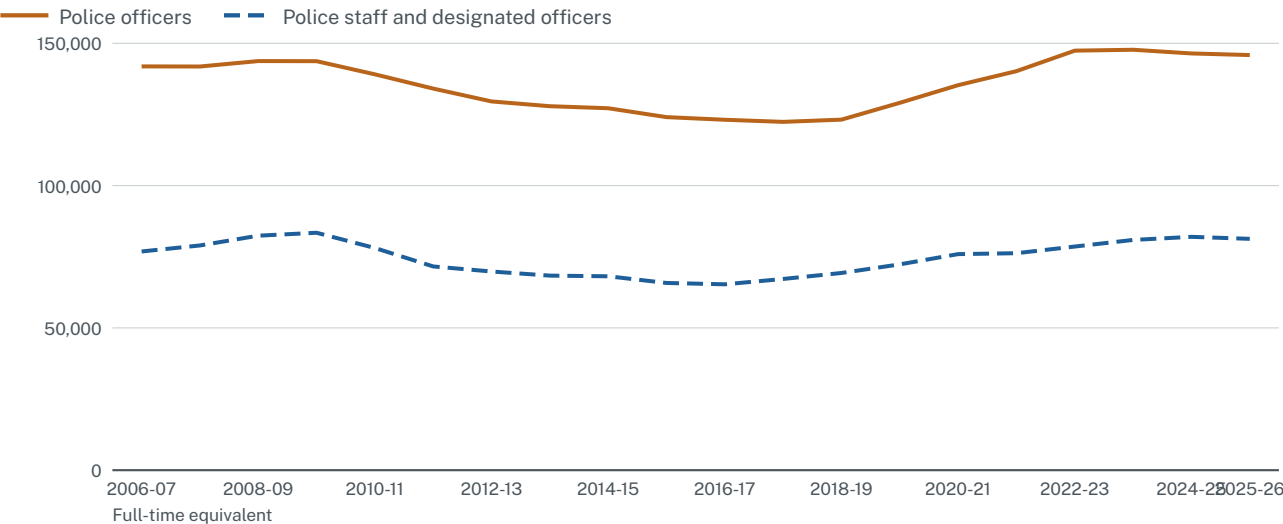


Stacked bar chart of police funding in England and Wales from 2015-16 to 2026-27: government funding £11.8bn and precept £6.3bn in 2026-27, in 2025-26 prices.

Source: Home Office, [Police funding for England and Wales 2015 to 2027: data tables \(Table 4a\)](#), published 19 August 2026.

## Officers and staff over time

### Police officers and staff in England and Wales, full-time equivalent, 31 March



Line chart of police officers in England and Wales from 2006-07 (141,894 officers) to 2025-26 (145,886 officers).

Police Scotland had 16,402 officers full-time equivalent officers at the end of June 2026. The PSNI had 6,444 officers on 01 September 2026.

## Where the money goes, level by level

1. UK total
2. Nation
3. Department or service body not published
4. Local body
5. Spending category not published
6. Line or transaction not published

### Police, United Kingdom

HM Treasury's spending on police services. It includes immigration and citizenship (Border Force and visas) in every year; see the like-for-like line without it.

**£31.6bn** in 2025-26 (cash); **£31.6bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£454** per resident; **+8.4%** on a year earlier in cash, **+4.8%** in real terms.

#### Police, United Kingdom: by nation, 2024-25

| Nation           | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this        |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| England          | £19.5bn       | £20.2bn                     | £333         | +3.0%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |
| Scotland         | £2.1bn        | £2.2bn                      | £378         | +2.5%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |
| Wales            | £1.1bn        | £1.2bn                      | £359         | +4.8%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |
| Northern Ireland | £996m         | £1.0bn                      | £517         | +0.5%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |

### England

**£19.5bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£20.2bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£333** per resident; **+7.2%** on a year earlier in cash, **+3.0%** in real terms.

## England: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body                  | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this      |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Metropolitan Police         | £3.6bn        | £3.7bn                      | £392         | +0.7%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Greater Manchester          | £825m         | £853m                       | £275         | +4.4%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| West Midlands               | £800m         | £828m                       | £264         | +4.0%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| West Yorkshire              | £624m         | £645m                       | £257         | +4.2%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Thames Valley               | £592m         | £612m                       | £224         | +4.2%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight | £466m         | £482m                       | £226         | +3.0%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Merseyside                  | £458m         | £473m                       | £311         | +3.5%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Kent                        | £436m         | £451m                       | £226         | +3.8%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Devon and Cornwall          | £433m         | £448m                       | £236         | +4.0%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Avon and Somerset           | £415m         | £429m                       | £229         | +3.6%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Essex                       | £410m         | £424m                       | £213         | +4.0%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Sussex                      | £398m         | £412m                       | £226         | +3.7%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Northumbria                 | £399m         | £412m                       | £265         | +4.8%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Lancashire                  | £395m         | £408m                       | £247         | +3.8%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| South Yorkshire             | £359m         | £372m                       | £252         | +3.2%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Surrey                      | £311m         | £321m                       | £249         | +2.4%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| West Mercia                 | £301m         | £311m                       | £224         | +3.4%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Nottinghamshire             | £287m         | £296m                       | £242         | +3.6%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Hertfordshire               | £284m         | £294m                       | £230         | +3.2%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Cheshire                    | £267m         | £276m                       | £235         | +3.5%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Staffordshire               | £266m         | £275m                       | £226         | +3.6%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Leicestershire              | £258m         | £267m                       | £220         | +3.2%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Humberside                  | £256m         | £265m                       | £266         | +3.8%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Derbyshire                  | £248m         | £256m                       | £226         | +3.7%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Norfolk                     | £225m         | £232m                       | £239         | +3.8%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| North Yorkshire             | £205m         | £212m                       | £243         | +3.1%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Cambridgeshire              | £199m         | £206m                       | £212         | +3.2%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Dorset                      | £181m         | £188m                       | £228         | +3.3%                         | Home Office | On its own page |

| Local body       | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this      |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Northamptonshire | £183m         | £190m                       | £224         | +3.2%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Cleveland        | £180m         | £186m                       | £300         | +3.9%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Suffolk          | £173m         | £179m                       | £220         | +3.7%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Durham           | £169m         | £175m                       | £260         | +3.1%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Lincolnshire     | £166m         | £171m                       | £209         | +2.6%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Wiltshire        | £162m         | £168m                       | £212         | +3.1%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Gloucestershire  | £159m         | £165m                       | £238         | +3.5%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Bedfordshire     | £159m         | £164m                       | £212         | +4.3%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Cumbria          | £147m         | £152m                       | £289         | +3.9%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Warwickshire     | £141m         | £145m                       | £222         | +3.7%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| City of London   | £87m          | £90m                        | £5,601       | +5.1%                         | Home Office | On its own page |

## Scotland

**£2.1bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£2.2bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£378** per resident; **+6.7%** on a year earlier in cash, **+2.5%** in real terms.

### Scotland: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body      | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                    | Below this      |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Police Scotland | £1.4bn        | £1.4bn                      | £252         | —                             | Scottish Police Authority | On its own page |

## Wales

**£1.1bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£1.2bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£359** per resident; **+9.1%** on a year earlier in cash, **+4.8%** in real terms.

### Wales: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body  | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this      |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| South Wales | £413m         | £427m                       | £304         | +5.6%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| North Wales | £212m         | £219m                       | £305         | +3.5%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Gwent       | £184m         | £191m                       | £307         | +4.8%                         | Home Office | On its own page |
| Dyfed-Powys | £153m         | £158m                       | £292         | +5.6%                         | Home Office | On its own page |

## Northern Ireland

**£996m** in 2024-25 (cash); **£1.0bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£517** per resident; **+4.6%** on a year earlier in cash, **+0.5%** in real terms.

### Northern Ireland: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body                         | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source | Below this      |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Police Service of Northern Ireland | not published | not published               | —            | —                             | —      | On its own page |

Cash is as published. Real terms are in 2025-26 prices, using HM Treasury's GDP deflator. Per resident divides by ONS mid-year population for the area the body serves. Changes compare the same body in consecutive years.

## Search the department's payments over £25,000

Every payment of £25,000 or more the department published for the latest year, as published. See [every department's spending over £25,000](#) for what each covers.

Home Office published **17,668 payments** worth **£3.69bn** to 585 suppliers and recipients from August 2025 to July 2026 (12 of 12 months published). The Home Office's own files, which include its agencies (such as the Disclosure and Barring Service); the separate files for other bodies in the same publication (such as the IOPC) are not read.

- 29% of rows are under £25,000: the department lists individual lines of larger payments, or publishes some smaller ones. They are kept as published.
- 8 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £25,565 in all) are included, so totals are net.

Searching needs JavaScript. Every payment is in [one JSON file](#).

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- [Home Office: July 2026](#) (2026-07): 1,703 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [Home Office: June 2026](#) (2026-06): 1,293 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [Home Office: May 2026](#) (2026-05): 802 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [Home Office: April 2026](#) (2026-04): 1,443 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [Home Office: March 2026](#) (2026-03): 1,658 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [Home Office: February 2026](#) (2026-02): 1,497 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [Home Office: January 2026](#) (2026-01): 1,434 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [Home Office: December 2025](#) (2025-12): 1,799 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
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- [Home Office: August 2025](#) (2025-08): 1,319 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

## On the map

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

Only measures that compare fairly between police forces are on the map, each against its own nation's figure. Pick an area for its figures and a link to its page.

Every one of the police forces, on each measure on the map

| Police force area  | Nation  | Recorded crime per 1,000 residents | Violence and sexual offences per 1,000 | Burglary per 1,000 | Vehicle offences per 1,000 | Criminal damage and arson per 1,000 | Charged or summonsed | 999 calls answered within 10 seconds | Officers per 100,000 residents | Staff per 100,000 residents | Police precept, Band D | Funding per resident | Precept as a share of funding |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| City of London     | England | 558.6 per 1,000                    | 96.2 per 1,000                         | 30.5 per 1,000     | 6.6 per 1,000              | 19.7 per 1,000                      | 12.2%                | —                                    | 6,445 per 100,000              | 4,173 per 100,000           | —                      | £6,238               | —                             |
| Cleveland          | England | 123.7 per 1,000                    | 49.4 per 1,000                         | 6.1 per 1,000      | 5.5 per 1,000              | 15.1 per 1,000                      | 11.5%                | 91.1%                                | 251 per 100,000                | 148 per 100,000             | £332.73                | £330                 | 28.4%                         |
| West Yorkshire     | England | 108.4 per 1,000                    | 50.4 per 1,000                         | 5.9 per 1,000      | 6.4 per 1,000              | 8.5 per 1,000                       | 8.3%                 | 79.1%                                | 256 per 100,000                | 160 per 100,000             | £278.28                | £285                 | 28.3%                         |
| Greater Manchester | England | 103.4 per 1,000                    | 45.9 per 1,000                         | 3.8 per 1,000      | 5.4 per 1,000              | 8.4 per 1,000                       | 9.2%                 | 91.2%                                | 273 per 100,000                | 130 per 100,000             | £285.30                | £302                 | 26.1%                         |
| South Yorkshire    | England | 101.3 per 1,000                    | 41.7 per 1,000                         | 5.5 per 1,000      | 7.3 per 1,000              | 9.9 per 1,000                       | 8.7%                 | 90.3%                                | 211 per 100,000                | 149 per 100,000             | £280.04                | £279                 | 26.7%                         |

| Police force area           | Nation  | Recorded crime per 1,000 residents | Violence and sexual offences per 1,000 | Burglary per 1,000 | Vehicle offences per 1,000 | Criminal damage and arson per 1,000 | Charged or summonsed | 999 calls answered within 10 seconds | Officers per 100,000 residents | Staff per 100,000 residents | Police precept, Band D | Funding per resident | Precept as a share of funding |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Metropolitan Police         | England | 100.7 per 1,000                    | 30.4 per 1,000                         | 5.3 per 1,000      | 9.3 per 1,000              | 6.1 per 1,000                       | 6.2%                 | 88.5%                                | 346 per 100,000                | 130 per 100,000             | —                      | £440                 | 27.2%                         |
| West Midlands               | England | 99.4 per 1,000                     | 43.7 per 1,000                         | 4.7 per 1,000      | 9.1 per 1,000              | 8.3 per 1,000                       | 9.2%                 | 88.8%                                | 270 per 100,000                | 129 per 100,000             | £244.50                | £294                 | 21.2%                         |
| Avon and Somerset           | England | 96.2 per 1,000                     | 42.6 per 1,000                         | 4.1 per 1,000      | 5.0 per 1,000              | 7.8 per 1,000                       | 6.5%                 | 93.7%                                | 187 per 100,000                | 150 per 100,000             | £308.20                | £254                 | 40.9%                         |
| Humberside                  | England | 96.2 per 1,000                     | 42.8 per 1,000                         | 4.4 per 1,000      | 3.7 per 1,000              | 9.4 per 1,000                       | 10.2%                | 91.9%                                | 239 per 100,000                | 127 per 100,000             | £313.66                | £294                 | 32.8%                         |
| Gwent                       | Wales   | 94.7 per 1,000                     | 41.2 per 1,000                         | 3.8 per 1,000      | 4.8 per 1,000              | 11.6 per 1,000                      | 6.9%                 | 92.9%                                | 258 per 100,000                | 136 per 100,000             | £403.53                | £348                 | 44.6%                         |
| Merseyside                  | England | 93.3 per 1,000                     | 40.8 per 1,000                         | 2.7 per 1,000      | 3.4 per 1,000              | 8.5 per 1,000                       | 10.7%                | 94.0%                                | 282 per 100,000                | 152 per 100,000             | £293.97                | £344                 | 23.5%                         |
| Durham                      | England | 91.3 per 1,000                     | 39.1 per 1,000                         | 4.2 per 1,000      | 3.6 per 1,000              | 13.5 per 1,000                      | 10.5%                | 89.3%                                | 215 per 100,000                | 152 per 100,000             | £300.74                | £290                 | 29.9%                         |
| Northumbria                 | England | 90.2 per 1,000                     | 36.4 per 1,000                         | 4.4 per 1,000      | 4.1 per 1,000              | 10.1 per 1,000                      | 9.9%                 | 86.6%                                | 260 per 100,000                | 135 per 100,000             | £214.34                | £294                 | 20.7%                         |
| Nottinghamshire             | England | 85.4 per 1,000                     | 33.6 per 1,000                         | 3.4 per 1,000      | 4.4 per 1,000              | 8.7 per 1,000                       | 11.1%                | 89.2%                                | 200 per 100,000                | 125 per 100,000             | £311.10                | £267                 | 33.8%                         |
| Lancashire                  | England | 79.5 per 1,000                     | 38.5 per 1,000                         | 3.7 per 1,000      | 4.1 per 1,000              | 8.0 per 1,000                       | 10.1%                | 89.8%                                | 223 per 100,000                | 125 per 100,000             | £292.40                | £271                 | 31.8%                         |
| Kent                        | England | 79.2 per 1,000                     | 36.0 per 1,000                         | 2.4 per 1,000      | 3.8 per 1,000              | 8.9 per 1,000                       | 9.2%                 | 94.8%                                | 214 per 100,000                | 110 per 100,000             | £285.15                | £250                 | 40.1%                         |
| South Wales                 | Wales   | 78.9 per 1,000                     | 34.1 per 1,000                         | 2.3 per 1,000      | 4.3 per 1,000              | 7.0 per 1,000                       | 12.5%                | 87.6%                                | 261 per 100,000                | 175 per 100,000             | £405.14                | £345                 | 45.2%                         |
| Derbyshire                  | England | 77.8 per 1,000                     | 37.0 per 1,000                         | 2.8 per 1,000      | 3.3 per 1,000              | 6.7 per 1,000                       | 9.4%                 | 89.3%                                | 192 per 100,000                | 133 per 100,000             | £308.60                | £249                 | 38.7%                         |
| Leicestershire              | England | 76.3 per 1,000                     | 31.7 per 1,000                         | 3.7 per 1,000      | 4.6 per 1,000              | 8.0 per 1,000                       | 8.9%                 | 88.5%                                | 194 per 100,000                | 127 per 100,000             | £315.23                | £245                 | 38.8%                         |
| North Wales                 | Wales   | 75.4 per 1,000                     | 38.0 per 1,000                         | 2.3 per 1,000      | 1.7 per 1,000              | 7.7 per 1,000                       | 10.9%                | 85.3%                                | 251 per 100,000                | 171 per 100,000             | £398.25                | £346                 | 51.2%                         |
| Staffordshire               | England | 74.6 per 1,000                     | 35.6 per 1,000                         | 3.1 per 1,000      | 4.1 per 1,000              | 6.2 per 1,000                       | 8.9%                 | 85.8%                                | 173 per 100,000                | 122 per 100,000             | £302.57                | £248                 | 38.3%                         |
| Cambridgeshire              | England | 73.7 per 1,000                     | 31.4 per 1,000                         | 3.4 per 1,000      | 4.0 per 1,000              | 6.9 per 1,000                       | 9.3%                 | 85.7%                                | 181 per 100,000                | 87 per 100,000              | £314.37                | £236                 | 44.6%                         |
| Essex                       | England | 73.7 per 1,000                     | 33.5 per 1,000                         | 2.7 per 1,000      | 5.1 per 1,000              | 6.4 per 1,000                       | 10.3%                | 94.8%                                | 194 per 100,000                | 100 per 100,000             | £275.31                | £235                 | 41.3%                         |
| Sussex                      | England | 73.7 per 1,000                     | 29.6 per 1,000                         | 2.5 per 1,000      | 2.8 per 1,000              | 6.5 per 1,000                       | 8.7%                 | 96.1%                                | 184 per 100,000                | 125 per 100,000             | £281.91                | £252                 | 42.5%                         |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight | England | 73.6 per 1,000                     | 33.6 per 1,000                         | 2.8 per 1,000      | 3.5 per 1,000              | 6.1 per 1,000                       | 8.2%                 | 88.0%                                | 166 per 100,000                | 109 per 100,000             | £290.46                | £251                 | 41.2%                         |

| Police force area  | Nation   | Recorded crime per 1,000 residents | Violence and sexual offences per 1,000 | Burglary per 1,000 | Vehicle offences per 1,000 | Criminal damage and arson per 1,000 | Charged or summonsed | 999 calls answered within 10 seconds | Officers per 100,000 residents | Staff per 100,000 residents | Police precept, Band D | Funding per resident | Precept as a share of funding |
|--------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cumbria            | England  | 70.6 per 1,000                     | 35.1 per 1,000                         | 2.0 per 1,000      | 1.4 per 1,000              | 7.5 per 1,000                       | 10.9%                | 85.6%                                | 275 per 100,000                | 121 per 100,000             | £338.94                | £321                 | 39.1%                         |
| Northamptonshire   | England  | 69.5 per 1,000                     | 31.0 per 1,000                         | 3.2 per 1,000      | 4.3 per 1,000              | 5.5 per 1,000                       | 8.8%                 | 76.8%                                | 181 per 100,000                | 136 per 100,000             | £335.04                | £247                 | 43.9%                         |
| Dyfed-Powys        | Wales    | 68.5 per 1,000                     | 35.9 per 1,000                         | 2.6 per 1,000      | 1.3 per 1,000              | 7.8 per 1,000                       | 7.4%                 | 92.8%                                | 254 per 100,000                | 160 per 100,000             | £387.63                | £333                 | 53.4%                         |
| Bedfordshire       | England  | 68.2 per 1,000                     | 28.5 per 1,000                         | 2.7 per 1,000      | 5.8 per 1,000              | 5.6 per 1,000                       | 7.6%                 | 87.5%                                | 195 per 100,000                | 148 per 100,000             | £297.59                | £236                 | 40.3%                         |
| Hertfordshire      | England  | 68.0 per 1,000                     | 29.1 per 1,000                         | 3.0 per 1,000      | 4.8 per 1,000              | 5.6 per 1,000                       | 6.8%                 | 92.4%                                | 192 per 100,000                | 112 per 100,000             | £280.00                | £255                 | 41.9%                         |
| Lincolnshire       | England  | 67.6 per 1,000                     | 31.4 per 1,000                         | 2.9 per 1,000      | 2.7 per 1,000              | 6.8 per 1,000                       | 9.9%                 | 77.1%                                | 151 per 100,000                | 119 per 100,000             | £333.09                | £233                 | 45.5%                         |
| Cheshire           | England  | 67.2 per 1,000                     | 33.7 per 1,000                         | 2.1 per 1,000      | 1.9 per 1,000              | 4.8 per 1,000                       | 13.9%                | 91.6%                                | 211 per 100,000                | 124 per 100,000             | £295.44                | £261                 | 40.3%                         |
| Gloucestershire    | England  | 67.0 per 1,000                     | 30.4 per 1,000                         | 3.4 per 1,000      | 3.5 per 1,000              | 5.5 per 1,000                       | 5.3%                 | 79.8%                                | 202 per 100,000                | 122 per 100,000             | £340.58                | £265                 | 47.9%                         |
| Devon and Cornwall | England  | 66.4 per 1,000                     | 34.4 per 1,000                         | 2.0 per 1,000      | 1.8 per 1,000              | 7.1 per 1,000                       | 6.1%                 | 85.4%                                | 198 per 100,000                | 104 per 100,000             | £303.20                | £264                 | 42.1%                         |
| Thames Valley      | England  | 63.6 per 1,000                     | 26.6 per 1,000                         | 2.4 per 1,000      | 4.1 per 1,000              | 5.2 per 1,000                       | 7.3%                 | 93.7%                                | 191 per 100,000                | 135 per 100,000             | £298.28                | £247                 | 45.1%                         |
| Warwickshire       | England  | 61.4 per 1,000                     | 26.1 per 1,000                         | 3.4 per 1,000      | 5.2 per 1,000              | 5.4 per 1,000                       | 7.0%                 | 90.4%                                | 177 per 100,000                | 131 per 100,000             | £318.71                | £243                 | 46.7%                         |
| Norfolk            | England  | 61.2 per 1,000                     | 29.6 per 1,000                         | 1.9 per 1,000      | 1.6 per 1,000              | 6.2 per 1,000                       | 12.3%                | 91.4%                                | 201 per 100,000                | 133 per 100,000             | £344.79                | £265                 | 45.3%                         |
| West Mercia        | England  | 59.2 per 1,000                     | 27.7 per 1,000                         | 2.7 per 1,000      | 2.4 per 1,000              | 5.5 per 1,000                       | 9.9%                 | 83.2%                                | 186 per 100,000                | 100 per 100,000             | £306.50                | £248                 | 43.8%                         |
| Dorset             | England  | 59.1 per 1,000                     | 26.0 per 1,000                         | 3.0 per 1,000      | 4.0 per 1,000              | 5.8 per 1,000                       | 9.0%                 | 81.7%                                | 183 per 100,000                | 150 per 100,000             | £322.58                | £257                 | 49.9%                         |
| Surrey             | England  | 59.1 per 1,000                     | 25.0 per 1,000                         | 2.4 per 1,000      | 3.5 per 1,000              | 5.4 per 1,000                       | 8.0%                 | 93.2%                                | 188 per 100,000                | 136 per 100,000             | £352.57                | £275                 | 54.4%                         |
| Suffolk            | England  | 55.8 per 1,000                     | 26.4 per 1,000                         | 2.3 per 1,000      | 2.5 per 1,000              | 5.7 per 1,000                       | 10.1%                | 85.9%                                | 181 per 100,000                | 117 per 100,000             | £304.47                | £245                 | 43.8%                         |
| Wiltshire          | England  | 55.8 per 1,000                     | 26.3 per 1,000                         | 2.1 per 1,000      | 2.4 per 1,000              | 5.7 per 1,000                       | 7.8%                 | 86.4%                                | 159 per 100,000                | 128 per 100,000             | £298.27                | £234                 | 45.5%                         |
| North Yorkshire    | England  | 51.9 per 1,000                     | 23.8 per 1,000                         | 2.4 per 1,000      | 1.9 per 1,000              | 5.4 per 1,000                       | 11.0%                | 92.1%                                | 198 per 100,000                | 129 per 100,000             | £335.86                | £270                 | 48.1%                         |
| Police Scotland    | Scotland | —                                  | —                                      | —                  | —                          | —                                   | —                    | 85.7%                                | —                              | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                             |

| Police force area                  | Nation           | Recorded crime per 1,000 residents | Violence and sexual offences per 1,000 | Burglary per 1,000 | Vehicle offences per 1,000 | Criminal damage and arson per 1,000 | Charged or summonsed | 999 calls answered within 10 seconds | Officers per 100,000 residents | Staff per 100,000 residents | Police precept, Band D | Funding per resident | Precept as a share of funding |
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| Police Service of Northern Ireland | Northern Ireland | —                                  | —                                      | —                  | —                          | —                                   | —                    | 90.9%                                | —                              | —                           | —                      | —                    | —                             |

## What comes out: results by body

These are outputs and results published alongside the money. They are not what the money bought: demand, geography and recording practice differ between areas, and none of these figures shows cause and effect.

Each force: funding per resident, precept per Band D home, officers per 100,000 residents and recorded crime per 1,000

| Body                                               | Funding per resident, 2026-27 | Police precept, Band D, 2026-27 | Officers per 100,000 residents, 2025-26 | Recorded crime per 1,000 residents, 2025-26 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| England and Wales                                  | £298                          | —                               | 235 per 100,000                         | 83.0 per 1,000                              |
| England                                            | £296                          | —                               | 234 per 100,000                         | 83.1 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Avon and Somerset           | £250                          | —                               | 181 per 100,000                         | 69.5 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Bedfordshire                | £250                          | —                               | 190 per 100,000                         | 74.0 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Cambridgeshire              | £250                          | —                               | 183 per 100,000                         | 75.7 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Cheshire                    | £248                          | —                               | 184 per 100,000                         | 76.4 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Cleveland                   | £298                          | —                               | 259 per 100,000                         | 100.0 per 1,000                             |
| Most similar forces to Cumbria                     | £269                          | —                               | 198 per 100,000                         | 64.3 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Derbyshire                  | £253                          | —                               | 198 per 100,000                         | 73.5 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Devon and Cornwall          | £278                          | —                               | 210 per 100,000                         | 63.0 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Dorset                      | £255                          | —                               | 192 per 100,000                         | 70.5 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Durham                      | £295                          | —                               | 234 per 100,000                         | 88.6 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Dyfed-Powys                 | £268                          | —                               | 200 per 100,000                         | 64.4 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Essex                       | £251                          | —                               | 194 per 100,000                         | 74.6 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Gloucestershire             | £251                          | —                               | 179 per 100,000                         | 70.0 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Greater Manchester          | £365                          | —                               | 299 per 100,000                         | 100.8 per 1,000                             |
| Most similar forces to Gwent                       | £291                          | —                               | 231 per 100,000                         | 88.4 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Hampshire and Isle of Wight | £249                          | —                               | 185 per 100,000                         | 74.8 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Hertfordshire               | £250                          | —                               | 182 per 100,000                         | 71.5 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Humberside                  | £295                          | —                               | 232 per 100,000                         | 87.9 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Kent                        | £246                          | —                               | 193 per 100,000                         | 72.8 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Lancashire                  | £289                          | —                               | 225 per 100,000                         | 88.1 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Leicestershire              | £247                          | —                               | 196 per 100,000                         | 74.1 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Lincolnshire                | £278                          | —                               | 208 per 100,000                         | 67.3 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Merseyside                  | £294                          | —                               | 256 per 100,000                         | 101.9 per 1,000                             |

| Body                                       | Funding per resident, 2026-27 | Police precept, Band D, 2026-27 | Officers per 100,000 residents, 2025-26 | Recorded crime per 1,000 residents, 2025-26 |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Most similar forces to Metropolitan Police | £300                          | —                               | 261 per 100,000                         | 101.5 per 1,000                             |
| Most similar forces to Norfolk             | £274                          | —                               | 202 per 100,000                         | 68.3 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to North Wales         | £249                          | —                               | 187 per 100,000                         | 69.2 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to North Yorkshire     | £254                          | —                               | 186 per 100,000                         | 69.9 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Northamptonshire    | £246                          | —                               | 197 per 100,000                         | 73.9 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Northumbria         | £307                          | —                               | 248 per 100,000                         | 98.7 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Nottinghamshire     | £267                          | —                               | 213 per 100,000                         | 79.1 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to South Wales         | £286                          | —                               | 228 per 100,000                         | 90.5 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to South Yorkshire     | £297                          | —                               | 246 per 100,000                         | 94.4 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Staffordshire       | £254                          | —                               | 198 per 100,000                         | 71.9 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Suffolk             | £266                          | —                               | 195 per 100,000                         | 66.9 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Surrey              | £249                          | —                               | 183 per 100,000                         | 72.6 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Sussex              | £250                          | —                               | 190 per 100,000                         | 78.1 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Thames Valley       | £251                          | —                               | 180 per 100,000                         | 73.4 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Warwickshire        | £253                          | —                               | 181 per 100,000                         | 70.4 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to West Mercia         | £260                          | —                               | 197 per 100,000                         | 71.7 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to West Midlands       | £366                          | —                               | 299 per 100,000                         | 101.4 per 1,000                             |
| Most similar forces to West Yorkshire      | £306                          | —                               | 254 per 100,000                         | 94.5 per 1,000                              |
| Most similar forces to Wiltshire           | £252                          | —                               | 184 per 100,000                         | 74.8 per 1,000                              |
| Avon and Somerset                          | £254                          | £308.20                         | 187 per 100,000                         | 96.2 per 1,000                              |
| Bedfordshire                               | £236                          | £297.59                         | 195 per 100,000                         | 68.2 per 1,000                              |
| Cambridgeshire                             | £236                          | £314.37                         | 181 per 100,000                         | 73.7 per 1,000                              |
| Cheshire                                   | £261                          | £295.44                         | 211 per 100,000                         | 67.2 per 1,000                              |
| City of London                             | £6,238                        | —                               | 6,445 per 100,000                       | 558.6 per 1,000                             |
| Cleveland                                  | £330                          | £332.73                         | 251 per 100,000                         | 123.7 per 1,000                             |
| Cumbria                                    | £321                          | £338.94                         | 275 per 100,000                         | 70.6 per 1,000                              |
| Derbyshire                                 | £249                          | £308.60                         | 192 per 100,000                         | 77.8 per 1,000                              |
| Devon and Cornwall                         | £264                          | £303.20                         | 198 per 100,000                         | 66.4 per 1,000                              |
| Dorset                                     | £257                          | £322.58                         | 183 per 100,000                         | 59.1 per 1,000                              |
| Durham                                     | £290                          | £300.74                         | 215 per 100,000                         | 91.3 per 1,000                              |
| Dyfed-Powys                                | £333                          | £387.63                         | 254 per 100,000                         | 68.5 per 1,000                              |
| Essex                                      | £235                          | £275.31                         | 194 per 100,000                         | 73.7 per 1,000                              |
| Gloucestershire                            | £265                          | £340.58                         | 202 per 100,000                         | 67.0 per 1,000                              |
| Greater Manchester                         | £302                          | £285.30                         | 273 per 100,000                         | 103.4 per 1,000                             |
| Gwent                                      | £348                          | £403.53                         | 258 per 100,000                         | 94.7 per 1,000                              |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight                | £251                          | £290.46                         | 166 per 100,000                         | 73.6 per 1,000                              |
| Hertfordshire                              | £255                          | £280.00                         | 192 per 100,000                         | 68.0 per 1,000                              |
| Humberside                                 | £294                          | £313.66                         | 239 per 100,000                         | 96.2 per 1,000                              |

| Body                               | Funding per resident, 2026-27 | Police precept, Band D, 2026-27 | Officers per 100,000 residents, 2025-26 | Recorded crime per 1,000 residents, 2025-26 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Kent                               | £250                          | £285.15                         | 214 per 100,000                         | 79.2 per 1,000                              |
| Lancashire                         | £271                          | £292.40                         | 223 per 100,000                         | 79.5 per 1,000                              |
| Leicestershire                     | £245                          | £315.23                         | 194 per 100,000                         | 76.3 per 1,000                              |
| Lincolnshire                       | £233                          | £333.09                         | 151 per 100,000                         | 67.6 per 1,000                              |
| Merseyside                         | £344                          | £293.97                         | 282 per 100,000                         | 93.3 per 1,000                              |
| Metropolitan Police                | £440                          | —                               | 346 per 100,000                         | 100.7 per 1,000                             |
| Norfolk                            | £265                          | £344.79                         | 201 per 100,000                         | 61.2 per 1,000                              |
| North Wales                        | £346                          | £398.25                         | 251 per 100,000                         | 75.4 per 1,000                              |
| North Yorkshire                    | £270                          | £335.86                         | 198 per 100,000                         | 51.9 per 1,000                              |
| Northamptonshire                   | £247                          | £335.04                         | 181 per 100,000                         | 69.5 per 1,000                              |
| Northumbria                        | £294                          | £214.34                         | 260 per 100,000                         | 90.2 per 1,000                              |
| Nottinghamshire                    | £267                          | £311.10                         | 200 per 100,000                         | 85.4 per 1,000                              |
| Police Scotland                    | —                             | —                               | —                                       | —                                           |
| Police Service of Northern Ireland | —                             | —                               | —                                       | —                                           |
| South Wales                        | £345                          | £405.14                         | 261 per 100,000                         | 78.9 per 1,000                              |
| South Yorkshire                    | £279                          | £280.04                         | 211 per 100,000                         | 101.3 per 1,000                             |
| Staffordshire                      | £248                          | £302.57                         | 173 per 100,000                         | 74.6 per 1,000                              |
| Suffolk                            | £245                          | £304.47                         | 181 per 100,000                         | 55.8 per 1,000                              |
| Surrey                             | £275                          | £352.57                         | 188 per 100,000                         | 59.1 per 1,000                              |
| Sussex                             | £252                          | £281.91                         | 184 per 100,000                         | 73.7 per 1,000                              |
| Thames Valley                      | £247                          | £298.28                         | 191 per 100,000                         | 63.6 per 1,000                              |
| Warwickshire                       | £243                          | £318.71                         | 177 per 100,000                         | 61.4 per 1,000                              |
| West Mercia                        | £248                          | £306.50                         | 186 per 100,000                         | 59.2 per 1,000                              |
| West Midlands                      | £294                          | £244.50                         | 270 per 100,000                         | 99.4 per 1,000                              |
| West Yorkshire                     | £285                          | £278.28                         | 256 per 100,000                         | 108.4 per 1,000                             |
| Wiltshire                          | £234                          | £298.27                         | 159 per 100,000                         | 55.8 per 1,000                              |

#### What each measure counts

| Measure                            | What it counts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Funding per resident               | Government funding plus precept, per resident, cash.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Police precept, Band D             | The police part of a Band D council tax bill in the force area. In London the Mayor's police precept is part of the Greater London Authority's and is not published separately; City of London has no police precept.                                                                                             |
| Officers per 100,000 residents     | Full-time equivalent officers on 31 March per 100,000 residents. Forces with large visitor or commuter populations (London, the City) look high on this measure.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Recorded crime per 1,000 residents | Offences recorded by the force in the financial year, excluding fraud, per 1,000 residents. Recorded crime depends on what is reported and how each force records it; recording practice differs between forces and has changed over time. A higher rate is not in itself a sign of more crime or worse policing. |

## What people say about it

### Should more of police funding come from council tax precepts?

#### Those who defend local precepts or want more local flexibility

- “The public were clear about what they were willing to contribute, with 66% supporting an increase, and I am grateful for the trust they have placed in us to ensure the best value for money.” Clive Grunshaw (Labour), Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner ([2 February 2026](#)) In the same release he says the police grant increase “is simply not enough to cover inflation and pay costs”.

- “This is why I believe that supporting our policing teams has never been more important than it is today and I need to ensure the Chief Constable has the right tools to take the fight to the criminals.” Lisa Townsend (Conservative), Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner ([2 February 2024](#)) Said when her 2024/25 precept rise went ahead.
- “The first is greater precept flexibility for forces such as Dorset that are already asking far more of local taxpayers than others.” Edward Morello MP (Liberal Democrat), House of Commons ([11 February 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches). He also argues the current settlement disadvantages rural counties with small council tax bases.

### **Those who say the precept shifts the burden unfairly and central grant should carry more**

- “The Government is relying on a hidden council tax bombshell to fund their half-hearted rise in police funding as they pass the buck to local families.” Lisa Smart MP, Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesperson, Liberal Democrats ([11 June 2025](#))
- “They cannot be treated as business as usual, nor should the burden of delivering them continue to be passed disproportionately to local communities through increases in the Council Tax precept.” Roger Hirst and Joy Allen, joint finance leads, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners ([22 December 2025](#)) As quoted by Police Professional. “They” refers to national policing priorities.
- “When funding depends heavily on council tax capacity, areas with lower property values are structurally constrained, regardless of need or performance.” Mary Kelly Foy MP (Labour), House of Commons ([11 February 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).
- “The reliance on the police precept entrenches a postcode lottery in policing.” Matt Vickers MP (Conservative), shadow policing minister, House of Commons ([11 February 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).

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## **Do more officers mean less crime?**

### **Those who say officer numbers matter**

- “The heartbeat of our Great British policing tradition is seeing bobbies on the beat, but for too long, too many communities have been feeling abandoned as crime soared and neighbourhood police disappeared, even when local crimes like shop theft, street theft or blatant drug dealing rose sharply.” Yvette Cooper MP (Labour), then Home Secretary, Home Office / 10 Downing Street ([10 April 2025](#)) Government press release as republished by Wired-Gov.
- “Today, we’ve seen the direct result – 1,300 officers gone, recruitment down 17 per cent, and 5,400 police jobs at risk, at the very moment knife crime is surging and confidence is collapsing.” Chris Philp MP (Conservative), shadow Home Secretary, Conservative Party ([25 July 2025](#)) As published on the website of Andrew Snowden MP.
- “If the Government are serious about restoring neighbourhood policing, they need to step up, get this reform right and get more officers back on to our streets.” Max Wilkinson MP (Liberal Democrat), House of Commons ([11 February 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).

### **Those who say deployment, experience or productivity matter more than headcount**

- “Redirecting resources into better technology, improving data-sharing across agencies, and enabling forces to pool specialist capabilities with a view to increasing productivity may yield greater returns than a narrow political focus on putting more boots on the ground.” Sophie Davis, director of research, Crest Advisory ([12 June 2025](#)) The same paragraph says Crest research found the 20,000-officer uplift “had only limited effects on outcomes”.
- “Having listened to feedback from police chiefs, police and crime commissioners, Select Committees and His Majesty’s inspectorate of constabulary and fire and rescue services and others, we are removing arbitrary headcount targets for overall officer numbers.” Sarah Jones MP (Labour), Minister for Policing

and Crime, House of Commons ([11 February 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).

- “There are big problems in the police but it's not clear that the number of officers is the most pressing; forces are struggling to rebuild public trust, charge rates remain low.” Matthew Fright and Gil Richards, Institute for Government ([26 April 2023](#)) Older than the preferred 2024-26 window.

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### What these figures do and don't show

- **Recorded crime is not all crime.** It counts what is reported to the police and recorded under the Home Office Counting Rules. Recording practice differs between forces and has changed over time; the Crime Survey for England and Wales is the better guide to national trends.
- **Breaks in the series are marked.** After the inspectorate found in 2014 that one crime in five was not being recorded, recording improved, which pushed counts up from 2014-15; a rule change in May 2023 lowered some counts; and from April 2025 shop theft with force is counted as robbery.
- **Nothing here shows cause and effect.** Funding, officers, recorded crime, charge rates and call answering are shown side by side. A force with more money or more officers per resident may face more demand; a higher crime rate may reflect better recording.
- **Areas differ.** Rates divide by residents, but London and city-centre forces serve many commuters and visitors who are not residents. The Home Office's most similar forces are the fairest comparison it publishes.
- **Budget years are plans.** The latest funding year is the budget; earlier years are revised as in-year grants are shared out.

Figures from data/services/police.json, generated 24 September 2026.

# Fire and rescue: funding, staff, stations and incidents

Public services · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/fire-and-rescue/>

£4.2bn was spent on fire and rescue in Fire and rescue, United Kingdom in 2025-26, £59.95 per resident. That is +1.8% on a year earlier after inflation (+5.3% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £4.4bn in 2006-07 to £4.2bn. English services attended 641,227 incidents in 2025-26, and reached primary fires in 9.4 minutes on average.

## Key figures

**£4.2bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+5.3% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**+1.8%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£4.2bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£59.95**

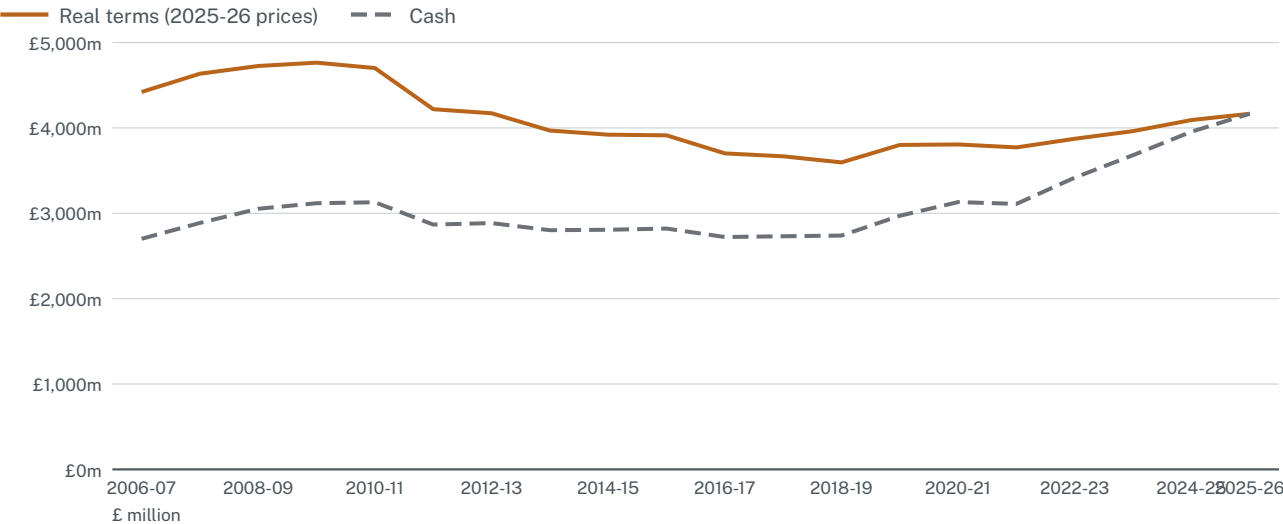
Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

## The short version

- **Funded locally and nationally:** English and Welsh fire authorities through council tax and the local government settlement; Scotland and Northern Ireland each have one national service.
- **Every service has a page:** its spending, incidents, response times (England), staff and stations, against its nation.
- **Response times are only published for England,** so they are never compared across nations.

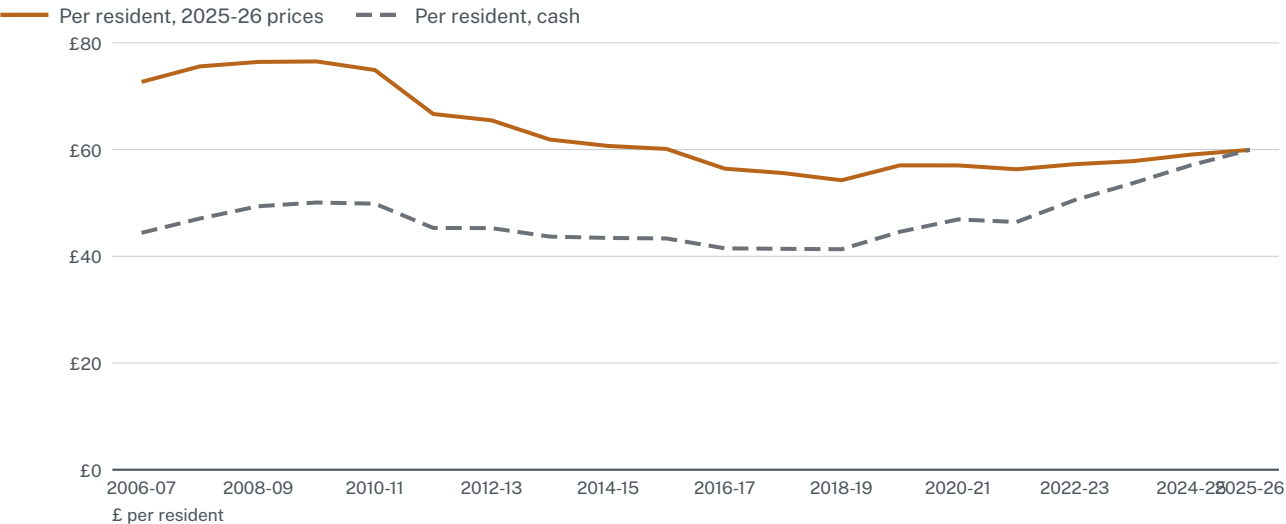
## Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

Fire and rescue, United Kingdom: spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ million



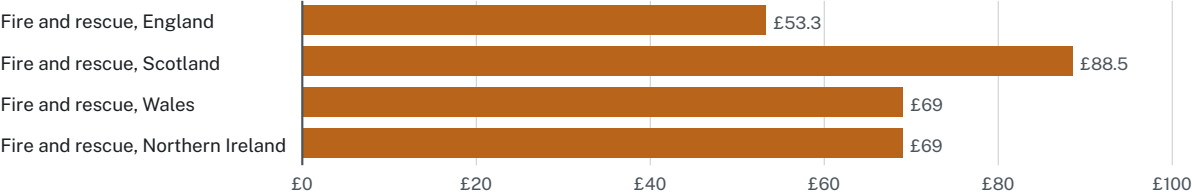
Line chart of Fire and rescue, United Kingdom spending from 2006-07 to 2025-26: £2.7bn to £4.2bn in cash; £4.4bn to £4.2bn in 2025-26 prices.

Fire and rescue, United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of Fire and rescue, United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2006-07 (£72.69) to 2025-26 (£59.95).

Spending per resident by nation, 2024-25

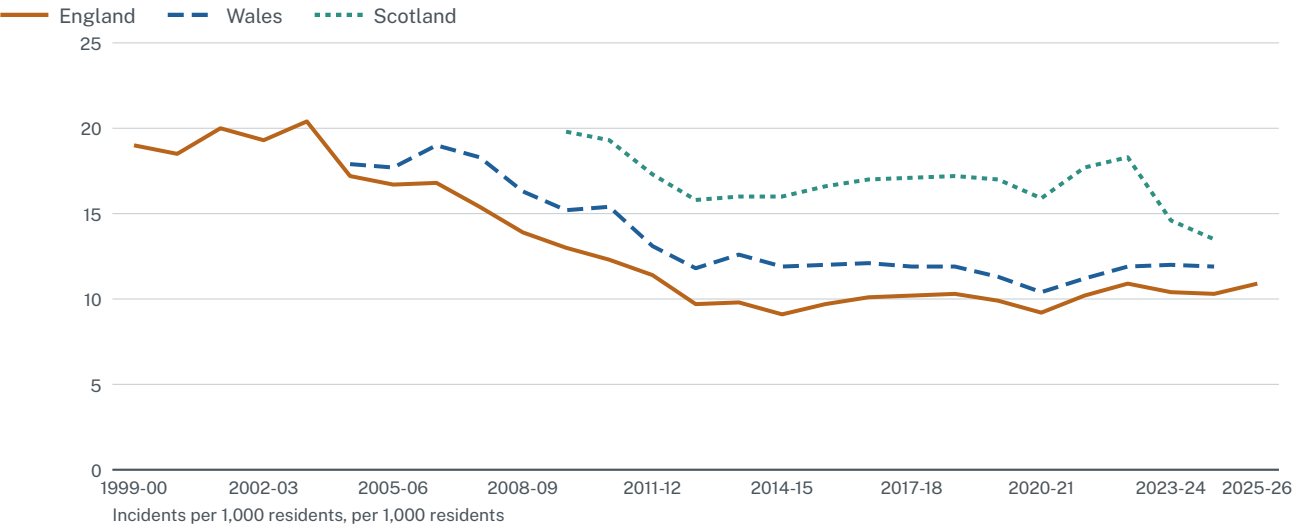


Bar chart of spending per resident by nation in 2024-25: Fire and rescue, England £53.29, Fire and rescue, Scotland £88.52, Fire and rescue, Wales £69.04, Fire and rescue, Northern Ireland £68.99.

Source: HM Treasury, [PESA 2026: chapters 4 and 5 tables](#), published 16 July 2026; HM Treasury, [PESA 2021: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2016: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2011: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#).

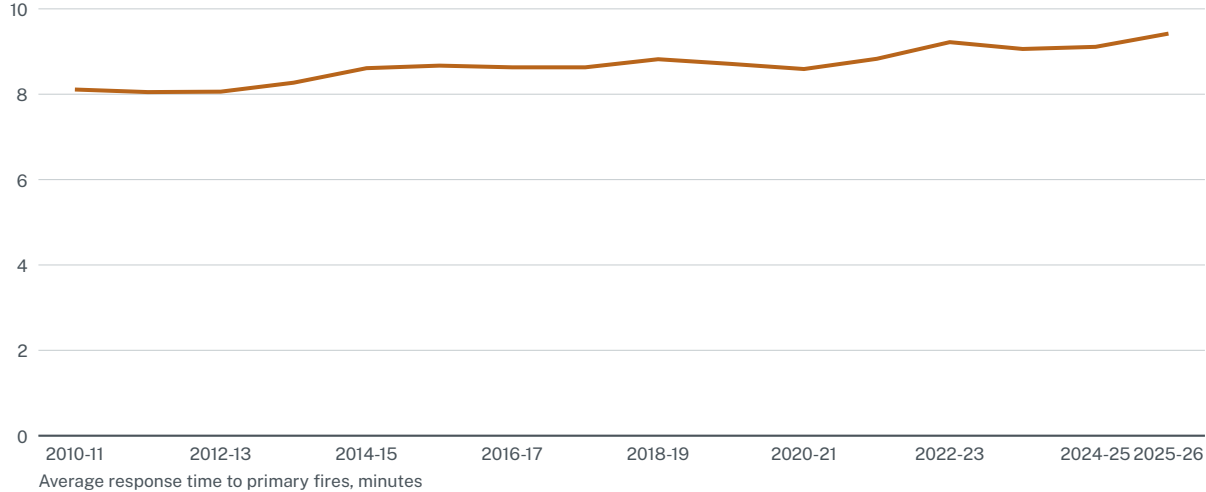
Incidents and response

Incidents attended per 1,000 residents



Line chart of incidents per 1,000 residents from 1999-00 to 2025-26 for England, Wales, Scotland.

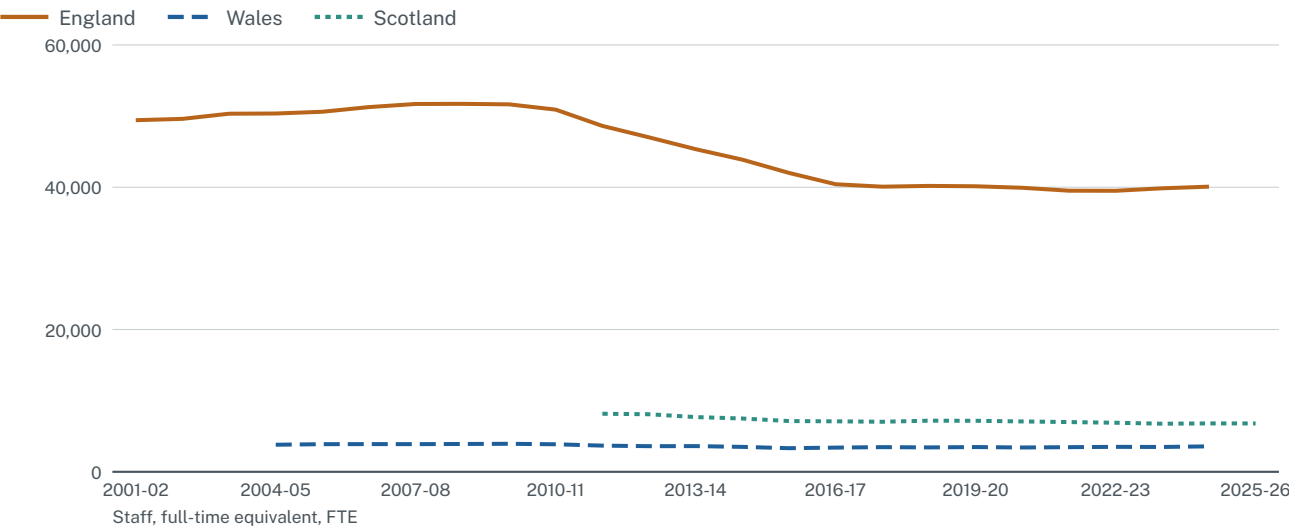
Average response time to primary fires, England, minutes



Line chart of average response time to primary fires from 2010-11 to 2025-26 for England.

Staff and stations

Fire and rescue staff, full-time equivalent



Line chart of staff, full-time equivalent from 2001-02 to 2025-26 for England, Wales, Scotland.

Which nations publish response times

| Nation           | What is published                                                                                                       |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| England          | Published by service every quarter (MHCLG FIRE1001), from 1994-95.                                                      |
| Wales            | Not published by StatsWales or in the England tables.                                                                   |
| Scotland         | Not in SFRS's official statistics.                                                                                      |
| Northern Ireland | NIFRS reports the share of incidents reached within its attendance standards in its annual report, not an average time. |

Where the money goes, level by level

1. UK total
2. Nation
3. Department or service body not published
4. Local body
5. Spending category
6. Line or transaction

## Fire and rescue, United Kingdom

HM Treasury's spending on fire-protection services (COFOG 3.2): day-to-day and capital spending by fire and rescue services and central government, including firefighters' pensions.

**£4.2bn** in 2025-26 (cash); **£4.2bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£59.95** per resident; **+5.3%** on a year earlier in cash, **+1.8%** in real terms.

### Fire and rescue, United Kingdom: by nation, 2024-25

| Nation                            | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Fire and rescue, England          | £3.1bn        | £3.2bn                      | £53.29       | +3.4%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |
| Fire and rescue, Scotland         | £491m         | £508m                       | £88.52       | +3.7%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |
| Fire and rescue, Wales            | £220m         | £228m                       | £69.04       | +2.1%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |
| Fire and rescue, Northern Ireland | £133m         | £138m                       | £68.99       | +1.5%                         | HM Treasury | Broken down below |

## Fire and rescue, England

HM Treasury's country and regional analysis: fire-protection spending in the nation, including capital and pensions. The services below are their day-to-day (net current) spending, so they add up to less.

**£3.1bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£3.2bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£53.29** per resident; **+7.6%** on a year earlier in cash, **+3.4%** in real terms.

### Fire and rescue, England: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body                                          | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                                                | Below this      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| London Fire Brigade                                 | £553m         | £572m                       | £60.46       | +5.8%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service          | £142m         | £147m                       | £47.28       | +4.1%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service               | £130m         | £135m                       | £42.96       | +1.8%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service              | £103m         | £107m                       | £42.60       | +5.4%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service          | £97m          | £100m                       | £52.38       | +0.5%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service | £92m          | £95m                        | £44.56       | +0.7%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Kent Fire and Rescue Service                        | £94m          | £97m                        | £48.47       | +4.8%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Essex Fire and Rescue Service                       | £92m          | £95m                        | £47.67       | +0.7%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service                  | £74m          | £76m                        | £46.05       | 0.0%                          | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service        | £69m          | £71m                        | £44.05       | +1.1%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service               | £67m          | £70m                        | £57.52       | +1.8%                         | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |

| Local body                                     | Cash, 20<br>24-25 | Real terms<br>(2025-26<br>prices) | Per res<br>ident | Real change on<br>a year earlier | Source                                                | Below<br>this   |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service        | £65m              | £67m                              | £45.26           | +2.1%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service             | £59m              | £61m                              | £40.18           | -1.2%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Avon Fire and Rescue Service                   | £59m              | £61m                              | £48.47           | +3.6%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Humberside Fire and Rescue Service             | £55m              | £57m                              | £57.46           | +5.8%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service        | £54m              | £56m                              | £45.24           | +2.8%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Surrey Fire and Rescue Service                 | £51m              | £53m                              | £40.68           | -10.1%                           | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service          | £52m              | £54m                              | £42.18           | +5.4%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service             | £49m              | £50m                              | £44.31           | +2.0%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service               | £51m              | £52m                              | £44.47           | +3.4%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service            | £47m              | £49m                              | £56.08           | +0.9%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service        | £45m              | £46m                              | £44.89           | +6.1%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service                | £39m              | £41m                              | £41.87           | -0.2%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service            | £42m              | £43m                              | £45.48           | +2.4%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service       | £35m              | £36m                              | £42.29           | +8.6%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service | £41m              | £42m                              | £49.80           | +5.2%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service           | £36m              | £37m                              | £45.21           | +4.7%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service          | £41m              | £42m                              | £34.41           | +6.0%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service        | £37m              | £38m                              | £44.04           | +5.1%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service         | £37m              | £39m                              | £39.72           | +6.4%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service                | £36m              | £37m                              | £45.20           | +10.0%                           | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |
| Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service        | £27m              | £28m                              | £30.07           | +7.4%                            | Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | On its own page |

| Local body                                           | Cash, 20<br>24-25 | Real terms<br>(2025-26<br>prices) | Per res<br>ident | Real change on<br>a year earlier | Source                                                      | Below<br>this         |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service | £36m              | £37m                              | £55.6<br>8       | +3.3%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service                 | £37m              | £38m                              | £48.70           | +6.6%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Cleveland Fire Brigade                               | £35m              | £36m                              | £58.15           | +3.9%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service                      | £22m              | £22m                              | £42.31           | +5.7%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service                     | £31m              | £32m                              | £53.5<br>4       | +7.8%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service              | £32m              | £34m                              | £48.51           | +6.4%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service                  | £32m              | £33m                              | £42.23           | +1.3%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service                 | £30m              | £31m                              | £47.81           | −4.6%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service                   | £28m              | £29m                              | £53.37           | +6.4%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service               | £27m              | £28m                              | £23.29           | +2.8%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service               | £23m              | £23m                              | £68.34           | +4.8%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |
| Isles of Scilly Fire and Rescue Service              | £1m               | £1m                               | £379             | +3.8%                            | Ministry of Housing,<br>Communities and Local<br>Government | On its<br>own<br>page |

## Fire and rescue, Scotland

HM Treasury's country and regional analysis: fire-protection spending in the nation, including capital and pensions. The services below are their day-to-day (net current) spending, so they add up to less.

**£491m** in 2024-25 (cash); **£508m** in 2025-26 prices; **£88.52** per resident; **+7.9%** on a year earlier in cash, **+3.7%** in real terms.

### Fire and rescue, Scotland: by local body, 2023-24

| Local body                       | Cash,<br>2023-24 | Real terms<br>(2025-26 prices) | Per<br>resident | Real change on a<br>year earlier | Source                              | Below this         |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Scottish Fire and Rescue Service | £305m            | £329m                          | £55.45          | —                                | Scottish Fire and<br>Rescue Service | On its own<br>page |

## Fire and rescue, Wales

HM Treasury's country and regional analysis: fire-protection spending in the nation, including capital and pensions. The services below are their day-to-day (net current) spending, so they add up to less.

**£220m** in 2024-25 (cash); **£228m** in 2025-26 prices; **£69.04** per resident; **+6.3%** on a year earlier in cash, **+2.1%** in real terms.

Fire and rescue, Wales: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body                                 | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source           | Below this      |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| South Wales Fire and Rescue Service        | £90m          | £93m                        | £57.21       | +0.8%                         | Welsh Government | On its own page |
| Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service | £61m          | £63m                        | £66.58       | +0.9%                         | Welsh Government | On its own page |
| North Wales Fire and Rescue Service        | £44m          | £45m                        | £62.69       | +1.6%                         | Welsh Government | On its own page |

Fire and rescue, Northern Ireland

HM Treasury’s country and regional analysis: fire-protection spending in the nation, including capital and pensions. The services below are their day-to-day (net current) spending, so they add up to less.

**£133m in 2024-25 (cash); £138m in 2025-26 prices; £68.99 per resident; +5.6% on a year earlier in cash, +1.5% in real terms.**

Fire and rescue, Northern Ireland: by local body, 2024-25

| Local body                               | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                                   | Below this      |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service | £104m         | £108m                       | £53.89       | +5.3%                         | Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service | On its own page |

Cash is as published. Real terms are in 2025-26 prices, using HM Treasury’s GDP deflator. Per resident divides by ONS mid-year population for the area the body serves. Changes compare the same body in consecutive years.

On the map

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

Only measures that compare fairly between fire and rescue services are on the map, each against its own nation’s figure. Pick an area for its figures and a link to its page.

Every one of the fire and rescue services, on each measure on the map

| Fire and rescue area                                 | Nation  | Incidents per 1,000 residents | Fires per 1,000 residents | Average response time to primary fires | Average response time to fires in homes |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Cleveland Fire Brigade                               | England | 18.3 per 1,000 residents      | 9.92 per 1,000 residents  | 7.57 minutes                           | 7.08 minutes                            |
| Isles of Scilly Fire and Rescue Service              | England | 16.1 per 1,000 residents      | 4.78 per 1,000 residents  | 12.04 minutes                          | 8.18 minutes                            |
| London Fire Brigade                                  | England | 15.3 per 1,000 residents      | 2.13 per 1,000 residents  | 7.21 minutes                           | 6.86 minutes                            |
| Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service                | England | 15.1 per 1,000 residents      | 6.39 per 1,000 residents  | 7.22 minutes                           | 6.64 minutes                            |
| Humberside Fire and Rescue Service                   | England | 14.0 per 1,000 residents      | 3.80 per 1,000 residents  | 9.60 minutes                           | 8.00 minutes                            |
| Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service                   | England | 12.7 per 1,000 residents      | 4.10 per 1,000 residents  | 7.42 minutes                           | 6.87 minutes                            |
| County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service | England | 12.6 per 1,000 residents      | 6.78 per 1,000 residents  | 9.18 minutes                           | 8.40 minutes                            |
| Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service           | England | 11.9 per 1,000 residents      | 3.44 per 1,000 residents  | 7.58 minutes                           | 6.95 minutes                            |
| Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service               | England | 11.7 per 1,000 residents      | 4.45 per 1,000 residents  | 12.18 minutes                          | 9.82 minutes                            |
| East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service                  | England | 11.4 per 1,000 residents      | 2.13 per 1,000 residents  | 8.99 minutes                           | 8.17 minutes                            |
| Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service                 | England | 11.2 per 1,000 residents      | 2.59 per 1,000 residents  | 9.51 minutes                           | 8.81 minutes                            |
| Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service                   | England | 11.1 per 1,000 residents      | 3.29 per 1,000 residents  | 8.59 minutes                           | 7.51 minutes                            |
| West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service                | England | 10.9 per 1,000 residents      | 3.59 per 1,000 residents  | 6.77 minutes                           | 6.48 minutes                            |

| Fire and rescue area                                | Nation  | Incidents per 1,000 residents | Fires per 1,000 residents | Average response time to primary fires | Average response time to fires in homes |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service             | England | 10.8 per 1,000 residents      | 4.99 per 1,000 residents  | 8.64 minutes                           | 7.64 minutes                            |
| West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service              | England | 10.8 per 1,000 residents      | 4.48 per 1,000 residents  | 9.91 minutes                           | 8.73 minutes                            |
| Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service      | England | 10.6 per 1,000 residents      | 2.83 per 1,000 residents  | 12.61 minutes                          | 10.95 minutes                           |
| Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service               | England | 10.4 per 1,000 residents      | 2.02 per 1,000 residents  | 8.83 minutes                           | 7.95 minutes                            |
| Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service                     | England | 10.4 per 1,000 residents      | 2.68 per 1,000 residents  | 10.73 minutes                          | 9.39 minutes                            |
| North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service             | England | 10.4 per 1,000 residents      | 2.36 per 1,000 residents  | 12.73 minutes                          | 10.71 minutes                           |
| Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service             | England | 10.3 per 1,000 residents      | 3.11 per 1,000 residents  | 10.08 minutes                          | 8.46 minutes                            |
| Avon Fire and Rescue Service                        | England | 10.2 per 1,000 residents      | 2.83 per 1,000 residents  | 10.05 minutes                          | 9.17 minutes                            |
| Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service             | England | 9.8 per 1,000 residents       | 2.53 per 1,000 residents  | 11.28 minutes                          | 10.10 minutes                           |
| Essex Fire and Rescue Service                       | England | 9.7 per 1,000 residents       | 2.54 per 1,000 residents  | 10.90 minutes                          | 9.47 minutes                            |
| Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service                     | England | 9.6 per 1,000 residents       | 2.71 per 1,000 residents  | 11.10 minutes                          | 9.62 minutes                            |
| Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service                | England | 9.6 per 1,000 residents       | 2.62 per 1,000 residents  | 12.03 minutes                          | 10.62 minutes                           |
| West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service                 | England | 9.4 per 1,000 residents       | 1.83 per 1,000 residents  | 9.82 minutes                           | 8.96 minutes                            |
| Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service              | England | 9.3 per 1,000 residents       | 2.25 per 1,000 residents  | 11.05 minutes                          | 9.33 minutes                            |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service | England | 9.3 per 1,000 residents       | 2.09 per 1,000 residents  | 10.45 minutes                          | 9.14 minutes                            |
| Kent Fire and Rescue Service                        | England | 9.3 per 1,000 residents       | 2.33 per 1,000 residents  | 11.35 minutes                          | 9.88 minutes                            |
| Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service          | England | 9.2 per 1,000 residents       | 2.23 per 1,000 residents  | 10.97 minutes                          | 9.55 minutes                            |
| Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service        | England | 9.2 per 1,000 residents       | 2.34 per 1,000 residents  | 11.22 minutes                          | 9.43 minutes                            |
| Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service              | England | 8.7 per 1,000 residents       | 2.28 per 1,000 residents  | 10.39 minutes                          | 8.74 minutes                            |
| Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service                    | England | 8.6 per 1,000 residents       | 2.49 per 1,000 residents  | 13.18 minutes                          | 11.58 minutes                           |
| Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service             | England | 8.2 per 1,000 residents       | 2.24 per 1,000 residents  | 10.10 minutes                          | 9.15 minutes                            |
| Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service                | England | 8.2 per 1,000 residents       | 2.32 per 1,000 residents  | 10.35 minutes                          | 8.41 minutes                            |
| Surrey Fire and Rescue Service                      | England | 8.1 per 1,000 residents       | 1.77 per 1,000 residents  | 10.27 minutes                          | 9.64 minutes                            |
| Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service             | England | 7.9 per 1,000 residents       | 1.97 per 1,000 residents  | 8.52 minutes                           | 7.57 minutes                            |
| Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service               | England | 7.9 per 1,000 residents       | 3.08 per 1,000 residents  | 10.78 minutes                          | 9.64 minutes                            |
| Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service                    | England | 7.8 per 1,000 residents       | 2.08 per 1,000 residents  | 9.86 minutes                           | 8.61 minutes                            |
| Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service                 | England | 7.8 per 1,000 residents       | 1.90 per 1,000 residents  | 11.38 minutes                          | 10.27 minutes                           |
| Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service            | England | 7.6 per 1,000 residents       | 2.42 per 1,000 residents  | 10.47 minutes                          | 9.45 minutes                            |

| Fire and rescue area                       | Nation           | Incidents per 1,000 residents | Fires per 1,000 residents | Average response time to primary fires | Average response time to fires in homes |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service            | England          | 7.4 per 1,000 residents       | 2.01 per 1,000 residents  | 12.88 minutes                          | 11.63 minutes                           |
| Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service         | England          | 7.1 per 1,000 residents       | 2.18 per 1,000 residents  | 11.28 minutes                          | 10.35 minutes                           |
| Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service         | England          | 6.7 per 1,000 residents       | 2.40 per 1,000 residents  | 10.41 minutes                          | 9.12 minutes                            |
| Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service | Wales            | —                             | —                         | —                                      | —                                       |
| North Wales Fire and Rescue Service        | Wales            | —                             | —                         | —                                      | —                                       |
| Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service   | Northern Ireland | —                             | —                         | —                                      | —                                       |
| Scottish Fire and Rescue Service           | Scotland         | —                             | —                         | —                                      | —                                       |
| South Wales Fire and Rescue Service        | Wales            | —                             | —                         | —                                      | —                                       |

## What comes out: results by body

These are outputs and results published alongside the money. They are not what the money bought: demand, geography and recording practice differ between areas, and none of these figures shows cause and effect.

Each fire and rescue service: incidents per 1,000 residents, response time to primary fires, staff and stations

| Body                                                 | Incidents per 1,000 residents, 2025-26 | Average response time to primary fires, 2025-26 | Staff, full-time equivalent, 2024-25 | Fire stations, 2024-25 |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| England                                              | 10.9 per 1,000 residents               | 9.42 minutes                                    | 40,082 FTE                           | 1,386 stations         |
| Great Britain                                        | —                                      | —                                               | —                                    | —                      |
| Avon Fire and Rescue Service                         | 10.2 per 1,000 residents               | 10.05 minutes                                   | 797 FTE                              | 21 stations            |
| Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service                 | 11.2 per 1,000 residents               | 9.51 minutes                                    | 548 FTE                              | 14 stations            |
| Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service              | 8.2 per 1,000 residents                | 10.10 minutes                                   | 505 FTE                              | 19 stations            |
| Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service               | 9.3 per 1,000 residents                | 11.05 minutes                                   | 591 FTE                              | 27 stations            |
| Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service                     | 7.8 per 1,000 residents                | 9.86 minutes                                    | 765 FTE                              | 28 stations            |
| Cleveland Fire Brigade                               | 18.3 per 1,000 residents               | 7.57 minutes                                    | 516 FTE                              | 14 stations            |
| Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service                     | 8.6 per 1,000 residents                | 13.18 minutes                                   | 658 FTE                              | 31 stations            |
| County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service | 12.6 per 1,000 residents               | 9.18 minutes                                    | 525 FTE                              | 15 stations            |
| Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service                      | 9.6 per 1,000 residents                | 11.10 minutes                                   | 532 FTE                              | 38 stations            |
| Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service                   | 6.7 per 1,000 residents                | 10.41 minutes                                   | 769 FTE                              | 31 stations            |
| Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service           | 9.2 per 1,000 residents                | 10.97 minutes                                   | 1,486 FTE                            | 81 stations            |
| Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service         | 9.2 per 1,000 residents                | 11.22 minutes                                   | 1,145 FTE                            | 50 stations            |
| East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service                  | 11.4 per 1,000 residents               | 8.99 minutes                                    | 669 FTE                              | 23 stations            |
| Essex Fire and Rescue Service                        | 9.7 per 1,000 residents                | 10.90 minutes                                   | 1,390 FTE                            | 51 stations            |
| Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service              | 9.8 per 1,000 residents                | 11.28 minutes                                   | 428 FTE                              | 21 stations            |
| Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service           | 11.9 per 1,000 residents               | 7.58 minutes                                    | 1,730 FTE                            | 41 stations            |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service  | 9.3 per 1,000 residents                | 10.45 minutes                                   | 1,536 FTE                            | 61 stations            |
| Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service       | 10.6 per 1,000 residents               | 12.61 minutes                                   | 606 FTE                              | 25 stations            |

| Body                                       | Incidents per 1,000 residents, 2025-26 | Average response time to primary fires, 2025-26 | Staff, full-time equivalent, 2024-25 | Fire stations, 2024-25 |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service      | 10.4 per 1,000 residents               | 8.83 minutes                                    | 715 FTE                              | 29 stations            |
| Humberside Fire and Rescue Service         | 14.0 per 1,000 residents               | 9.60 minutes                                    | 999 FTE                              | 29 stations            |
| Isles of Scilly Fire and Rescue Service    | 16.1 per 1,000 residents               | 12.04 minutes                                   | 40 FTE                               | 5 stations             |
| Kent Fire and Rescue Service               | 9.3 per 1,000 residents                | 11.35 minutes                                   | 1,247 FTE                            | 57 stations            |
| Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service         | 11.1 per 1,000 residents               | 8.59 minutes                                    | 1,114 FTE                            | 39 stations            |
| Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service     | 8.7 per 1,000 residents                | 10.39 minutes                                   | 677 FTE                              | 20 stations            |
| Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service       | 9.6 per 1,000 residents                | 12.03 minutes                                   | 606 FTE                              | 38 stations            |
| London Fire Brigade                        | 15.3 per 1,000 residents               | 7.21 minutes                                    | 5,826 FTE                            | 103 stations           |
| Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service         | 12.7 per 1,000 residents               | 7.42 minutes                                    | 1,068 FTE                            | 22 stations            |
| Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service | —                                      | —                                               | 1,267 FTE                            | 58 stations            |
| Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service            | 10.4 per 1,000 residents               | 10.73 minutes                                   | 851 FTE                              | 42 stations            |
| North Wales Fire and Rescue Service        | —                                      | —                                               | 823 FTE                              | 44 stations            |
| North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service    | 10.4 per 1,000 residents               | 12.73 minutes                                   | 663 FTE                              | 36 stations            |
| Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service   | 7.6 per 1,000 residents                | 10.47 minutes                                   | 450 FTE                              | 22 stations            |
| Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service   | —                                      | —                                               | 2,013 FTE                            | 67 stations            |
| Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service     | 11.7 per 1,000 residents               | 12.18 minutes                                   | 330 FTE                              | 15 stations            |
| Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service    | 10.3 per 1,000 residents               | 10.08 minutes                                   | 721 FTE                              | 24 stations            |
| Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service        | 7.8 per 1,000 residents                | 11.38 minutes                                   | 472 FTE                              | 25 stations            |
| Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service    | 7.9 per 1,000 residents                | 8.52 minutes                                    | 640 FTE                              | 16 stations            |
| Scottish Fire and Rescue Service           | —                                      | —                                               | 6,799 FTE                            | 356 stations           |
| Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service         | 7.1 per 1,000 residents                | 11.28 minutes                                   | 515 FTE                              | 23 stations            |
| South Wales Fire and Rescue Service        | —                                      | —                                               | 1,487 FTE                            | 47 stations            |
| South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service    | 10.8 per 1,000 residents               | 8.64 minutes                                    | 948 FTE                              | 21 stations            |
| Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service      | 7.9 per 1,000 residents                | 10.78 minutes                                   | 630 FTE                              | 33 stations            |
| Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service            | 7.4 per 1,000 residents                | 12.88 minutes                                   | 619 FTE                              | 35 stations            |
| Surrey Fire and Rescue Service             | 8.1 per 1,000 residents                | 10.27 minutes                                   | 688 FTE                              | 25 stations            |
| Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service      | 15.1 per 1,000 residents               | 7.22 minutes                                    | 856 FTE                              | 17 stations            |
| Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service       | 8.2 per 1,000 residents                | 10.35 minutes                                   | 378 FTE                              | 17 stations            |
| West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service      | 10.9 per 1,000 residents               | 6.77 minutes                                    | 1,823 FTE                            | 38 stations            |
| West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service        | 9.4 per 1,000 residents                | 9.82 minutes                                    | 590 FTE                              | 24 stations            |
| West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service     | 10.8 per 1,000 residents               | 9.91 minutes                                    | 1,354 FTE                            | 40 stations            |

What each measure counts

| Measure                                | What it counts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Incidents per 1,000 residents          | Incidents attended divided by the mid-year population of the area the service covers (the sum of its local authorities), times 1,000. Worked out for England, Wales and Scotland, whose counts are made the same way; not for Northern Ireland, whose count is on its annual report's own basis.                                                                      |
| Average response time to primary fires | Mean time from the call being received to the first vehicle arriving, for primary fires (fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures, or with a casualty or rescue, or attended by five or more appliances). England only (MHCLG FIRE1001, from the Incident Recording System): Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland publish no comparable figure by service. |
| Staff, full-time equivalent            | All staff in post at 31 March (wholetime and on-call firefighters, fire control and support staff), full-time equivalent. England: FIRE1101; Wales: StatsWales; Scotland: SFRS, excluding volunteers. Northern Ireland: the average number employed in the year, from the annual accounts. On-call firefighters' FTE is counted differently between the nations.      |
| Fire stations                          | Fire stations at 31 March (England FIRE1404; Wales StatsWales; Scotland SFRS; Northern Ireland annual report). Specialist urban search and rescue bases are not counted.                                                                                                                                                                                              |

What people say about it

Is fire and rescue funded adequately?

Those who say fire and rescue is underfunded and cuts have hurt

- “Cuts to the emergency services will cost lives. It is a matter of time until someone dies.” Steve Wright, general secretary, Fire Brigades Union ([21 August 2025](#))
- “The unfair funding settlement could mean fire engines arriving at emergencies without enough crew to respond effectively and save lives, or, worse still, engines not leaving stations at all because there are no firefighters to staff them.” Matt Vickers MP (Conservative), shadow minister for crime, policing and fire, House of Commons ([28 April 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).
- “Employees of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service tell me that funding cuts have seen shift systems worsening; rope, water and animal rescue services being scaled back and watches usually running with around six firefighters instead of nine.” Adam Dance MP (Liberal Democrat), House of Commons ([28 April 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).

Those who say productivity and reform are the main issue

- “I am pleased to report that most services are now increasing their focus on improving productivity. But some services still need to better understand how they use their wholetime firefighters and take a more proactive approach to maximise efficiency.” Sir Andy Cooke, HM Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services, HMICFRS ([5 November 2025](#)) State of Fire and Rescue 2024-25. The same report also says the Government should reconsider its position on capital funding for fire services.
- “Funding is only one part of the picture. There is exciting work ahead of us.” Samantha Dixon MP (Labour), Parliamentary Under-Secretary, MHCLG, House of Commons ([28 April 2026](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches). Said after describing the ministerial advisory group's work on reforming the role of the firefighter, funding and governance. In the same speech she blamed past cuts for a 20% loss of firefighter capacity.

Views are attributed to the people and organisations named, with the date and a link to where they said it. This site takes no side.

### What these figures do and don't show

- **Incidents are not only fires.** Fire and rescue services also attend road accidents, floods, other emergencies and false alarms; the figures say which is which.
- **Response times are published for England only.** Wales and Scotland publish none by service, and Northern Ireland reports against its own attendance standards, so no response time is compared across nations.
- **Nations count differently.** Each nation's statistics define incidents, staff and deaths in their own way; figures are compared within a nation, and across nations only where the definitions match.
- **Nothing here shows cause and effect.** Money, staff, stations and incidents are shown side by side. A service covering a large rural area needs more stations for the same number of incidents.
- **Appliance counts stopped in 2021** in England; the last published figure is marked as such.

Figures from data/services/fire.json, generated 24 September 2026.

# Ambulance services: funding, staff and response times

Public services · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/ambulance/>

**£5.5bn** was spent on ambulance services in Ambulance services, United Kingdom in 2024-25, **£78.77** per resident. That is +4.4% on a year earlier after inflation (+8.7% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £5.4bn in 2023-24 to £5.6bn.

## Key figures

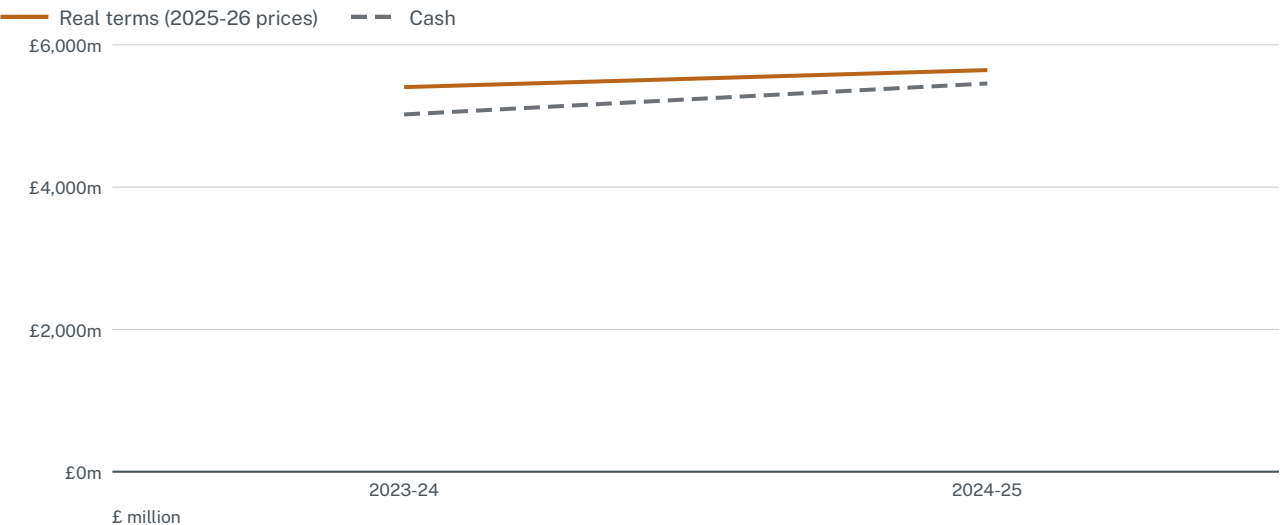


## The short version

- **Ten trusts in England** and one national service each in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- **Response times against the targets**, compared within each nation only, because each measures them differently.
- **Handover delays** at hospital are shown where published.

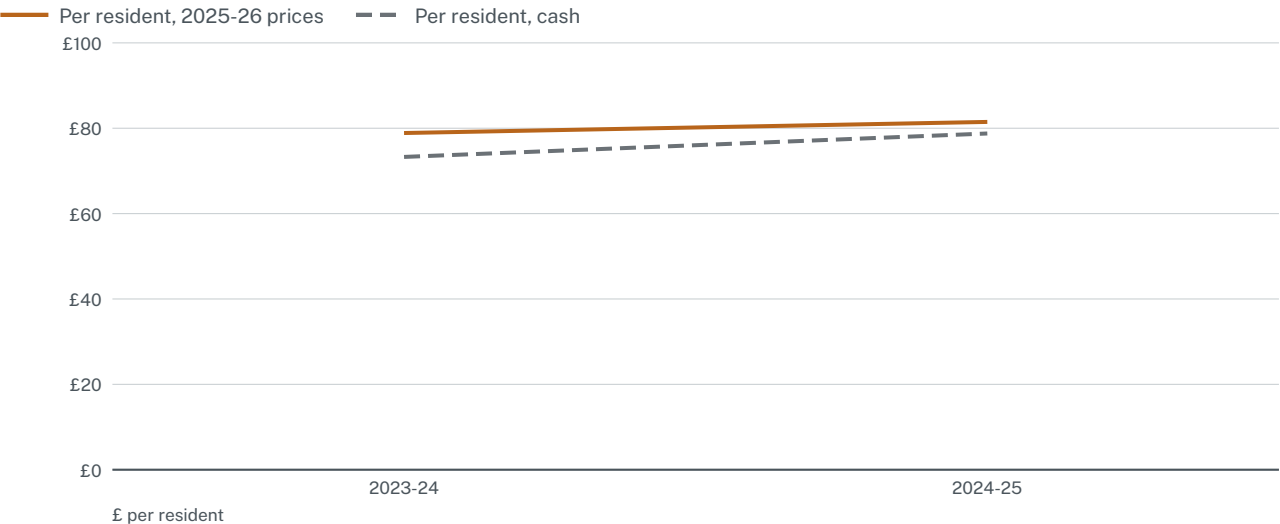
## Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

Ambulance services, United Kingdom: spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ million



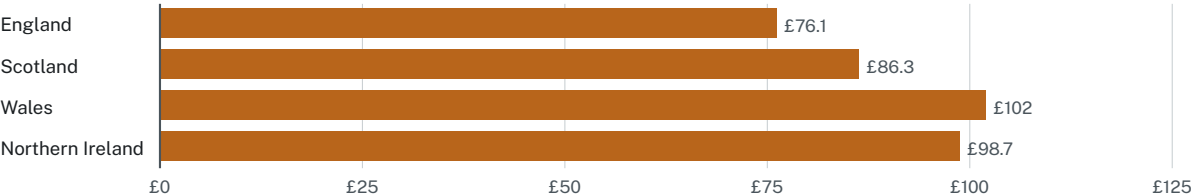
Line chart of Ambulance services, United Kingdom spending from 2023-24 to 2024-25: £5.0bn to £5.5bn in cash; £5.4bn to £5.6bn in 2025-26 prices.

Ambulance services, United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of Ambulance services, United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2023-24 (£78.88) to 2024-25 (£81.48).

Spending per resident by nation, 2024-25

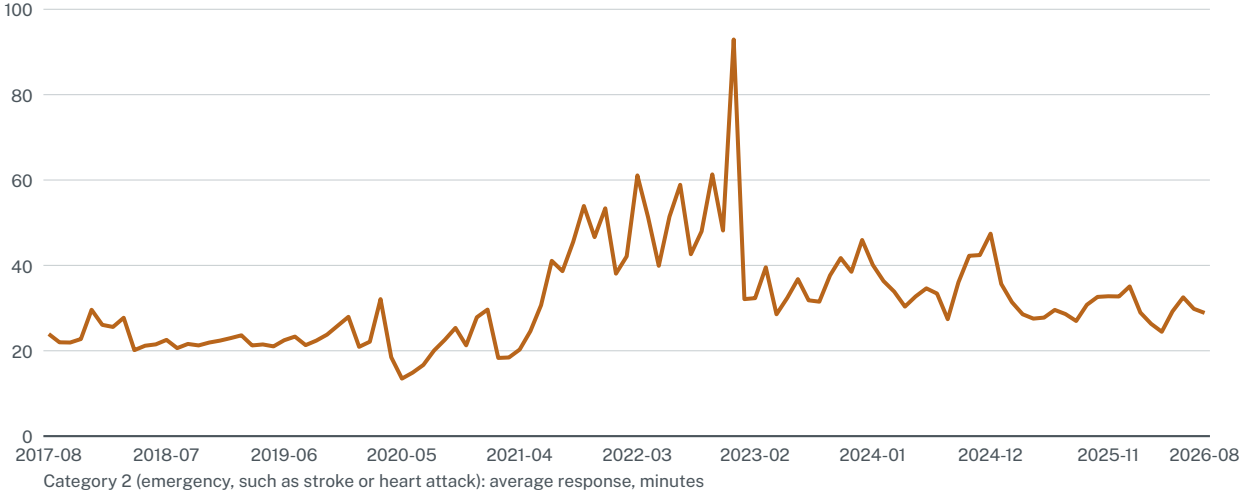


Bar chart of spending per resident by nation in 2024-25: England £76.14, Scotland £86.31, Wales £102, Northern Ireland £98.72.

Source: NHS England, [NHS providers: trust accounts consolidation \(TAC\) data, 2024/25, 2022/23, 2020/21 accounts](#); Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust, [Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust, Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26](#); Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust, [Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust, Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24](#); Scottish Ambulance Service, [Scottish Ambulance Service Board, Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25](#); Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust, [Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust, Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26](#); Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust, [Northern Ireland Ambulance Service HSC Trust, Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25](#).

Response times

Category 2 (emergency, such as stroke or heart attack): average response: England



Line chart of category 2 (emergency, such as stroke or heart attack): average response for England from 2017-08 to 2026-08, latest 28.9 minutes.

Ambulance response by nation, each on its own measure

| Nation           | Most urgent calls                       | Next most urgent                        | Staff                |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| England          | Category 1 mean: 7.9 minutes (2026-08)  | Category 2 mean: 28.9 minutes (2026-08) | 55,608 FTE (2026-07) |
| Wales            | Purple median: 7.4 minutes (2026-08)    | Red median: 9.0 minutes (2026-08)       | 4,242 FTE (2026-03)  |
| Scotland         | Purple median: 8.1 minutes (2026-09-14) | Red median: 9.3 minutes (2026-09-14)    | 5,480 FTE (2024-25)  |
| Northern Ireland | Category 1 mean: 11.8 minutes (2026-03) | Category 2 mean: 76.6 minutes (2026-03) | 1,594 FTE (2026-06)  |

Each nation defines its categories and measures differently (means in England and Northern Ireland, medians in Wales and Scotland), so the rows are not a ranking.

Vehicles

- **England:** NHS England does not publish how many ambulances or other vehicles each trust has. Some trusts give a fleet size in their own annual or sustainability reports, but not on a common basis.
- **Wales:** Not published as a total. The Welsh Ambulance Service’s 2025-26 annual report gives only the vehicles approved for replacement in the year (141, of which 44 emergency ambulances).
- **Scotland:** The Scottish Ambulance Service’s sustainability report lists its fleet by vehicle type, but not as an official statistic and not in a form that could be read reliably, so no figure is shown.
- **Northern Ireland:** Not published in the Department of Health’s statistics.

Where the money goes, level by level

1. UK total
2. Nation
3. Department or service body
4. Local body
5. Spending category
6. Line or transaction not published

Ambulance services, United Kingdom

A sum of the four nations’ ambulance services’ own accounts (operating expenditure), worked out here, shown only for years all four are published. HM Treasury does not publish a figure for ambulance services: they sit inside its “medical services” line.

**£5.5bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£5.6bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£78.77** per resident; **+8.7%** on a year earlier in cash, **+4.4%** in real terms.

Ambulance services, United Kingdom: by nation, 2024-25

| Nation           | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                                                          | Below this        |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| England          | £4.5bn        | £4.6bn                      | £76.14       | +4.3%                         | NHS England                                                     | Broken down below |
| Scotland         | £479m         | £495m                       | £86.31       | +3.0%                         | Scottish Ambulance Service                                      | Broken down below |
| Wales            | £325m         | £336m                       | £102         | +1.9%                         | Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust                   | Broken down below |
| Northern Ireland | £190m         | £197m                       | £98.72       | +17.8%                        | Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust | Broken down below |

England

The sum of the 10 ambulance trusts’ operating expenses from their accounts, worked out here, only for years every trust’s accounts are in NHS England’s data. It is not a Treasury figure, and it leaves out the Isle of Wight’s ambulance service, which is not shown separately. Trusts also run NHS 111 and patient transport, which are included.

**£4.5bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£4.6bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£76.14** per resident; **+8.5%** on a year earlier in cash, **+4.3%** in real terms.

**England: by local body, 2024-25**

| Local body                                                      | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source      | Below this      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| London Ambulance Service NHS Trust                              | £756m         | £782m                       | £82.58       | +6.0%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust                          | £553m         | £572m                       | £71.67       | +3.5%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust                     | £494m         | £511m                       | £75.17       | +7.7%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust | £456m         | £472m                       | £73.76       | +6.2%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust                           | £447m         | £463m                       | £79.07       | +5.8%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust            | £435m         | £450m                       | £73.85       | +4.6%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust            | £382m         | £395m                       | £83.72       | -3.1%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust         | £365m         | £378m                       | £73.92       | -0.3%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust                       | £331m         | £342m                       | £65.35       | +5.0%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust               | £245m         | £254m                       | £89.29       | +5.7%                         | NHS England | On its own page |
| Isle of Wight NHS Trust (ambulance service)                     | not published | not published               | —            | —                             | —           | On its own page |

**Scotland**

Scotland has one national ambulance service; the figure is its own accounts.

**£479m** in 2024-25 (cash); £495m in 2025-26 prices; £86.31 per resident; +7.2% on a year earlier in cash, +3.0% in real terms.

**Scotland: by department or service body, 2024-25**

| Department or service body | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                     | Below this      |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Scottish Ambulance Service | £479m         | £495m                       | £86.31       | +3.0%                         | Scottish Ambulance Service | On its own page |

**Wales**

Wales has one national ambulance service; the figure is its own accounts.

**£345m** in 2025-26 (cash); £345m in 2025-26 prices; £109 per resident; +6.2% on a year earlier in cash, +2.7% in real terms.

**Wales: by department or service body, 2025-26**

| Department or service body                    | Cash, 2025-26 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                                        | Below this      |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust | £345m         | £345m                       | £109         | +2.7%                         | Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust | On its own page |

**Northern Ireland**

Northern Ireland has one national ambulance service; the figure is its own accounts.

**£153m** in 2025-26 (cash); £153m in 2025-26 prices; £79.24 per resident; -19.7% on a year earlier in cash, -22.4% in real terms.

## Northern Ireland: by department or service body, 2025-26

| Department or service body                                      | Cash, 2025-26 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                                                          | Below this      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust | £153m         | £153m                       | £79.24       | -22.4%                        | Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust | On its own page |

Cash is as published. Real terms are in 2025-26 prices, using HM Treasury's GDP deflator. Per resident divides by ONS mid-year population for the area the body serves. Changes compare the same body in consecutive years.

## What comes out: results by body

These are outputs and results published alongside the money. They are not what the money bought: demand, geography and recording practice differ between areas, and none of these figures shows cause and effect.

## Each English ambulance trust: response times, handovers and incidents

| Body                                                            | Category 1 (life-threatening): average response, 2026-08 | Category 2 (emergency, such as stroke or heart attack): average response, 2026-08 | Handovers taking over an hour, 2026-08 | Incidents per 1,000 residents, 2026-08 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| England                                                         | 7.9 minutes                                              | 28.9 minutes                                                                      | 7.0%                                   | 13.8 per 1,000 residents               |
| East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust                       | 8.8 minutes                                              | 31.8 minutes                                                                      | 9.5%                                   | 14.7 per 1,000 residents               |
| East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust                     | 8.8 minutes                                              | 34.3 minutes                                                                      | 13.4%                                  | 13.1 per 1,000 residents               |
| Isle of Wight NHS Trust (ambulance service)                     | 8.9 minutes                                              | 28.8 minutes                                                                      | 4.1%                                   | 19.1 per 1,000 residents               |
| London Ambulance Service NHS Trust                              | 7.1 minutes                                              | 32.4 minutes                                                                      | 1.2%                                   | 14.2 per 1,000 residents               |
| North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust               | 6.2 minutes                                              | 19.8 minutes                                                                      | 1.2%                                   | 15.3 per 1,000 residents               |
| North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust                          | 7.0 minutes                                              | 23.1 minutes                                                                      | 5.6%                                   | 12.7 per 1,000 residents               |
| South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust            | 8.7 minutes                                              | 28.7 minutes                                                                      | 1.5%                                   | 11.6 per 1,000 residents               |
| South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust         | 7.4 minutes                                              | 29.4 minutes                                                                      | 0.9%                                   | 13.7 per 1,000 residents               |
| South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust            | 9.6 minutes                                              | 37.7 minutes                                                                      | 13.3%                                  | 15.2 per 1,000 residents               |
| West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust | 8.0 minutes                                              | 20.9 minutes                                                                      | 19.8%                                  | 14.6 per 1,000 residents               |
| Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust                           | 7.9 minutes                                              | 24.5 minutes                                                                      | 0.7%                                   | 13.3 per 1,000 residents               |

## What each measure counts

| Measure                                                                  | What it counts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Category 1 (life-threatening): average response                          | Mean time from the call to the first ambulance response arriving, for category 1 calls (cardiac arrest and other life-threatening conditions), against the national ambulance response standards for England (Ambulance Response Programme, 2017). Target: 7 minutes (category 1 mean). |
| Category 2 (emergency, such as stroke or heart attack): average response | Mean response time for category 2 calls. The standard is 18 minutes; NHS England's planning ambition for 2025-26 was a mean of 30 minutes. Target: 18 minutes (category 2 mean).                                                                                                        |
| Handovers taking over an hour                                            | Share of handovers with a known time that took over 60 minutes (AmbSYS A146 ÷ A140).                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Incidents per 1,000 residents                                            | Incidents in the month per 1,000 residents of the area the trust serves (ONS mid-year estimates; the area is the trust's integrated care boards).                                                                                                                                       |

## What people say about it

### What is behind ambulance delays?

#### Those who say ambulance service funding and capacity are the main cause

- “The greatest pressure used to be in winter but underfunding and staff shortages now mean it's frantic all year round.” Helga Pile, head of health, UNISON ([6 June 2025](#))
- “Without enough staff, ambulances cannot operate at full capacity and response times suffer.” Jas Athwal MP (Labour), House of Commons ([6 March 2025](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).
- “Ambulance services are under incredible pressure but resources have not increased in line with rising demand.” Rachel Harrison, national officer, GMB ([30 January 2020](#)) Older statement (2020), outside the preferred window.

#### Those who say hospital handover delays and social care flow are the main cause

- “Hospital handover delays continue to be a major issue affecting ambulance service performance and the quality of patient care, as they have been for several years now, something the data underlines heavily.” Anna Parry, managing director, Association of Ambulance Chief Executives ([23 April 2025](#))
- “A huge amount of time is lost to ambulance handover delays because there is no space for patients.” Ashley Dalton MP (Labour), Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Health, House of Commons ([6 March 2025](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).
- “Inability to admit to hospital is a key point in the handover delay problem, and the social care talks are a key measure in solving it.” Helen Morgan MP, Liberal Democrat health spokesperson, House of Commons ([6 March 2025](#)) Checked against the official Hansard text via the Hansard API (the web page blocks automated fetches).

Views are attributed to the people and organisations named, with the date and a link to where they said it. This site takes no side.

#### What these figures do and don't show

- **Each nation measures response times its own way.** England uses categories 1 to 4 with national standards; Wales moved to a new model in July 2025, which breaks its series; Scotland and Northern Ireland publish their own measures. Times are compared within a nation, never across.
- **No Treasury figure for ambulances.** HM Treasury counts ambulance services inside medical services, so the UK figure here is the sum of the services' own accounts, for years all of them have.
- **Handover delays are hospital as well as ambulance.** Time lost at hospital handover depends on the hospital's capacity as much as on the ambulance service.
- **Vehicle numbers are not published** as official statistics for any nation.
- **Nothing here shows cause and effect.**

Figures from `data/services/ambulance.json`, generated 24 September 2026.

# The armed forces: spending, people and commitments

Public services · Last updated 23 September 2026 · <https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/armed-forces/>

**£65.4bn** was spent on defence in Defence, United Kingdom in 2025-26, **£941** per resident. That is **-0.8%** on a year earlier after inflation (+2.7% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from **£48.8bn** in 1955-56 to **£65.4bn**. On NATO's measure the UK spends 2.56% of GDP on core defence (2026, NATO estimate). 137,482 people served in the regular forces on 1 July 2026.

## Key figures

**£65.4bn**

Spent in 2025-26, cash  
+2.7% on a year earlier  
As of 16 July 2026

**-0.8%**

Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a  
year earlier  
£65.4bn in 2025-26 prices  
As of 16 July 2026

**£941**

Per resident, 2025-26  
As of 16 July 2026

**2.56%**

Of GDP on core defence, NATO  
measure, 2026 (estimate)

**137,482**

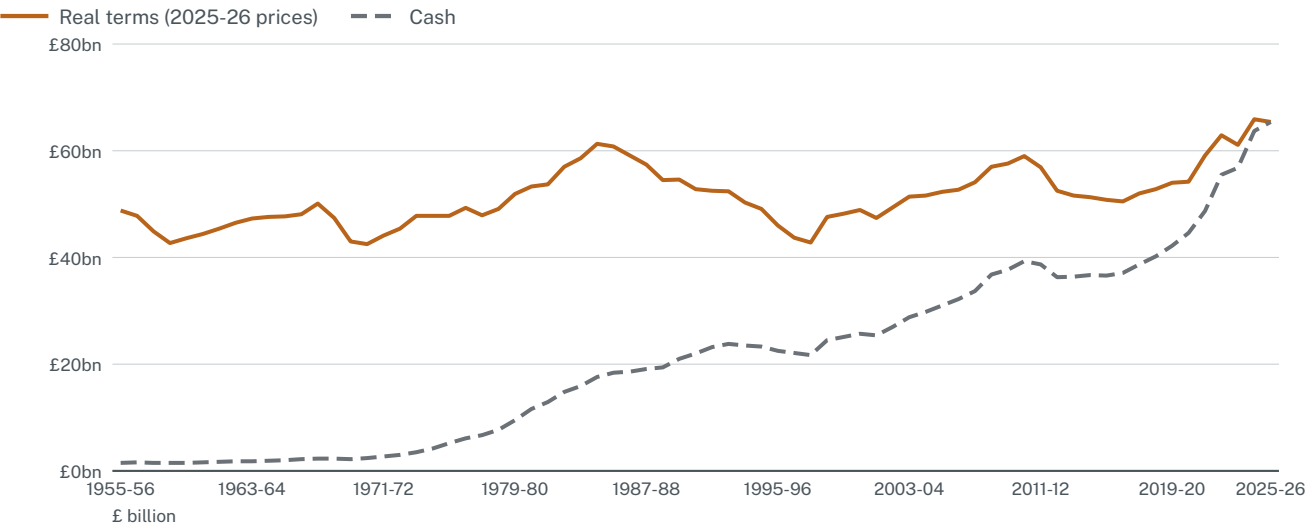
UK regular forces, 1 July 2026  
As of 23 September 2026

## The short version

- **Three measures of defence spending:** HM Treasury's by function, the MOD's own budget, and NATO's core defence, which the commitments use. They are shown apart.
- **Defence is spent for the UK as a whole**, so there is no nation or local breakdown.
- **The last Equipment Plan was unaffordable by £16.9bn**; its replacement has no affordability table yet.

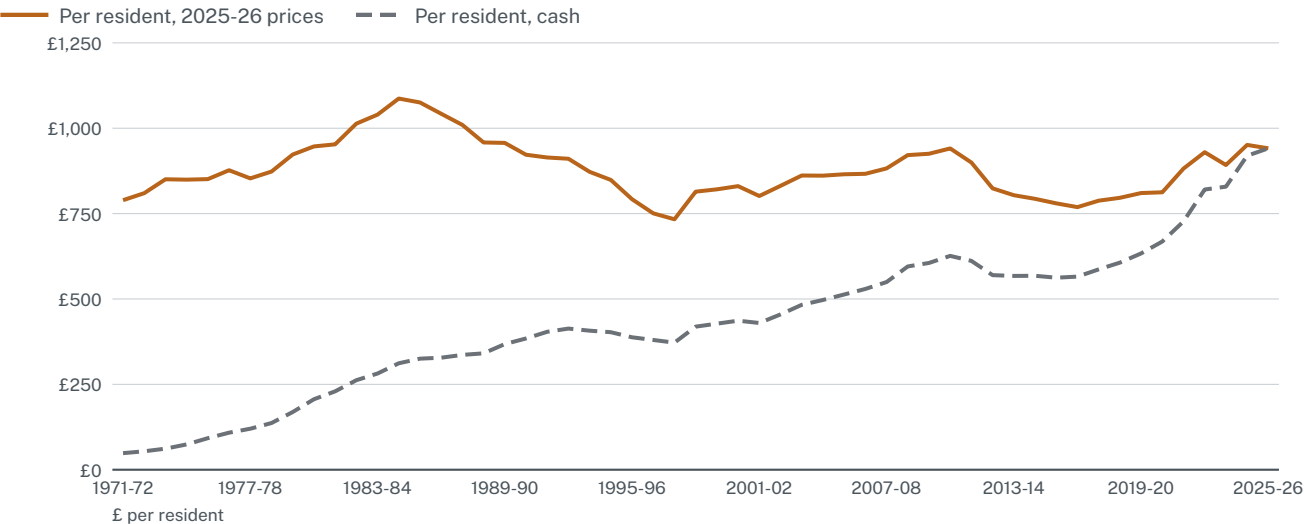
## Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

Defence, United Kingdom: spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ billion



Line chart of Defence, United Kingdom spending from 1955-56 to 2025-26: £1.5bn to £65.4bn in cash; £48.8bn to £65.4bn in 2025-26 prices.

Defence, United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices

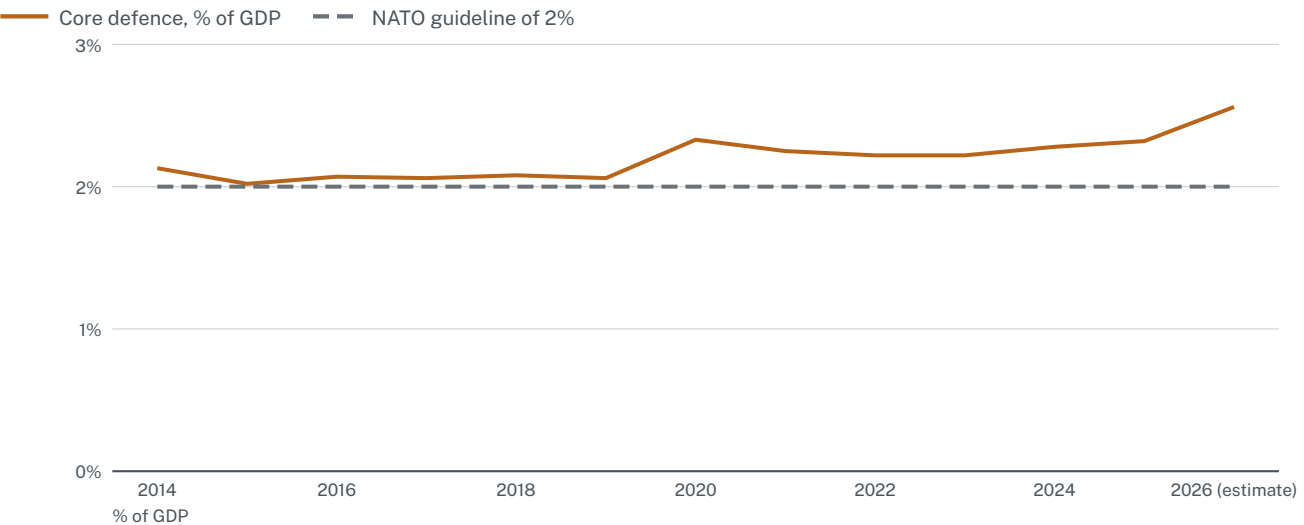


Line chart of Defence, United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 1971-72 (£789) to 2025-26 (£941).

Source: HM Treasury, [PESA 2026: chapters 4 and 5 tables](#), published 16 July 2026; HM Treasury, [PESA 2021: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2016: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); HM Treasury, [PESA 2011: chapter 4 and 5 tables](#); Office for Budget Responsibility, [Historical public finances database](#).

Against the commitments: defence as a share of GDP

UK core defence spending as a share of GDP, NATO measure



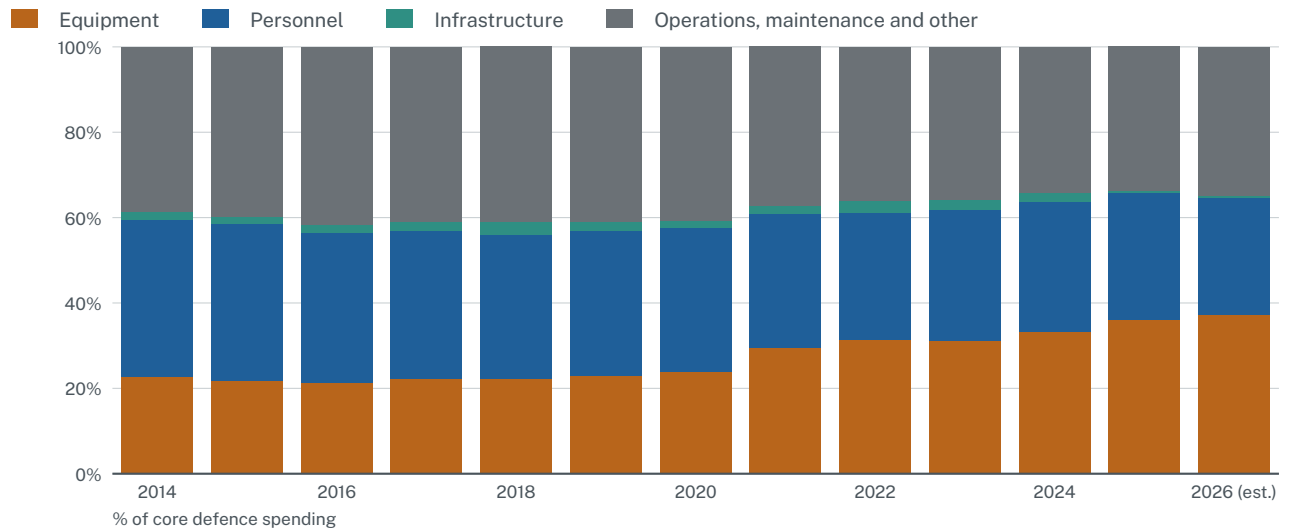
Line chart of UK core defence spending as a share of GDP on NATO's measure, from 2014 (2.13%) to 2026e (2.56%).

UK defence spending commitments

| Announced        | Commitment                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 25 February 2025 | 2.5% of GDP on defence from April 2027, with an ambition of 3% in the next Parliament (Prime Minister's Office, statement of 25 February 2025)                                                                       |
| 24 June 2025     | 5% of GDP on national security by 2035: 3.5% on core defence and 1.5% on resilience and security (UK Government, NATO Hague summit announcement)                                                                     |
| 30 June 2026     | Defence Investment Plan: NATO core spending of 2.6% of GDP in 2026-27 and 2.7% in each year to 2029-30; 3% a commitment in the next Parliament (Ministry of Defence, the Defence Investment Plan: funding explainer) |

Commitments checked against the sources on 24 September 2026.

What UK core defence spending goes on, % of the total, NATO measure



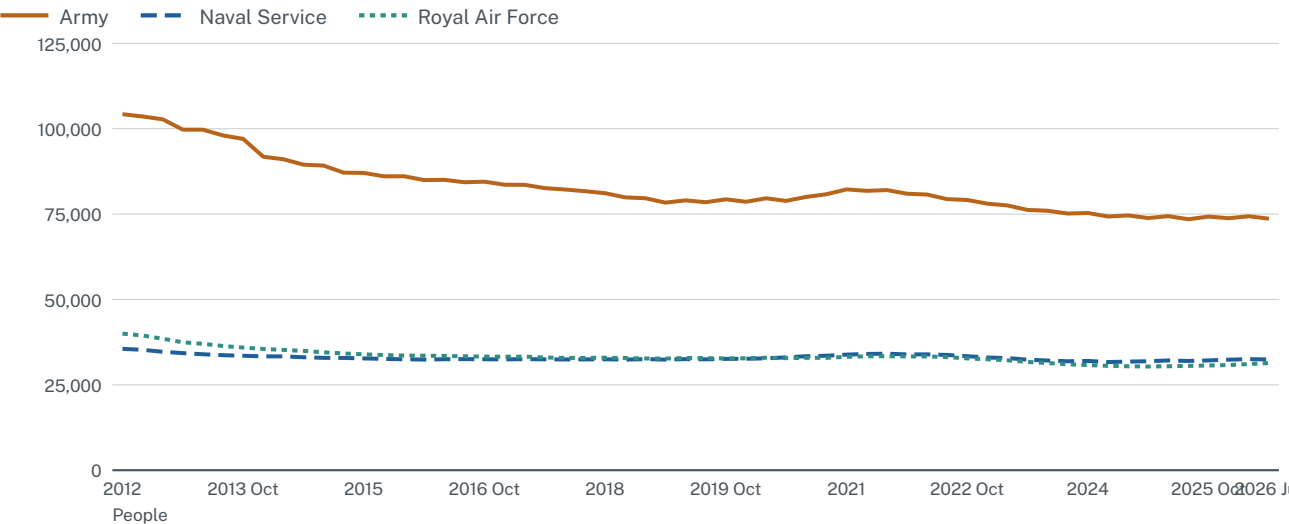
Stacked bar chart of the split of UK core defence spending from 2014 to 2026e: equipment 22.8% to 37.2%, personnel 36.6% to 27.5%.

How many serve

Armed forces headcount, 1 July 2026

| Service                                               | People  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Army regulars                                         | 73,657  |
| Naval Service regulars (Royal Navy and Royal Marines) | 32,433  |
| Royal Air Force regulars                              | 31,392  |
| All UK regular forces                                 | 137,482 |
| Gurkhas                                               | 4,422   |
| Volunteer reserves                                    | 32,134  |

UK regular forces by service, headcount



Line chart of UK regular forces from April 2012 (179,804) to July 2026 (137,482).

Where the money goes, level by level

1. UK total
2. Nation not published
3. Department or service body
4. Local body not published
5. Spending category

## 6. Line or transaction

**Defence, United Kingdom**

HM Treasury's spending on defence by function: military and civil defence, foreign military aid and defence research. It is not the NATO measure, which counts pensions and some other items differently.

**£65.4bn** in 2025-26 (cash); **£65.4bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£941** per resident; **+2.7%** on a year earlier in cash, **-0.8%** in real terms.

**Defence, United Kingdom: by department or service body, 2024-25**

| Department or service body | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source              | Below this        |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Ministry of Defence        | £68.5bn       | £70.9bn                     | £989         | +6.4%                         | Ministry of Defence | Broken down below |

**Ministry of Defence**

Total departmental expenditure limits: day-to-day (resource) and capital spending, including depreciation. The categories are the MOD's own, from 2011-12.

**£68.5bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£70.9bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£989** per resident; **+10.8%** on a year earlier in cash, **+6.4%** in real terms.

**Ministry of Defence: by spending category, 2024-25**

| Spending category                        | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source              | Below this                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Personnel Costs                          | £15.8bn       | £16.4bn                     | £229         | +4.7%                         | Ministry of Defence | Broken down below                                                                                                                                                       |
| Single Use Military Equipment (capital)  | £10.7bn       | £11.1bn                     | £154         | +5.0%                         | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Equipment Support Costs                  | £9.4bn        | £9.7bn                      | £135         | +8.7%                         | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Other Capital (Fiscal) (capital)         | £8.9bn        | £9.2bn                      | £128         | +27.1%                        | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Depreciation and Impairment              | £8.3bn        | £8.6bn                      | £120         | +0.2%                         | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Infrastructure Costs                     | £5.7bn        | £5.9bn                      | £82.58       | +0.8%                         | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Other Costs and Services                 | £3.5bn        | £3.6bn                      | £50.45       | +3.3%                         | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Research and Development Costs (capital) | £3.0bn        | £3.1bn                      | £43.43       | +9.2%                         | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |

| Spending category                              | Cash,<br>2024-25 | Real terms<br>(2025-26<br>prices) | Per res<br>ident | Real change on<br>a year earlier | Source              | Below this                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Inventory Consumption                          | £1.7bn           | £1.8bn                            | £24.57           | -5.5%                            | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| DE&S Bespoke Trading Entity                    | £1.3bn           | £1.3bn                            | £18.24           | -5.5%                            | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| War Pension Benefits                           | £654m            | £677m                             | £9.44            | -3.5%                            | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Cash Release of Provisions                     | £425m            | £440m                             | £6.13            | -11.0%                           | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Arm's Length Bodies                            | £239m            | £247m                             | £3.45            | +4.8%                            | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Research and Development Costs                 | £232m            | £240m                             | £3.35            | +23.8%                           | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| DE&S Bespoke Trading Entity (capital)          | £207m            | £214m                             | £2.99            | -20.8%                           | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Conflict Stability and Security Fund           | £52m             | £54m                              | £0.75            | -9.1%                            | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Arm's Length Bodies (capital)                  | £41m             | £42m                              | £0.59            | +27.0%                           | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Conflict Stability and Security Fund (capital) | £0m              | £0m                               | £0.00            | —                                | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| New Loans and Loan Repayments (capital)        | -£5m             | -£5m                              | -£0.07           | —                                | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Fixed Asset/Estate Disposal Costs (capital)    | -£98m            | -£101m                            | -£1.41           | +63.6%                           | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |
| Receipts and Other Income                      | -£1.5bn          | -£1.5bn                           | -<br>£21.36      | -4.3%                            | Ministry of Defence | Line or transaction not published: The MOD publishes its individual payments over £25,000 each month, but not by these categories, so no finer breakdown is shown here. |

### Personnel Costs

**£15.8bn** in 2024-25 (cash); **£16.4bn** in 2025-26 prices; **£229** per resident; **+9.0%** on a year earlier in cash, **+4.7%** in real terms.

Personnel Costs: by line or transaction, 2024-25

| Line or transaction      | Cash, 2024-25 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source              | Below this |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Service Personnel Costs  | £13.2bn       | £13.6bn                     | £190         | +6.0%                         | Ministry of Defence |            |
| Civilian Personnel Costs | £2.7bn        | £2.8bn                      | £38.42       | -1.1%                         | Ministry of Defence |            |

Cash is as published. Real terms are in 2025-26 prices, using HM Treasury's GDP deflator. Per resident divides by ONS mid-year population for the area the body serves. Changes compare the same body in consecutive years.

### Search the department's payments over £25,000

Every payment of £25,000 or more the department published for the latest year, as published. See [every department's spending over £25,000](#) for what each covers.

Ministry of Defence published **31,171 payments** worth **£15.17bn** to 1,424 suppliers and recipients from April 2025 to March 2026 (12 of 12 months published). Payments the MOD judges would harm national security are left out of its files; it publishes a note on these exemptions.

- The newest payment published is from 2026-03, 6 months before this was read.
- 5 rows were dropped because the date or amount could not be read.
- 41% of rows are under £25,000: the department lists individual lines of larger payments, or publishes some smaller ones. They are kept as published.
- 1 payment is dated after the day this was read, which cannot be right; left out.

Searching needs JavaScript. Every payment is in [one JSON file](#).

Source: Ministry of Defence, [spending over £25,000](#) on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2026-05-19; every payment kept is in [one JSON file](#).

- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for March 2026](#) (2026-03): 3,378 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for February 2026](#) (2026-02): 2,206 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for January 2026](#) (2026-01): 2,201 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for December 2025](#) (2025-12): 2,669 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for November 2025](#) (2025-11): 2,241 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for October 2025](#) (2025-10): 4,944 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for September 2025](#) (2025-09): 2,562 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for August 2025](#) (2025-08): 1,936 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for July 2025](#) (2025-07): 2,526 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for June 2025](#) (2025-06): 2,161 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for May 2025](#) (2025-05): 2,163 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- [MOD's spending over £25,000 for April 2025](#) (2025-04): 2,185 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

### Can the plans be paid for?

The last Equipment Plan, for 2023 to 2033, put forecast costs at £305.5bn against a budget of £288.6bn: a gap of **£16.9bn** (6%). The National Audit Office found the plan unaffordable: forecast costs exceeded the budget by £16.9bn, the largest gap since it began reporting on the plan in 2012. ([National Audit Office, The Equipment Plan 2023 to 2033](#), 4 December 2023.)

No Equipment Plan has been published since. The Defence Investment Plan (30 June 2026) replaced it and does not include a costs-against-budget table; the National Audit Office has a review of its affordability under way.

MOD budget in the Defence Investment Plan, £ billion, cash

| Year    | £ billion |
|---------|-----------|
| 2026-27 | £68.3bn   |
| 2027-28 | £73.8bn   |
| 2028-29 | £76.5bn   |
| 2029-30 | £79.1bn   |

Planned figures, from [Ministry of Defence, the Defence Investment Plan: funding explainer](#). They are plans, not spending, and are shown apart from the outturn figures on this page.

Major programmes

The Ministry of Defence had 44 projects in the Government Major Projects Portfolio at March 2026. 9 were rated red by the independent assessors, meaning successful delivery appeared unachievable without action; 10 amber, 1 green, and 24 had no published rating. Whole-life costs were published for 24, together £95.1bn; the other 20 were withheld, most as commercially sensitive.

The MOD's largest major projects with a published whole-life cost, March 2026

| Project                                                         | Whole-life cost | Rating    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| ASTUTE BOATS 1-7                                                | £14.4bn         | Not rated |
| NAVAL SUPPORT INTEGRATED GLOBAL NETWORK (NSIGN)                 | £14.4bn         | Not rated |
| ARMoured CAVALRY 2025                                           | £8.9bn          | Red       |
| CORE PRODUCTION CAPABILITY                                      | £7.8bn          | Amber     |
| LAND ENVIRONMENT TACTICAL COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS | £7.7bn          | Amber     |
| DEFENCE ESTATE OPTIMISATION                                     | £5.9bn          | Not rated |
| MECHANISED INFANTRY PROGRAMME                                   | £5.0bn          | Amber     |
| MENSA                                                           | £3.6bn          | Amber     |

Costs in 2024-25 prices, as the portfolio publishes them. From April 2026 the portfolio was cut to about 80 projects, so next year's figures will not be comparable. [Every major project, across government](#).

Source: Ministry of Defence, [Defence departmental resources: 2025](#), published 15 January 2026; Ministry of Defence, [Ministry of Defence annual report and accounts 2025 to 2026](#), published 15 July 2026.

What people say about it

Should defence spending rise faster towards 3% of GDP or beyond?

Those who say defence spending should rise faster or further

- “Rather than kicking the can down the road, waiting for a fiscal event in a future year, will the Prime Minister urgently commit to charting a pathway to reaching 3% of GDP being spent on defence by 2030?” Tan Dhesi MP (Labour), chair of the Defence Committee, House of Commons ([3 September 2026](#)) As quoted by UK Defence Journal (Prime Minister's Questions).
- “That's why we are setting out our plans to reach 3% on defence spending by the end of this Parliament through further cuts to welfare and restoring the two-child benefit cap.” Kemi Badenoch MP, Conservative leader, Conservative Party ([2 September 2026](#)) As quoted by LBC.
- “Page one of the Review must include a firm commitment to boost defence spending to 3% of GDP as soon as possible.” Sir Ed Davey MP, Liberal Democrat leader, Liberal Democrats ([1 June 2025](#))

Those who stress affordability, or spending existing money better first

- “We are going to be in the situation, for the first time in a really long time, where we see both health and defence spending rising as a share of national income.” Bee Boileau, economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies ([26 September 2025](#)) As quoted by The Telegraph (via Yahoo News). She also said the £36bn a year needed to reach 3.5% was “not a sum that can be found painlessly”.

- “But in the midst of these issues, our report finds that the MoD is far behind the curve in preventing the loss of precious public funds which could be spent on keeping our nation safe.” Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP (Conservative), chair of the Public Accounts Committee ([29 May 2026](#)) He also said the committee welcomes the aim to spend a rising share of GDP on defence; his concern is the delayed Defence Investment Plan and money lost to fraud and cancelled projects.
- “Security is not just based on arms expenditure and threats, but on real leadership that uses diplomacy and development too.” Ellie Chowns MP, Green Party defence spokesperson ([2 June 2025](#))

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### What these figures do and don't show

- **Three measures, not one.** HM Treasury’s spending on defence (the long-run chart), the MOD’s departmental limits (the drill-down) and NATO’s core defence spending (the share of GDP) count different things and do not match.
- **Pensions are counted differently.** HM Treasury puts armed forces and war pensions under social protection; NATO counts them in defence.
- **Plans are not spending.** The Defence Investment Plan budget and the commitments are shown as plans, apart from outturn.
- **Headcount is not capability.** Numbers serving say nothing on their own about readiness or equipment.

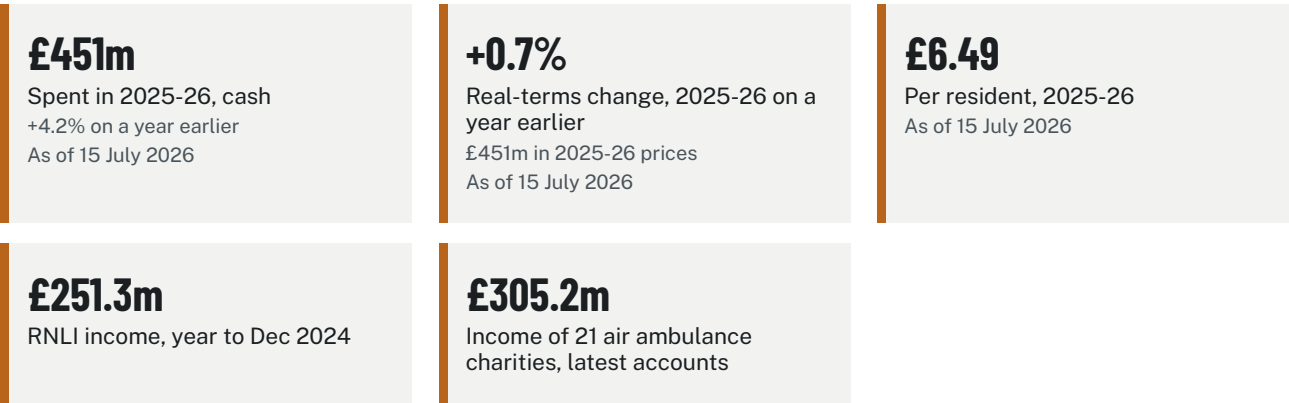
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# Search and rescue: what the taxpayer funds and what charities do

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**£451m** was spent on HM Coastguard in HM Coastguard, United Kingdom in 2025-26, **£6.49** per resident. That is +0.7% on a year earlier after inflation (+4.2% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £448m in 2024-25 to £451m. The RNLI, which runs most lifeboats, had £251.3m of income in its latest accounts, 60% of it from legacies, and reported £4.4m of government money. The 21 air ambulance charities had £305.2m between them.

## Key figures

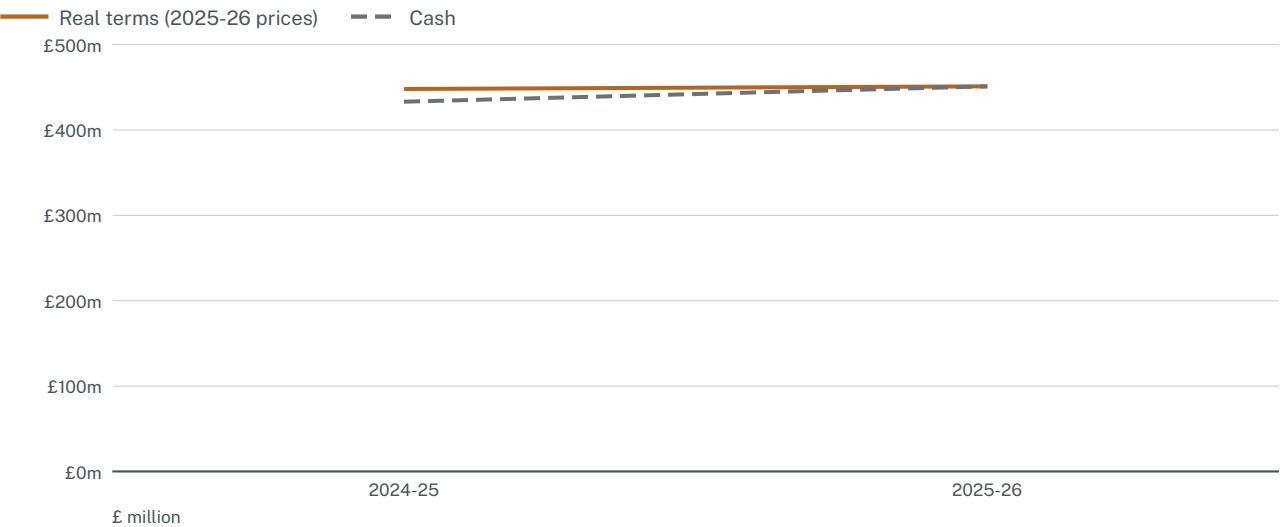


## The short version

- **Taxpayer-funded:** HM Coastguard, including the search and rescue helicopters flown under contract.
- **Charity-funded:** the RNLI and independent lifeboats, the air ambulances and mountain, lowland and cave rescue, from donations, legacies, lotteries and shops.
- **Every figure is from filed accounts**, with the date it was checked; years differ between charities.

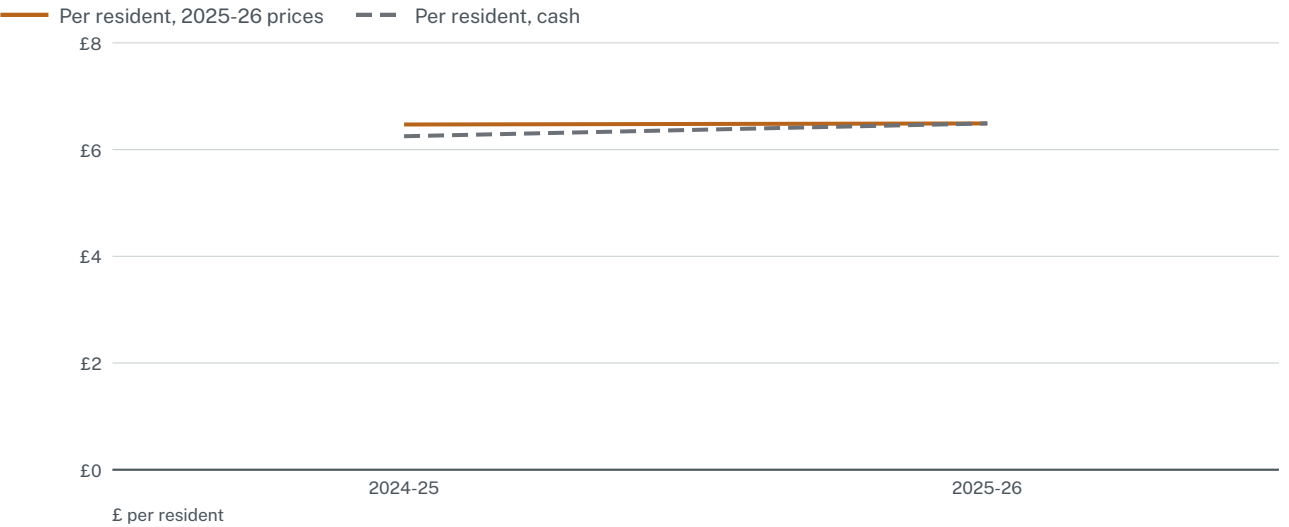
## Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

HM Coastguard, United Kingdom: spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ million



Line chart of HM Coastguard, United Kingdom spending from 2024-25 to 2025-26: £433m to £451m in cash; £448m to £451m in 2025-26 prices.

HM Coastguard, United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of HM Coastguard, United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2024-25 (£6.47) to 2025-26 (£6.49).

Source: Maritime and Coastguard Agency, [Maritime and Coastguard Agency annual report and accounts 2025 to 2026](#), published 15 July 2026.

Where the money goes, level by level

- 1. UK total
- 2. Nation not published
- 3. Department or service body
- 4. Local body not published
- 5. Spending category
- 6. Line or transaction not published

HM Coastguard, United Kingdom

The taxpayer-funded part of search and rescue: the Maritime and Coastguard Agency’s net operating spending, which also covers ship safety and other work.

**£451m** in 2025-26 (cash); **£451m** in 2025-26 prices; **£6.49** per resident; +4.2% on a year earlier in cash, +0.7% in real terms.

HM Coastguard, United Kingdom: by department or service body, 2025-26

| Department or service body     | Cash, 2025-26 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                         | Below this        |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Maritime and Coastguard Agency | £451m         | £451m                       | £6.49        | +0.7%                         | Maritime and Coastguard Agency | Broken down below |

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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**Maritime and Coastguard Agency: by spending category, 2025-26**

| Spending category                                             | Cash, 2025-26 | Real terms (2025-26 prices) | Per resident | Real change on a year earlier | Source                         | Below this                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Coastguard operations, ship safety and the rest of the agency | £254m         | £254m                       | £3.65        | +7.2%                         | Maritime and Coastguard Agency | Line or transaction not published: The agency's accounts do not split the rest of its spending between coastguard operations and its other work. |
| Search and rescue aviation                                    | £197m         | £197m                       | £2.84        | -6.6%                         | Maritime and Coastguard Agency | Line or transaction not published: The accounts give the helicopter contract's standing, flying and fuel charges in a note, not as data.         |

Cash is as published. Real terms are in 2025-26 prices, using HM Treasury's GDP deflator. Per resident divides by ONS mid-year population for the area the body serves. Changes compare the same body in consecutive years.

**Who pays for what**

Who pays: taxpayer-funded and charity-funded rescue services, latest year each

| Service                                         | Paid for by                              | Spending                   | Government money in it |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| HM Coastguard (Maritime and Coastguard Agency)  | The taxpayer                             | £451m                      | all of it              |
| Air ambulance charities (21 charities)          | Donations, legacies, lotteries and shops | £281.4m                    | £3.2m                  |
| Lifeboats (RNLI and independent) (24 charities) | Donations, legacies, lotteries and shops | £250.7m (not all reported) | £4.4m                  |
| Mountain rescue (48 charities)                  | Donations, legacies, lotteries and shops | £8.6m                      | none reported          |
| Lowland search and rescue (73 charities)        | Donations, legacies, lotteries and shops | £50k (not all reported)    | none reported          |
| Cave rescue (1 charities)                       | Donations, legacies, lotteries and shops | £20k                       | not reported           |

Charity accounts checked against the registers on 24 September 2026.

**Air ambulances**

Most of the UK's air ambulances are run by charities. The NHS ambulance services dispatch them and, in many areas, supply the doctors and paramedics on board; Scotland also has two helicopters and planes of its own, run by the Scottish Ambulance Service. The helicopters, pilots and bases are paid for by donations.

## Air ambulance charities, latest accounts filed

| Charity                                   | Incom<br>e | Spendi<br>ng | Of income from<br>legacies | Government money<br>reported | Reserves, months of<br>spending | Year<br>ending |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| The Air Ambulance Service                 | £37.7m     | £35.8m       | 23%                        | none                         | 13                              | Dec 2025       |
| London's Air Ambulance                    | £26.0m     | £14.2m       | 3%                         | £380k                        | 17                              | Mar 2025       |
| Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex          | £24.4m     | £20.8m       | 22%                        | £2.2m                        | 22                              | Mar 2025       |
| Midlands Air Ambulance                    | £19.9m     | £18.5m       | 39%                        | none                         | 9                               | Mar 2025       |
| East Anglian Air Ambulance                | £18.8m     | £18.3m       | 27%                        | none                         | 13                              | Jun 2025       |
| Wales Air Ambulance                       | £17.0m     | £19.7m       | 20%                        | £140k                        | 7                               | Jul 2025       |
| Essex and Herts Air Ambulance             | £16.9m     | £18.3m       | 12%                        | none                         | 33                              | Mar 2025       |
| Devon Air Ambulance                       | £15.8m     | £14.8m       | 53%                        | none                         | 8                               | Dec 2024       |
| North West Air Ambulance                  | £15.6m     | £16.1m       | 20%                        | none                         | 15                              | Mar 2025       |
| Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance | £13.9m     | £11.8m       | 22%                        | none                         | 19                              | Sept 2025      |
| Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance             | £13.3m     | £11.9m       | 30%                        | none                         | 12                              | Mar 2025       |
| Yorkshire Air Ambulance                   | £12.3m     | £8.2m        | 61%                        | none                         | 81                              | Mar 2025       |
| Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance         | £11.0m     | £10.1m       | 31%                        | none                         | 52                              | Mar 2025       |
| Great North Air Ambulance                 | £11.0m     | £10.0m       | 35%                        | £380k                        | 11                              | Mar 2025       |
| Thames Valley Air Ambulance               | £9.8m      | £13.6m       | 12%                        | none                         | 8                               | Mar 2025       |
| Cornwall Air Ambulance                    | £9.8m      | £8.2m        | 42%                        | none                         | 6                               | Dec 2025       |
| Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance          | £9.7m      | £9.7m        | —                          | not reported                 | —                               | Mar 2026       |
| Great Western Air Ambulance               | £6.7m      | £6.5m        | 15%                        | £90k                         | 4                               | Dec 2024       |
| Magpas Air Ambulance                      | £5.6m      | £6.0m        | 3%                         | none                         | 1                               | Jun 2025       |
| Air Ambulance Northern Ireland            | £5.2m      | £2.4m        | —                          | not reported                 | —                               | Mar 2025       |
| Wiltshire Air Ambulance                   | £4.8m      | £6.4m        | —                          | none                         | 10                              | Dec 2025       |

## Lifeboats, mountain, lowland and cave rescue

## Lifeboat and rescue charities, latest accounts filed

| Charity                                               | Incom<br>e | Spendi<br>ng | Of income from<br>legacies | Government money<br>reported | Reserves, months of<br>spending | Year<br>ending |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)            | £251.3m    | £250.7m      | 60%                        | £4.4m                        | 7                               | Dec 2024       |
| Mountain Rescue England and Wales (the national body) | £1.3m      | £1.3m        | 22%                        | none                         | 14                              | Dec 2024       |
| Scottish Mountain Rescue                              | £1.5m      | £1.3m        | —                          | not reported                 | —                               | Mar 2025       |
| Association of Lowland Search and Rescue              | £90k       | £50k         | —                          | not reported                 | —                               | Mar 2025       |
| British Cave Rescue Council                           | £14k       | £15k         | —                          | not reported                 | —                               | Jan 2025       |

Rescue team charities counted together

| Group                                                       | Charities | Income | How counted                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mountain rescue team charities, England and Wales           | 46        | £6.8m  | Registered charities with 'mountain rescue' in their name, latest accounts on the register; some teams are named differently or are too small to register. |
| Lowland search and rescue team charities, England and Wales | 72        | £3.8m  | Registered charities with 'lowland' or 'search and rescue' in their name, latest accounts on the register.                                                 |
| Independent lifeboat charities                              | 23        | £2.5m  | Registered charities running lifeboats outside the RNLI, found by name, latest accounts on the register.                                                   |

What people say about it

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# Funded or charity: who pays for each emergency service

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Police, fire and rescue, NHS ambulances and HM Coastguard are paid for by the taxpayer. The lifeboats, most air ambulances and mountain, lowland and cave rescue are charities: the RNLI reported £4.4m of government money out of £251.3m of income. Figures are each body's latest.

## Key figures

|                                                                                  |                                                                       |                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>£451m</b><br>HM Coastguard, 2025-26,<br>taxpayer-funded<br>As of 15 July 2026 | <b>£305.2m</b><br>Air ambulance charities' income,<br>latest accounts | <b>£253.8m</b><br>Lifeboat charities' income, latest<br>accounts |
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## Side by side

Emergency services: who pays, and how much, latest year each

| Service                                        | Paid for by  | Spending or income               |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Police                                         | The taxpayer | £31.6bn (2025-26)                |
| Fire and rescue                                | The taxpayer | £4.2bn (2025-26)                 |
| NHS ambulance services                         | The taxpayer | £5.5bn (2024-25)                 |
| HM Coastguard (Maritime and Coastguard Agency) | The taxpayer | £451m (2025-26)                  |
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| Mountain rescue                                | Charity      | £9.5m income (latest accounts)   |
| Lowland search and rescue                      | Charity      | £3.9m income (latest accounts)   |
| Cave rescue                                    | Charity      | £10k income (latest accounts)    |

The first rows are public spending for the UK or the nations covered; the charity rows are income from each charity's latest accounts. They are shown together to make clear who pays for what, not to be added up.

Source: Maritime and Coastguard Agency, [Maritime and Coastguard Agency annual report and accounts 2025 to 2026](#), published 15 July 2026; Charity Commission for England and Wales, [Register of charities: financial history of each charity](#); Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, [Scottish Charity Register](#); Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, [Register of charities in Northern Ireland](#).

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