The wider state

Culture, media and sport, science and R&D, foreign affairs and aid, the running cost of the benefits system and the centre of government.

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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.

Culture, media and sport: museums, the arts, the BBC and sport

£15.1bn
Spent in 2025-26, cash
+11.0% on a year earlier
As of 16 July 2026

+7.4%
Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a year earlier
£15.1bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 16 July 2026

£217
Per resident, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

Science and R&D: what government spends on research and where it goes

£20.8bn
Spent in 2025-26, cash
+10.8% on a year earlier
As of 16 July 2026

+7.2%
Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a year earlier
£20.8bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 16 July 2026

£300
Per resident, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

Foreign affairs and aid: the FCDO, embassies and aid

£10.3bn
Spent in 2025-26, cash
−1.1% on a year earlier
As of 16 July 2026

−4.3%
Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a year earlier
£10.3bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 16 July 2026

£149
Per resident, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

The cost of running the benefits system

£9.7bn
Spent in 2024-25, cash
+7.1% on a year earlier
As of 9 July 2026

+3.1%
Real-terms change, 2024-25 on a year earlier
£10.0bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 9 July 2026

£140
Per resident, 2024-25
As of 9 July 2026

Running government: the Cabinet Office, Treasury, HMRC, Parliament and the Sovereign Grant

£19.9bn
Spent in 2025-26, cash
+10.0% on a year earlier
As of 16 July 2026

+6.5%
Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a year earlier
£19.9bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 16 July 2026

£286
Per resident, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

Culture, media and sport: museums, the arts, the BBC and sport

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£15.1bn was spent on recreation, culture and religion in the UK in 2025-26, **£217** per resident. That is +7.4% on a year earlier after inflation (+11.0% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £10.6bn in 1988-89 to £15.1bn. Arts Council England gives 985 National Portfolio Organisations £445m a year. The licence fee raised £3.9bn for the BBC in 2025-26.

Key figures

£15.1bn
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+11.0% on a year earlier
As of 16 July 2026

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£15.1bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 16 July 2026

£217
Per resident, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

£445m
Arts Council England National Portfolio grants a year, 2023-26
As of 31 March 2023

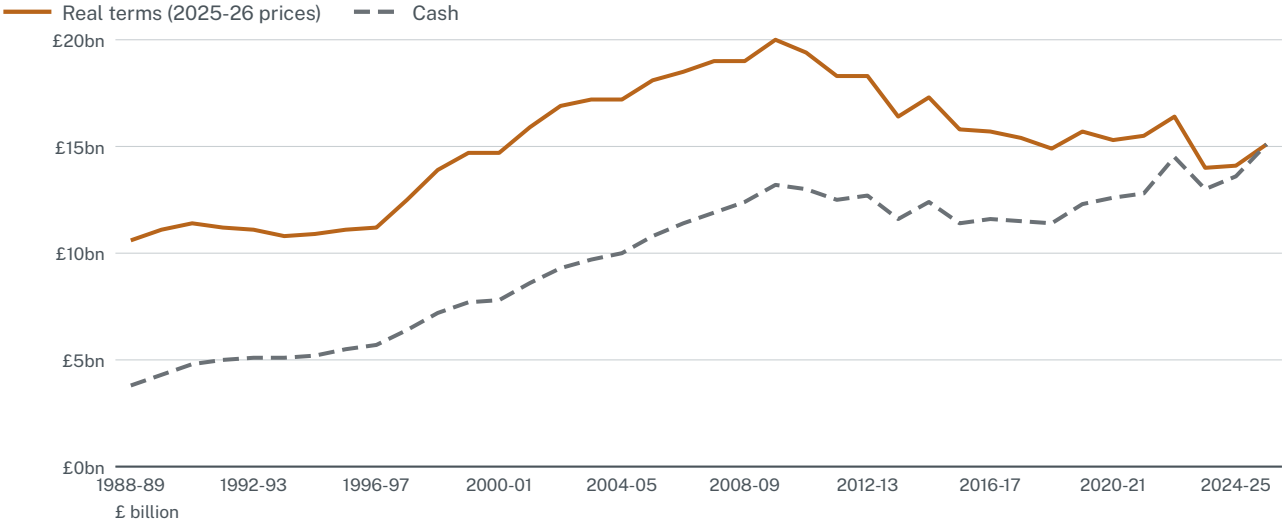
£3.9bn
Licence fee income, 2025-26
As of 14 July 2026

The short version

- **The BBC is the largest single item:** its licence-fee-funded spending is most of UK-wide culture spending.
- **Every arts grant is listed:** each National Portfolio Organisation's yearly grant, and funding per resident in every English local authority.
- **Museums side by side:** each national museum's grant-in-aid, visits and income.
- **Sport by governing body:** UK Sport by Olympic and Paralympic sport, Sport England by governing body.

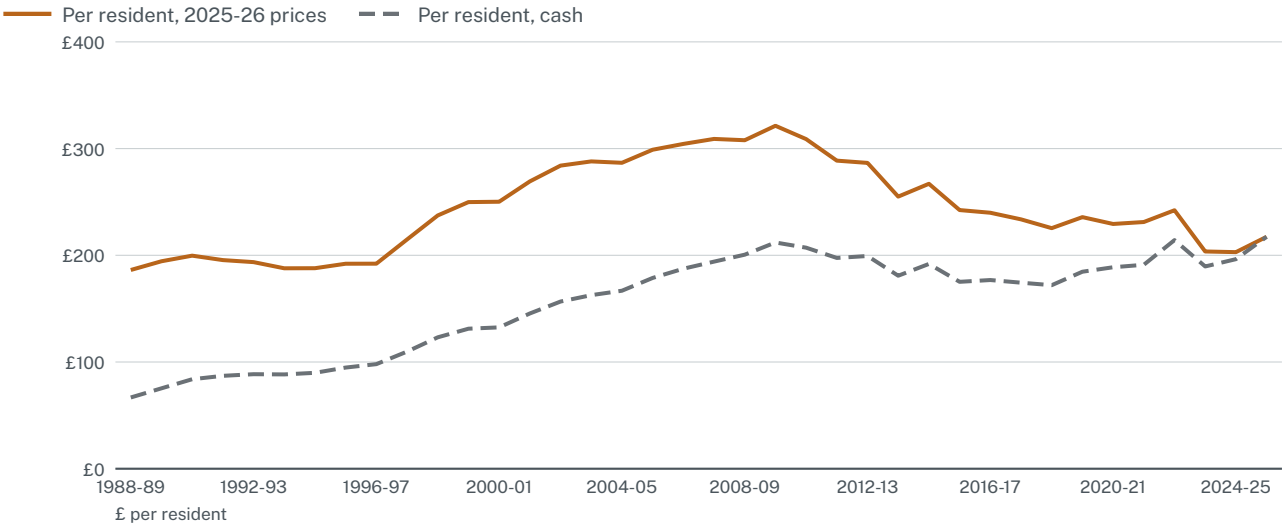
Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

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



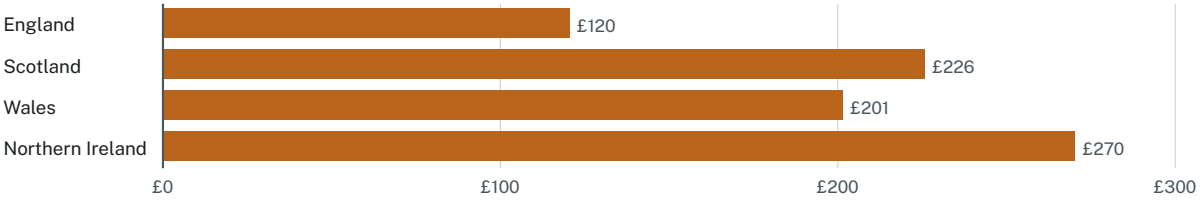
Line chart of United Kingdom spending from 1988-89 to 2025-26: £3.8bn to £15.1bn in cash; £10.6bn to £15.1bn in 2025-26 prices.

United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 1988-89 (£186) to 2025-26 (£217).

Spending per resident by nation, 2024-25



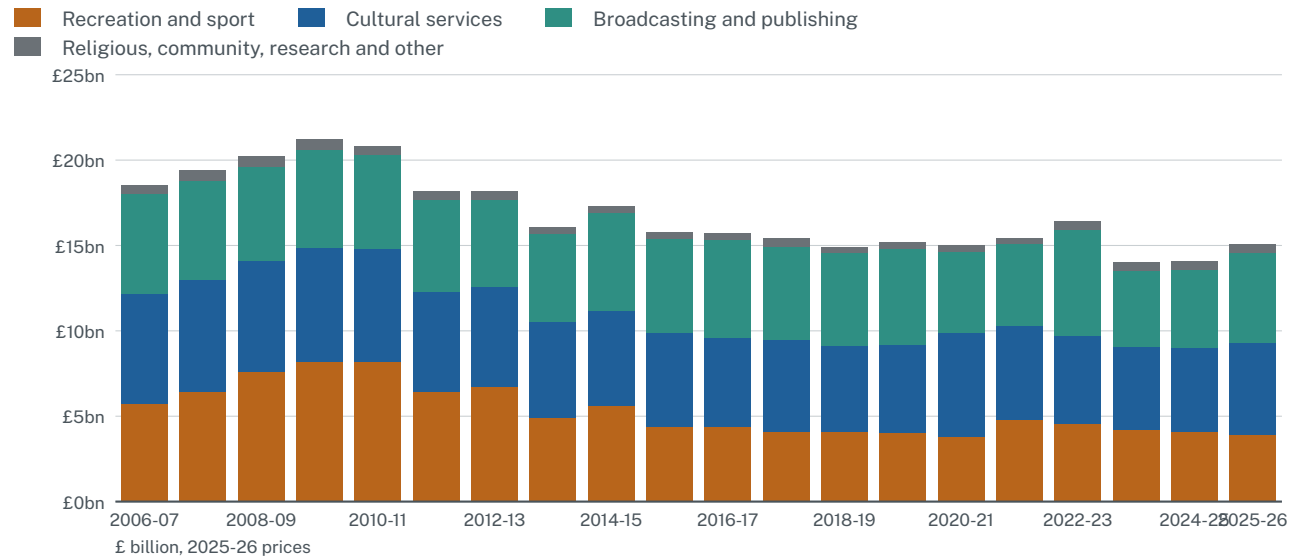
Bar chart of spending per resident by nation in 2024-25: England £120, Scotland £226, Wales £201, Northern Ireland £270.

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.

Sport, culture and broadcasting: what the money is spent on

In 2025-26 the UK spent £3.9bn on recreation and sport, £5.4bn on cultural services (museums, galleries, libraries, heritage and the arts) and £5.3bn on broadcasting and publishing, most of it the BBC. These totals count central government, councils and public corporations together.

UK public spending on recreation, culture and religion, by kind, 2025-26 prices, £ billion



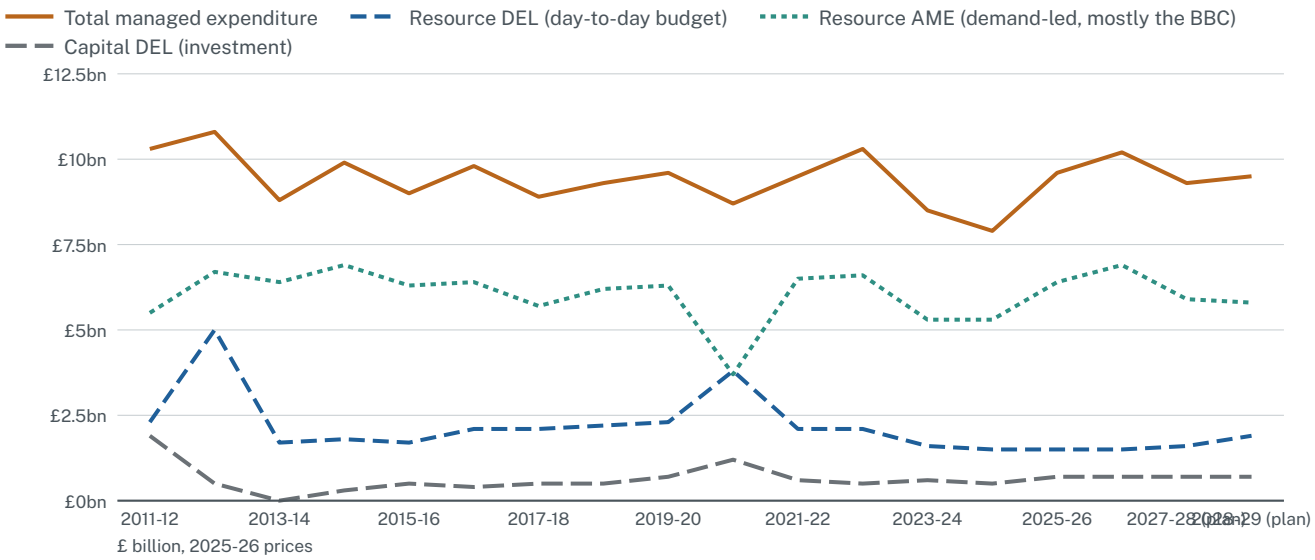
Stacked bar chart from 2006-07 to 2025-26 of UK spending on recreation and sport, cultural services, broadcasting and other, in 2025-26 prices.

Source: HM Treasury, PESA 2026: chapters 4 and 5 tables, published 16 July 2026.

DCMS and its arm's-length bodies

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport funds the national museums, the arts and sports councils for England, heritage bodies, the British Library and the BBC (through the licence fee), and regulates gambling and charities. Most of its money is spent by 34 arm's-length bodies. The BBC's licence-fee-funded spending sits in its demand-led (AME) budget.

The DCMS departmental group: total spending and its budgets, 2025-26 prices, £ billion



Line chart of the DCMS departmental group's total managed expenditure, resource DEL and resource AME from 2011-12 to 2028-29, in 2025-26 prices.

DCMS's arm's-length bodies, 2023-24: government funding, spending and staff

Body	Total spending	Government funding	Staff (FTE)	Grants given	Share of income from government	Kind of body
All 34 bodies	£3.4bn	£1.7bn	13,616	—	—	—
The National Lottery Community Fund	£773.0m	£0.0m	791	£891.0m	0%	Executive NDPB; Grant and subsidy issuing body
The Arts Council of England	£755.5m	£495.3m	629	£707.5m	99%	Executive NDPB; Grant and subsidy issuing body
National Heritage Memorial Fund	£417.9m	£18.0m	23	£403.0m	100%	Executive NDPB; Grant and subsidy issuing body
Sport England	£351.5m	£192.0m	314	£305.4m	98%	Executive NDPB; Grant and subsidy issuing body
British Library	£157.0m	£127.8m	1,460	£2.5m	84%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
UK Sport	£151.2m	£81.8m	168	£111.1m	88%	Executive NDPB; Major programmes and delivery organisation
National Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as Historic England)	£105.0m	£102.5m	955	£33.7m	87%	Executive NDPB; Advisory body
British Museum	£83.2m	£70.1m	802	£2.6m	30%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Natural History Museum	£80.0m	£68.6m	1,000	£0.2m	57%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Science Museum Group	£63.7m	£59.6m	983	£3.7m	56%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
The National Archives	£59.7m	£53.2m	560	£1.1m	78%	Non-Ministerial Department; Major programmes and delivery organisation
Victoria and Albert Museum	£59.0m	£56.9m	824	£0.8m	34%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution

Body	Total spending	Government funding	Staff (FTE)	Grants given	Share of income from government	Kind of body
Tate	£56.7m	£50.8m	1,194	£0.0m	36%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
British Film Institute	£52.8m	£25.2m	512	£23.6m	39%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
British Tourist Authority	£50.7m	£52.4m	259	£1.2m	80%	Executive NDPB; Major programmes and delivery organisation
The Charity Commission for England and Wales	£31.0m	£32.3m	450	£0.0m	96%	Non-Ministerial Department; Safety, licensing and regulation body
Imperial War Museum	£28.1m	£33.6m	398	£2.7m	52%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
National Museums & Galleries on Merseyside	£25.9m	£29.6m	355	£0.0m	71%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Royal Museums Greenwich	£21.8m	£21.4m	501	£0.0m	57%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
National Gallery	£16.1m	£28.9m	257	£0.0m	28%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Gambling Commission	£13.3m	£14.4m	335	£0.0m	32%	Executive NDPB; Economic and sectoral regulator
National Portrait Gallery	£12.6m	£11.0m	238	£0.0m	23%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
UK Anti-Doping	£7.7m	£9.1m	76	£0.0m	80%	Executive NDPB; Major programmes and delivery organisation
Royal Armouries Museum	£5.2m	£8.6m	204	£0.0m	71%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Wallace Collection	£4.6m	£4.4m	89	£0.0m	50%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Horniman Public Museum and Public Park Trust	£4.2m	£5.0m	123	£0.0m	59%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Museum of the Home	£2.5m	£2.0m	45	£0.0m	68%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
Sports Grounds Safety Authority	£1.6m	£1.7m	19	£0.0m	81%	Executive NDPB; Safety, licensing and regulation body
Sir John Soane's Museum	£0.3m	£1.5m	25	£0.0m	100%	Executive NDPB; Cultural Institution
The Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art and Objects of Cultural Interest	£0.0m	£0.0m	0	£0.0m	—	Advisory NDPB; Advisory body
The Advisory Council on National Records and Archives	£0.0m	£0.0m	0	£0.0m	—	Advisory NDPB; Advisory body
Treasure Valuation Committee	£0.0m	£0.0m	0	£0.0m	—	Advisory NDPB; Advisory body
The Theatres Trust	£0.0m	£0.0m	12	£0.3m	0%	Advisory NDPB; Advisory body
Horserace Betting Levy Board	£-13.7m	£0.0m	16	£92.5m	0%	Executive NDPB; Grant and subsidy issuing body

Total spending is total managed expenditure as each body reported it to the Cabinet Office; staff are full-time equivalents on 31 March. The National Lottery Community Fund and the heritage funds spend Lottery money, which is not government funding. The BBC is a public corporation, not in this directory; its staff are in the BBC section.

Source: Cabinet Office, Public Bodies Directory 2023-24, published 29 May 2025; HM Treasury, PESA 2026: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets and total managed expenditure), published 16 July 2026.

Where the money goes, level by level

1. UK total
2. Nation
3. Department or service body

4. Local body
5. Spending category not published
6. Line or transaction

United Kingdom

Public spending on recreation, culture and religion (COFOG 8): sport and recreation, museums, galleries, libraries, heritage and the arts, broadcasting (mostly the BBC), and religious and community services. Central and local government and public corporations together.

£15.1bn in 2025-26 (cash); £15.1bn in 2025-26 prices; £217 per resident; +11.0% on a year earlier in cash, +7.4% in real terms.

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	£7.1bn	£7.3bn	£120	+0.2%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Not identifiable to one nation (UK-wide)	£4.1bn	£4.3bn	£59.69	+1.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Scotland	£1.3bn	£1.3bn	£226	−4.1%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Wales	£640m	£662m	£201	+4.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Northern Ireland	£521m	£539m	£270	+6.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below

England

Identifiable spending: what can be assigned to people in this nation. UK-wide spending (most of the BBC, the British Library, UK Sport) is not assigned to a nation.

£7.1bn in 2024-25 (cash); £7.3bn in 2025-26 prices; £120 per resident; +4.1% on a year earlier in cash, +0.2% in real terms.

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
Cultural services, England	£3.7bn	£3.8bn	£62.86	+1.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Recreation and sport, England	£2.8bn	£2.9bn	£47.72	−2.3%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: HM Treasury does not break this down by body. Sport England's awards (by year, by governing body and by area) and UK Sport's funding by sport are in the sport section; councils' leisure spending is on the local government page.
Religious, community, research and other, England	£306m	£316m	£5.22	+0.8%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: HM Treasury does not break this down by body.
Broadcasting and publishing, England	£268m	£277m	£4.57	+5.7%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Most broadcasting spending is the BBC's and is UK-wide, so it is not assigned to England; the BBC is under "not identifiable to one nation".

Cultural services, England

The rows below are DCMS's grant-in-aid to its sponsored bodies, the part of this total published body by body. They do not add up to it: councils' museums, libraries and arts spending, capital spending and other bodies make up the rest.

£3.7bn in 2024-25 (cash); £3.8bn in 2025-26 prices; £62.86 per resident; +5.7% on a year earlier in cash, +1.7% in real terms.

Cultural services, 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
Arts Council England	£578m	£598m	—	+1.5%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: Arts Council England does not publish its spending by line as data; every National Portfolio Organisation's yearly grant is in the arts section of this page.
English Heritage Trust	not published	not published	—	—	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Natural History Museum	£89m	£92m	—	+25.3%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Historic England	£83m	£86m	—	−22.1%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
British Museum	£74m	£77m	—	+1.8%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Science Museum Group	£62m	£64m	—	+0.4%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Victoria and Albert Museum	£56m	£58m	—	−4.9%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Tate	£54m	£56m	—	+2.0%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Imperial War Museums	£33m	£34m	—	−4.8%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
National Gallery	£31m	£32m	—	+2.6%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Royal Museums Greenwich	£27m	£28m	—	+20.9%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.

Local body	Cash, 2024-25	Real terms (2025-26 prices)	Per resident	Real change on a year earlier	Source	Below this
National Museums Liverpool	£26m	£27m	—	−16.0%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
National Portrait Gallery	£11m	£11m	—	−3.7%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Royal Armouries	£8m	£8m	—	−8.2%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Horniman Museum and Gardens	£7m	£7m	—	+12.1%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Wallace Collection	£3m	£4m	—	−26.3%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Museum of the Home	£2m	£2m	—	−4.5%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
Sir John Soane's Museum	£1m	£1m	—	−18.6%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.

Not identifiable to one nation (UK-wide)

Worked out here as the UK total less the four nations' identifiable spending, so it includes anything spent outside the UK. Most of it is the BBC. The rows below are parts published separately and do not add up to the total.

£4.1bn in 2024-25 (cash); £4.3bn in 2025-26 prices; £59.69 per resident; +5.7% on a year earlier in cash, +1.7% in real terms.

Not identifiable to one nation (UK-wide): 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
BBC: public service broadcasting (licence fee funded)	£4.5bn	£4.6bn	£64.90	—	BBC	Broken down below
British Library	£136m	£140m	—	+2.2%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.
British Film Institute	£35m	£36m	—	+32.2%	Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Spending category not published: DCMS publishes grant-in-aid as one figure per body; how each spends it is in its own annual report and accounts, not published as data.

BBC: public service broadcasting (licence fee funded)

The BBC's total public service broadcasting expenditure as its annual report gives it. It is paid for by the licence fee, which the BBC collects and pays into the Consolidated Fund, and DCMS pays back to the BBC as grant.

£4.5bn in 2025-26 (cash); £4.5bn in 2025-26 prices; £64.98 per resident; +0.4% on a year earlier in cash, −2.8% in real terms.

BBC: public service broadcasting (licence fee funded): by line or transaction, 2025-26

Line or transaction	Cash, 2025-26	Real terms (2025-26 prices)	Per resident	Real change on a year earlier	Source	Below this
Content delivery	£608m	£608m	£8.75	+8.7%	BBC	
Listen (radio and audio)	£553m	£553m	£7.96	−0.4%	BBC	
Film and drama	£448m	£448m	£6.45	−1.7%	BBC	
Other watch spend	£390m	£390m	£5.61	−24.8%	BBC	
Factual and learning	£295m	£295m	£4.25	+1.9%	BBC	
Entertainment and comedy	£268m	£268m	£3.86	+10.8%	BBC	
News and current affairs	£263m	£263m	£3.79	−16.9%	BBC	
Audience support	£257m	£257m	£3.70	+13.0%	BBC	
Corporate overheads	£244m	£244m	£3.51	+10.3%	BBC	
Costs of generating non-licence fee income	£226m	£226m	£3.25	−1.5%	BBC	
Licence fee collection costs	£190m	£190m	£2.73	+10.7%	BBC	
BBC World Service (licence fee funded)	£178m	£178m	£2.56	−18.4%	BBC	
Browse (online)	£168m	£168m	£2.42	+1.0%	BBC	
BBC World Service grant spend	£137m	£137m	£1.97	+27.4%	BBC	
Sport production	£99m	£99m	£1.42	−18.9%	BBC	
S4C	£98m	£98m	£1.41	−0.2%	BBC	
Children's	£48m	£48m	£0.69	+93.5%	BBC	
Arts and music	£18m	£18m	£0.26	+2.3%	BBC	
Restructuring	£18m	£18m	£0.26	−79.3%	BBC	
Monitoring	£9m	£9m	£0.13	−12.6%	BBC	
Pension deficit reduction payment	£0m	£0m	£0.00	−100.0%	BBC	

Scotland

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£1.3bn in 2024-25 (cash); £1.3bn in 2025-26 prices; £226 per resident; −0.3% on a year earlier in cash, −4.1% 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
Cultural services, Scotland	£609m	£629m	£110	−2.7%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Scotland's spending down by body; Creative Scotland, sportscotland, National Museums Scotland and the National Library of Scotland publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Recreation and sport, Scotland	£583m	£603m	£105	−4.9%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Scotland's spending down by body; Creative Scotland, sportscotland, National Museums Scotland and the National Library of Scotland publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Religious, community, research and other, Scotland	£33m	£34m	£5.95	−11.9%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Scotland's spending down by body; Creative Scotland, sportscotland, National Museums Scotland and the National Library of Scotland publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Broadcasting and publishing, Scotland	£26m	£27m	£4.69	−3.7%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Most broadcasting spending in Scotland is the BBC's UK-wide spending; the BBC's own income and spend in Scotland is in the BBC section.

Wales

Identifiable spending: what can be assigned to people in this nation. UK-wide spending (most of the BBC, the British Library, UK Sport) is not assigned to a nation.

£640m in 2024-25 (cash); £662m in 2025-26 prices; £201 per resident; +8.8% on a year earlier in cash, +4.7% in real terms.

Wales: 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
Cultural services, Wales	£294m	£304m	£92.51	+12.7%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Wales's spending down by body; the Arts Council of Wales, Sport Wales, Amgueddfa Cymru and the National Library of Wales publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Recreation and sport, Wales	£287m	£297m	£90.31	+0.1%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Wales's spending down by body; the Arts Council of Wales, Sport Wales, Amgueddfa Cymru and the National Library of Wales publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Religious, community, research and other, Wales	£47m	£49m	£14.79	−7.7%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Wales's spending down by body; the Arts Council of Wales, Sport Wales, Amgueddfa Cymru and the National Library of Wales publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Broadcasting and publishing, Wales	£13m	£13m	£4.09	+4.2%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Most broadcasting spending in Wales is the BBC's UK-wide spending; the BBC's own income and spend in Wales is in the BBC section.

Northern Ireland

Identifiable spending: what can be assigned to people in this nation. UK-wide spending (most of the BBC, the British Library, UK Sport) is not assigned to a nation.

£521m in 2024-25 (cash); £539m in 2025-26 prices; £270 per resident; +10.9% on a year earlier in cash, +6.7% in real terms.

Northern Ireland: 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
Cultural services, Northern Ireland	£264m	£273m	£137	+15.5%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Northern Ireland's spending down by body; the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Sport NI and National Museums NI publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Recreation and sport, Northern Ireland	£198m	£205m	£103	−1.8%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Northern Ireland's spending down by body; the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Sport NI and National Museums NI publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Religious, community, research and other, Northern Ireland	£47m	£49m	£24.38	+2.7%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Culture and sport are devolved. HM Treasury does not break Northern Ireland's spending down by body; the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Sport NI and National Museums NI publish their grants in their annual reports, not as data. Councils' spending is on the local government page.
Broadcasting and publishing, Northern Ireland	£12m	£12m	£6.22	−3.9%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: Most broadcasting spending in Northern Ireland is the BBC's UK-wide spending; the BBC's own income and spend in Northern Ireland is in the BBC section.

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 for Culture, Media and Sport: no file of spending over £25,000 found. DCMS's spending collection on GOV.UK now carries only its procurement-card (GPC) payments over £500; no file of supplier payments over £25,000 was found there.

Where it would be published: www.gov.uk/government/collections/dcms-spending-over-500. Checked 2026-09-24.

On the map

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

The map covers the whole UK. Where the nations publish the same measure, they share one scale. Where they publish different ones, each nation is shaded against its own measure on its own scale, named in its own part of the legend, and the nations cannot be compared with each other. Where a nation publishes nothing for a measure, the map says so and links to what it publishes instead. Pick an area for its figures and a link to its page.

Every one of the council areas, on each measure on the map England: Arts Council England National Portfolio funding, per resident a year, 2023-26. Scotland: Creative Scotland Multi-Year Funding, per resident a year, 2026-27. Wales: Arts Council of Wales multi-year funding, per resident a year, 2024-25. Northern Ireland: Arts Council of Northern Ireland annual funding, per resident a year, 2024-25. The nations' figures are different measures and are not directly comparable.

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
City of London	England	£316.40	£224.43
Westminster	England	£139.19	£270.85
Lambeth	England	£128.62	£4.76
Stratford-on-Avon	England	£110.85	£1.49
Camden	England	£47.26	£48.67
Islington	England	£44.46	£4.07
Manchester	England	£42.34	£7.36
Tower Hamlets	England	£41.89	£1.71
Southwark	England	£38.91	£40.11
Leeds	England	£34.75	£5.71
Gateshead	England	£34.72	£2.39
Newcastle upon Tyne	England	£28.50	£1.67
Norwich	England	£27.16	£2.08
Hackney	England	£23.82	£6.14
Birmingham	England	£22.69	£3.73
Oxford	England	£21.65	£0.82
Ipswich	England	£19.86	£0.90
Kensington and Chelsea	England	£19.75	£1.69
Liverpool	England	£19.74	£3.27
Waverley	England	£19.74	£0.47
Bristol	England	£18.93	£1.80
Nottingham	England	£18.47	£1.77
Leicester	England	£17.30	£2.35
Brighton and Hove	England	£15.90	£1.90
Watford	England	£15.37	£1.61
Plymouth	England	£15.20	£1.36
Southampton	England	£15.02	£2.69
Cambridge	England	£14.72	£1.40
Chichester	England	£13.83	£0.41
York	England	£13.39	£1.13
North Devon	England	£12.48	£0.90
Colchester	England	£11.59	£1.00
Newcastle-under-Lyme	England	£11.49	£0.89
Hammersmith and Fulham	England	£11.43	£0.96
Derby	England	£11.29	£3.75
Kingston upon Hull	England	£11.18	£4.75
Lewisham	England	£11.05	£1.00
Coventry	England	£10.38	£2.64
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	England	£9.66	£1.18
Wakefield	England	£9.57	£0.70
Exeter	England	£9.27	£17.68
Barnsley	England	£9.24	£4.10
Hastings	England	£9.10	£1.98

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
Thanet	England	£8.13	£2.46
Stockton-on-Tees	England	£7.94	£3.42
Lewes	England	£7.87	£4.18
East Suffolk	England	£7.82	£2.71
Westmorland and Furness	England	£7.81	£1.60
Folkestone and Hythe	England	£7.67	£0.86
Cumberland	England	£7.42	£2.61
East Lindsey	England	£7.25	£5.86
Mansfield	England	£7.22	£0.81
Wandsworth	England	£6.91	£4.18
Winchester	England	£6.76	£4.98
Newham	England	£6.75	£10.01
Gloucester	England	£6.61	£5.67
Sheffield	England	£6.38	£2.84
Middlesbrough	England	£6.23	£4.62
Lincoln	England	£6.10	£1.41
Warwick	England	£6.05	£4.61
Bradford	England	£6.02	£3.14
Great Yarmouth	England	£5.95	£1.20
Eastbourne	England	£5.85	£0.97
Calderdale	England	£5.73	£12.48
Newark and Sherwood	England	£5.61	£4.68
Cheltenham	England	£5.58	£1.09
Rother	England	£5.45	£1.24
Blackpool	England	£5.42	£1.86
Isle of Wight	England	£5.36	£2.52
Brent	England	£4.79	£100.68
Haringey	England	£4.69	£0.82
Salford	England	£4.61	£3.12
High Peak	England	£4.60	£2.96
Lancaster	England	£4.57	£0.87
Medway	England	£4.53	£0.92
Rossendale	England	£4.47	£2.47
Wigan	England	£4.41	£0.84
Milton Keynes	England	£4.40	£3.08
Southend-on-Sea	England	£4.36	£0.71
Blackburn with Darwen	England	£4.23	£16.52
Durham	England	£4.13	£2.97
Croydon	England	£4.03	£1.00
Merton	England	£4.02	£0.64
Herefordshire	England	£3.96	£1.13
Northumberland	England	£3.94	£1.13
Telford and Wrekin	England	£3.90	£0.56
Fenland	England	£3.84	£7.33
Luton	England	£3.81	£5.03
Rochdale	England	£3.81	£0.96
Sunderland	England	£3.80	£1.96

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
Wolverhampton	England	£3.74	£0.61
Reading	England	£3.58	£0.43
Darlington	England	£3.52	£2.13
Ashford	England	£3.47	£0.83
Worcester	England	£3.45	£4.34
West Berkshire	England	£3.36	£0.69
Oadby and Wigston	England	£3.35	£2.70
Mid Suffolk	England	£3.31	£0.57
Walsall	England	£3.23	£1.32
Sandwell	England	£3.21	£3.11
St Helens	England	£3.18	£1.97
Swindon	England	£3.15	£4.13
Derbyshire Dales	England	£3.06	£5.32
South Tyneside	England	£3.03	£1.22
North Somerset	England	£3.00	£0.99
Torridge	England	£2.96	£1.39
Maldon	England	£2.93	£0.16
West Northamptonshire	England	£2.87	£1.00
Wiltshire	England	£2.85	£2.02
Epsom and Ewell	England	£2.78	£1.78
Dorset	England	£2.77	£0.57
South Cambridgeshire	England	£2.74	£0.45
Worthing	England	£2.72	£0.75
Kirklees	England	£2.66	£1.23
Halton	England	£2.58	£1.87
Hyndburn	England	£2.53	£12.12
Knowsley	England	£2.51	£0.78
Redcar and Cleveland	England	£2.50	£9.07
Blaby	England	£2.48	£0.38
North Yorkshire	England	£2.48	£1.19
Cornwall	England	£2.43	£1.87
Stoke-on-Trent	England	£2.43	£3.49
Slough	England	£2.41	£0.89
Chesterfield	England	£2.40	£5.49
St Albans	England	£2.35	£0.75
Cheshire West and Chester	England	£2.32	£1.53
Dudley	England	£2.32	£2.45
Shropshire	England	£2.32	£1.70
Canterbury	England	£2.30	£0.83
Harlow	England	£2.28	£0.64
Tunbridge Wells	England	£2.27	£2.07
Kingston upon Thames	England	£2.26	£0.18
Somerset	England	£2.23	£1.39
Stroud	England	£2.20	£1.45
Basingstoke and Deane	England	£2.15	£0.40
Rotherham	England	£2.09	£1.54
Windsor and Maidenhead	England	£2.07	£4.06

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
Bolton	England	£2.05	£0.80
Portsmouth	England	£1.97	£0.91
Thurrock	England	£1.97	£0.75
Boston	England	£1.79	£1.61
Doncaster	England	£1.78	£8.19
Havering	England	£1.78	£1.51
Barking and Dagenham	England	£1.75	£0.99
Bolsover	England	£1.75	£2.31
Trafford	England	£1.74	£7.39
Bedford	England	£1.73	£1.24
Gravesham	England	£1.73	£7.18
Rushmoor	England	£1.72	£0.70
Greenwich	England	£1.69	£2.39
North Kesteven	England	£1.69	£4.76
North Lincolnshire	England	£1.63	£1.96
Maidstone	England	£1.54	£1.29
West Suffolk	England	£1.54	£0.80
Nuneaton and Bedworth	England	£1.52	£3.07
Dover	England	£1.47	£0.30
Pendle	England	£1.45	£3.66
Preston	England	£1.45	£11.38
Stafford	England	£1.43	£1.24
Woking	England	£1.42	£3.13
Burnley	England	£1.34	£4.13
Harrow	England	£1.31	£0.51
Redbridge	England	£1.27	£0.44
Crawley	England	£1.22	£3.48
East Riding of Yorkshire	England	£1.21	£3.71
Chelmsford	England	£1.20	£21.10
Broxtowe	England	£1.17	£0.30
Teignbridge	England	£1.15	£1.24
Barnet	England	£1.14	£0.69
Test Valley	England	£1.10	£1.01
Cherwell	England	£1.09	£2.28
Oldham	England	£1.04	£2.22
Hounslow	England	£1.03	£0.74
Bath and North East Somerset	England	£1.01	£1.33
Tameside	England	£1.00	£1.12
Havant	England	£0.97	£2.73
Bury	England	£0.96	£1.63
North Tyneside	England	£0.92	£4.63
Eastleigh	England	£0.90	£0.96
New Forest	England	£0.85	£0.83
South Derbyshire	England	£0.79	£0.35
North East Lincolnshire	England	£0.76	£1.57
Charnwood	England	£0.72	£102.52
Central Bedfordshire	England	£0.71	£0.91

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
Bromley	England	£0.70	£0.52
Torbay	England	£0.70	£1.26
Sefton	England	£0.69	£0.88
Peterborough	England	£0.68	£2.51
East Hampshire	England	£0.63	£0.88
Forest of Dean	England	£0.56	£0.83
Rugby	England	£0.53	£1.26
Richmond upon Thames	England	£0.52	£4.43
North Northamptonshire	England	£0.47	£0.89
Sutton	England	£0.47	£0.60
Wirral	England	£0.46	£1.19
Stockport	England	£0.44	£3.41
Bexley	England	£0.43	£0.63
Cheshire East	England	£0.39	£2.73
South Gloucestershire	England	£0.36	£0.97
Buckinghamshire	England	£0.35	£1.37
Horsham	England	£0.33	£0.36
Enfield	England	£0.31	£0.50
Waltham Forest	England	£0.22	£0.62
Adur	England	£0.00	£0.21
Amber Valley	England	£0.00	£1.30
Arun	England	£0.00	£0.79
Ashfield	England	£0.00	£1.13
Babergh	England	£0.00	£0.31
Basildon	England	£0.00	£0.52
Bassetlaw	England	£0.00	£0.88
Bracknell Forest	England	£0.00	£0.38
Braintree	England	£0.00	£1.12
Breckland	England	£0.00	£1.62
Brentwood	England	£0.00	£1.75
Broadland	England	£0.00	£0.52
Bromsgrove	England	£0.00	£0.84
Broxbourne	England	£0.00	£1.57
Cannock Chase	England	£0.00	£1.18
Castle Point	England	£0.00	£0.82
Chorley	England	£0.00	£0.74
Cotswold	England	£0.00	£0.98
Dacorum	England	£0.00	£1.68
Dartford	England	£0.00	£0.39
Ealing	England	£0.00	£0.86
East Cambridgeshire	England	£0.00	£0.97
East Devon	England	£0.00	£0.37
East Hertfordshire	England	£0.00	£0.58
East Staffordshire	England	£0.00	£3.55
Elmbridge	England	£0.00	£1.26
Epping Forest	England	£0.00	£1.14
Erewash	England	£0.00	£2.24

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
Fareham	England	£0.00	£2.05
Fylde	England	£0.00	£1.29
Gedling	England	£0.00	£0.81
Gosport	England	£0.00	£0.40
Guildford	England	£0.00	£1.46
Harborough	England	£0.00	£1.70
Hart	England	£0.00	£1.36
Hartlepool	England	£0.00	£3.47
Hertsmere	England	£0.00	£0.65
Hillingdon	England	£0.00	£0.65
Hinckley and Bosworth	England	£0.00	£1.29
Huntingdonshire	England	£0.00	£4.44
Isles of Scilly	England	£0.00	£8.09
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	England	£0.00	£0.64
Lichfield	England	£0.00	£0.57
Malvern Hills	England	£0.00	£1.12
Melton	England	£0.00	£1.56
Mid Devon	England	£0.00	£1.76
Mid Sussex	England	£0.00	£0.33
Mole Valley	England	£0.00	£2.59
North East Derbyshire	England	£0.00	£0.92
North Hertfordshire	England	£0.00	£0.75
North Norfolk	England	£0.00	£0.91
North Warwickshire	England	£0.00	£1.59
North West Leicestershire	England	£0.00	£1.16
Redditch	England	£0.00	£1.96
Reigate and Banstead	England	£0.00	£0.34
Ribble Valley	England	£0.00	£0.68
Rochford	England	£0.00	£1.98
Runnymede	England	£0.00	£0.07
Rushcliffe	England	£0.00	£0.86
Rutland	England	£0.00	£0.78
Sevenoaks	England	£0.00	£1.81
Solihull	England	£0.00	£5.53
South Hams	England	£0.00	£1.40
South Holland	England	£0.00	£0.41
South Kesteven	England	£0.00	£2.14
South Norfolk	England	£0.00	£2.91
South Oxfordshire	England	£0.00	£0.61
South Ribble	England	£0.00	£6.20
South Staffordshire	England	£0.00	£0.73
Spelthorne	England	£0.00	£3.46
Staffordshire Moorlands	England	£0.00	£8.45
Stevenage	England	£0.00	£0.58
Surrey Heath	England	£0.00	£1.29
Swale	England	£0.00	£0.63
Tamworth	England	£0.00	£1.56

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
Tandridge	England	£0.00	£1.22
Tendring	England	£0.00	£1.66
Tewkesbury	England	£0.00	£0.21
Three Rivers	England	£0.00	£0.84
Tonbridge and Malling	England	£0.00	£7.60
Uttlesford	England	£0.00	£2.23
Vale of White Horse	England	£0.00	£1.61
Warrington	England	£0.00	£0.48
Wealden	England	£0.00	£1.03
Welwyn Hatfield	England	£0.00	£4.11
West Devon	England	£0.00	£0.44
West Lancashire	England	£0.00	£1.09
West Lindsey	England	£0.00	£1.81
West Oxfordshire	England	£0.00	£2.92
Wokingham	England	£0.00	£4.00
Wychavon	England	£0.00	£0.41
Wyre	England	£0.00	£1.27
Wyre Forest	England	£0.00	£0.74
City of Edinburgh	Scotland	£52.40	£1.98
Na h-Eileanan Siar	Scotland	£40.65	£8.13
Dundee City	Scotland	£33.91	£3.50
Orkney Islands	Scotland	£32.51	£10.29
Glasgow City	Scotland	£30.87	£2.21
Shetland Islands	Scotland	£28.08	£11.90
Highland	Scotland	£15.03	£5.09
Stirling	Scotland	£12.07	£4.69
Argyll & Bute	Scotland	£11.88	£4.27
Perth & Kinross	Scotland	£11.32	£2.76
Aberdeen City	Scotland	£7.72	£3.15
Moray	Scotland	£7.28	£3.36
Inverclyde	Scotland	£7.19	£5.37
Dumfries & Galloway	Scotland	£5.56	£2.99
Aberdeenshire	Scotland	£4.82	£2.95
East Lothian	Scotland	£4.66	£2.55
Scottish Borders	Scotland	£3.59	£3.55
East Dunbartonshire	Scotland	£3.47	£3.18
North Ayrshire	Scotland	£2.48	£4.61
Fife	Scotland	£2.20	£2.32
Angus	Scotland	£2.19	£3.33
South Ayrshire	Scotland	£2.01	£6.30
South Lanarkshire	Scotland	£1.95	£2.67
East Ayrshire	Scotland	£1.67	£3.67
Renfrewshire	Scotland	£1.33	£3.03
Falkirk	Scotland	£0.65	£2.44
West Lothian	Scotland	£0.30	£2.90
North Lanarkshire	Scotland	£0.17	£2.83
Clackmannanshire	Scotland	£0.00	£8.77

Council area	Nation	Arts funding	Sport funding
East Renfrewshire	Scotland	£0.00	£3.17
Midlothian	Scotland	£0.00	£2.44
West Dunbartonshire	Scotland	£0.00	£3.19
Cardiff	Wales	£42.56	£0.91
Gwynedd	Wales	£19.89	£1.49
Ceredigion	Wales	£18.76	£1.98
Flintshire	Wales	£11.74	£0.80
Carmarthenshire	Wales	£7.11	£1.56
Newport	Wales	£7.05	£0.73
Pembrokeshire	Wales	£6.76	£2.28
Powys	Wales	£5.15	£1.40
Denbighshire	Wales	£4.04	£1.32
Bridgend	Wales	£3.45	£1.07
Conwy	Wales	£3.45	£0.85
Merthyr Tydfil	Wales	£3.41	£1.00
Rhondda Cynon Taf	Wales	£2.71	£0.74
Neath Port Talbot	Wales	£2.70	£0.80
Swansea	Wales	£2.22	£0.98
Wrexham	Wales	£2.18	£0.66
Isle of Anglesey	Wales	£1.11	£1.42
Torfaen	Wales	£0.92	£1.89
Caerphilly	Wales	£0.75	£0.57
Blaenau Gwent	Wales	£0.00	£0.45
Monmouthshire	Wales	£0.00	£0.70
Vale of Glamorgan	Wales	£0.00	£0.95
Belfast	Northern Ireland	£30.70	Not published
Derry City and Strabane	Northern Ireland	£9.84	Not published
Causeway Coast and Glens	Northern Ireland	£1.75	Not published
Ards and North Down	Northern Ireland	£0.96	Not published
Fermanagh and Omagh	Northern Ireland	£0.68	Not published
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	Northern Ireland	£0.60	Not published
Newry, Mourne and Down	Northern Ireland	£0.56	Not published
Mid Ulster	Northern Ireland	£0.24	Not published
Lisburn and Castlereagh	Northern Ireland	£0.23	Not published
Antrim and Newtownabbey	Northern Ireland	£0.00	Not published
Mid and East Antrim	Northern Ireland	£0.00	Not published

The national museums: grant-in-aid, visits and income

DCMS funds 15 national museums and galleries in England, most of them free to enter. In 2024-25 they had 41,933,388 visits and received £485.2m in grant-in-aid, £11.57 per visit. In the twelve months to June 2026 there were 45,081,652 visits, up 6.6% on the twelve months before.

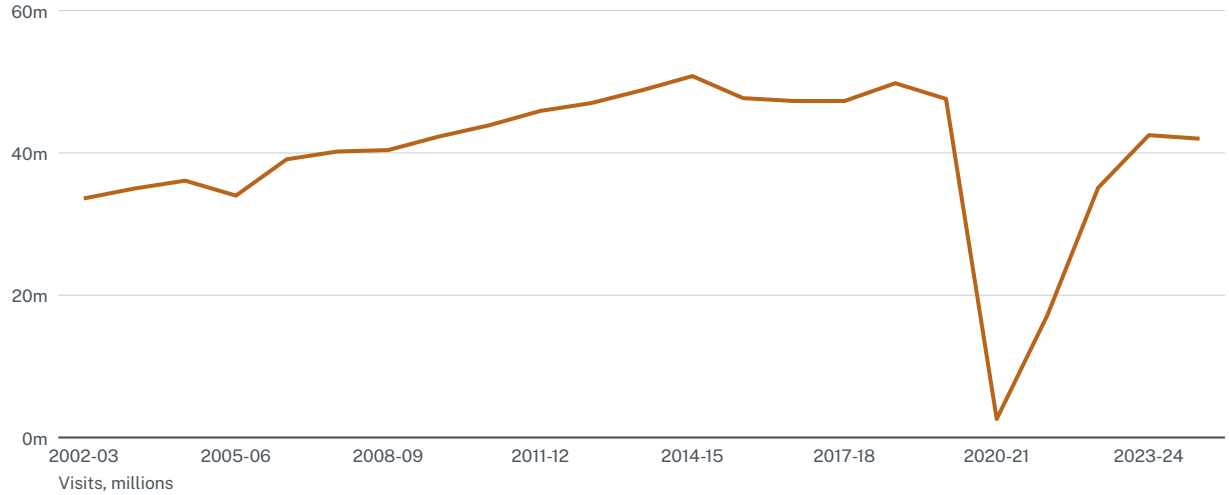
DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries, 2024-25

Museum or gallery	Grant-in-aid	Visits	Grant-in-aid per visit	Grant-in-aid as share of income	Overseas visitors	Total income
All sponsored museums	£485.2m	41,933,388	£11.57	—	—	—
British Museum	£74.2m	6,474,734	£11.46	7%	59%	£1.1bn
Tate	£53.9m	6,064,020	£8.89	32%	39%	£167.2m
Natural History Museum	£89.3m	6,056,157	£14.75	57%	61%	£156.1m
Science Museum Group	£62.2m	4,002,918	£15.54	52%	22%	£120.2m
Victoria and Albert Museum	£56.2m	3,956,000	£14.22	38%	44%	£147.2m
National Gallery	£30.8m	3,203,023	£9.61	30%	50%	£104.0m
National Museums Liverpool	£25.8m	2,320,472	£11.13	69%	26%	£37.4m
Royal Armouries	£8.2m	2,274,640	£3.59	57%	58%	£14.2m
Imperial War Museums	£33.3m	2,239,070	£14.85	39%	42%	£86.2m
Royal Museums Greenwich	£26.9m	2,198,914	£12.23	55%	64%	£48.7m
National Portrait Gallery	£11.0m	1,601,902	£6.86	34%	35%	£32.7m
Horniman Museum and Gardens	£6.9m	669,552	£10.36	67%	8%	£10.4m
Wallace Collection	£3.4m	526,486	£6.36	40%	47%	£8.3m
Museum of the Home	£1.9m	181,992	£10.65	58%	18%	£3.3m
Sir John Soane's Museum	£1.3m	163,508	£7.70	30%	47%	£4.2m

What each measure counts

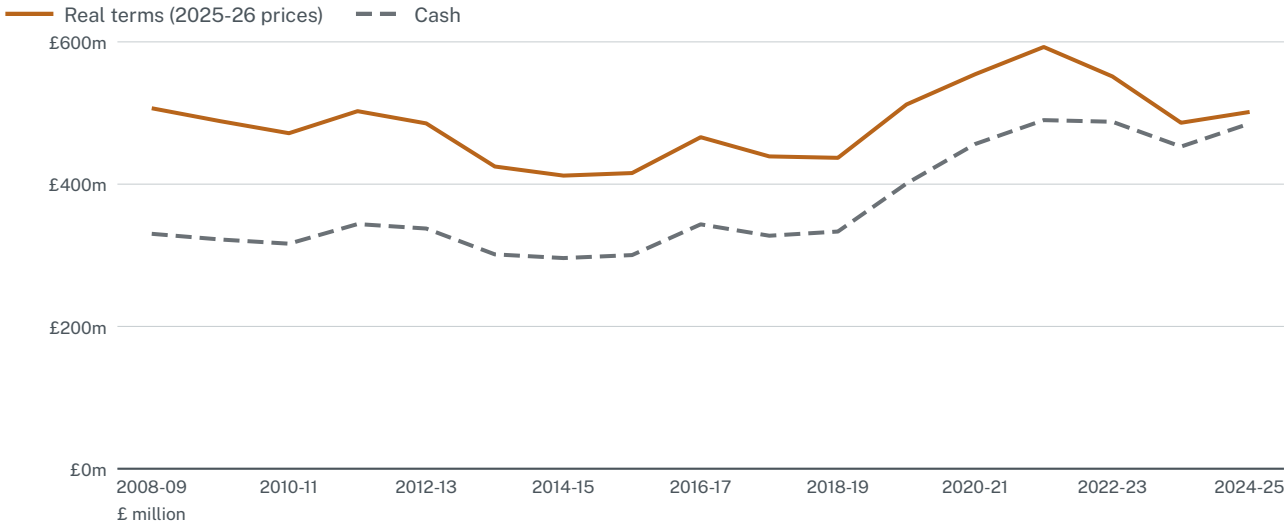
- **Visits** Visits to the museum or gallery's sites in the financial year, as it reports them to DCMS under the performance indicator guidance. Each museum counts in its own way; DCMS advises caution comparing years affected by closures.
- **Grant-in-aid per visit** Grant-in-aid divided by visits in the same year, worked out here. Grant-in-aid also pays for collections care, research, loans and online services, so this is not a subsidy per visitor.
- **Grant-in-aid as a share of total income** Grant-in-aid as a percentage of the body's total income in DCMS's statistics (grant-in-aid, admissions, trading, fundraising and donated objects), worked out here. A large donation in one year lowers the share.
- **Overseas visitors** Visits by people living outside the UK, as a percentage of all visits, worked out here from DCMS's tables.

Visits to DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries, millions a year



Line chart of total visits to DCMS-sponsored museums from 2002-03 to 2024-25: 33,615,000 to 42,022,000.

DCMS grant-in-aid to the sponsored museums together, 2025-26 prices, £ million



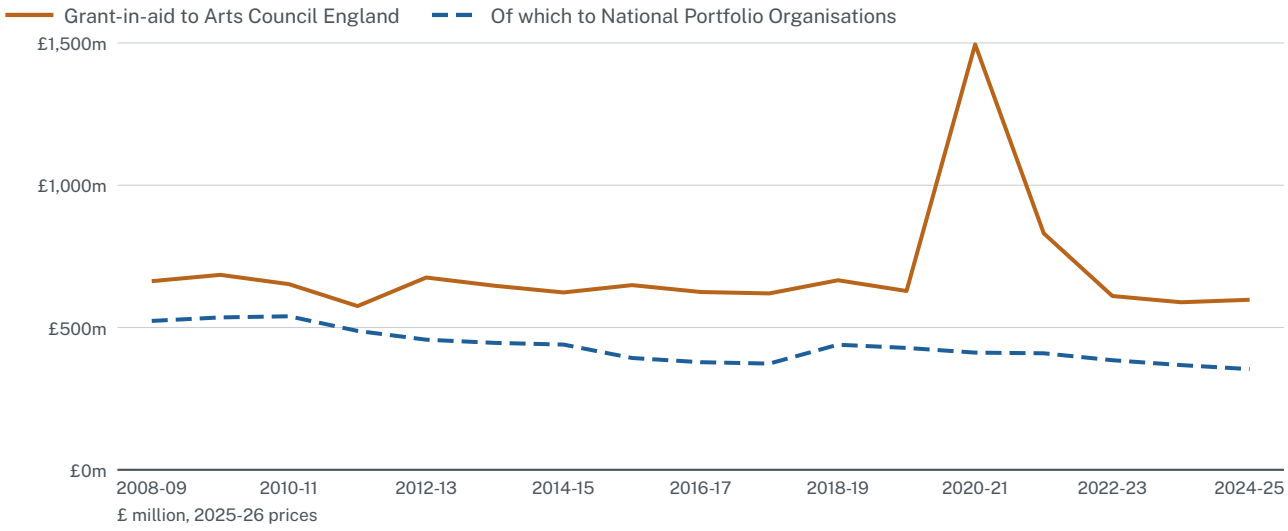
Line chart of grant-in-aid to DCMS-sponsored museums from 2008-09 to 2024-25, in 2025-26 prices and cash.

Source: Department for Culture, Media and Sport, DCMS-sponsored museums and galleries annual performance indicators 2024/25: data tables, published 23 April 2026; Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Total income of DCMS-funded cultural organisations 2023/24 and 2024/25: data tables, published 29 April 2026; Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Museums and galleries monthly visits: data tables, published 3 September 2026.

Arts funding by organisation: Arts Council England's National Portfolio

Arts Council England offered 985 organisations a yearly grant for 2023-26 (since extended to March 2027), a total of £445m a year, against £368m a year on average in 2018-22. That is £7.67 a year per resident of England. Each organisation's grant is below, and every area's total per resident after it.

Arts Council England: DCMS grant-in-aid, and the part passed to National Portfolio Organisations, 2025-26 prices, £ million



Line chart from 2008-09 to 2024-25 of DCMS grant-in-aid to Arts Council England and the part it passed to National Portfolio Organisations, in 2025-26 prices.

National Portfolio funding by art form, 2023-26, a year

Art form	Organisations	A year	Share
Theatre	194	£111.6m	25.1%
Combined arts	227	£81.9m	18.4%
Music	139	£65.1m	14.6%
Visual arts	157	£47.4m	10.7%
Dance	75	£46.9m	10.6%
Museums	80	£36.7m	8.2%
Not discipline specific	36	£34.8m	7.8%
Literature	59	£16.0m	3.6%
Libraries	18	£4.2m	0.9%

Every funded organisation: yearly Arts Council England grant

Organisation	Local authority	2023-26, a year	2018-22 average	Art form
Royal Opera House	Westminster	£22,268,584	£24,755,681	Not discipline specific
Southbank Centre	Lambeth	£16,828,042	£18,360,000	Combined arts
National Theatre	Lambeth	£16,156,916	£16,700,000	Theatre
Royal Shakespeare Company	Stratford-on-Avon	£15,259,706	£14,984,000	Theatre
Opera North Limited	Leeds	£10,677,102	£10,386,000	Music
MIF	Manchester	£9,908,150	£9,729,134	Combined arts
Birmingham Royal Ballet	Birmingham	£8,036,194	£7,891,000	Dance
English National Ballet	Tower Hamlets	£6,011,921	£6,214,000	Dance
BookTrust	Leeds	£5,763,099	—	Literature
Welsh National Opera	Cardiff	£4,000,000	£6,123,000	Music
North Music Trust	Gateshead	£3,576,745	£3,512,122	Music
Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums	Newcastle upon Tyne	£3,357,648	£3,793,865	Museums
Northern Ballet Limited	Leeds	£3,289,261	£3,112,000	Dance
Baltic Flour Mills Visual Arts Trust	Gateshead	£3,037,975	£3,158,000	Visual arts
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£2,601,798	£2,554,790	Music
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic	Liverpool	£2,472,708	£2,231,646	Music
Sadler's Wells	Islington	£2,376,279	£2,456,153	Dance
Royal Exchange Theatre Company Ltd	Manchester	£2,374,909	£2,332,000	Theatre
English Stage Company Limited	Kensington and Chelsea	£2,236,073	£2,311,234	Theatre
Crafts Council	Islington	£2,222,889	£2,503,853	Visual arts
City of Birmingham Symphony orchestra	Birmingham	£2,221,113	£2,180,983	Music
Rambert	Lambeth	£2,164,253	£2,237,000	Dance
English Touring Opera Ltd	Southwark	£2,130,478	£1,743,322	Music
Halle Concerts Society	Manchester	£2,122,014	£2,083,674	Music
London Symphony Orchestra	City of London	£1,977,044	£2,206,050	Music
Leicester Theatre Trust Ltd	Leicester	£1,949,247	£1,914,029	Theatre
Birmingham Repertory Theatre	Birmingham	£1,867,698	£1,833,953	Theatre
London Philharmonic Orchestra	Lambeth	£1,830,223	£2,042,222	Music
Philharmonia Limited	Southwark	£1,830,223	£2,042,222	Music
Contemporary Dance Trust	Camden	£1,826,994	£1,793,985	Dance
Young Vic Company	Lambeth	£1,792,530	£1,760,143	Theatre
Chichester Festival Theatre	Chichester	£1,772,234	£1,740,214	Theatre

Organisation	Local authority	2023-26, a year	2018-22 average	Art form
Liverpool & Merseyside Theatres Trust Ltd	Liverpool	£1,680,337	£1,649,977	Theatre
Manchester City Galleries	Manchester	£1,627,056	£1,597,659	Museums
Leeds Museums and Galleries	Leeds	£1,619,256	£1,590,000	Museums
Northern Stage (Theatrical Productions) Ltd	Newcastle upon Tyne	£1,591,246	£1,562,496	Theatre
Leeds Theatre Trust Limited	Leeds	£1,535,853	£1,508,104	Theatre
Whitechapel Gallery	Tower Hamlets	£1,437,955	£1,510,168	Visual arts
Britten Pears Arts	East Suffolk	£1,428,835	£1,403,019	Music
Artswork	Southampton	£1,394,508	£1,519,397	Not discipline specific
Nottingham Playhouse	Nottingham	£1,379,735	£1,354,807	Theatre
FABRIC	Birmingham	£1,376,001	£1,351,140	Dance
Norfolk Museums Service	Norwich	£1,375,308	£1,639,452	Museums
Bristol Museums	Bristol, City of	£1,364,320	£1,339,670	Museums
University of Oxford	Oxford	£1,341,170	£1,316,938	Museums
Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Wakefield	£1,336,799	£1,312,646	Visual arts
Unicorn Theatre London Ltd	Southwark	£1,327,875	£1,303,884	Theatre
Greater Manchester Arts Centre Ltd	Manchester	£1,321,387	£1,297,513	Combined arts
New Adventures Charity	Waverley	£1,317,810	£1,294,000	Dance
Sheffield Theatres Trust Ltd	Sheffield	£1,303,415	£1,279,865	Theatre
Wiltshire Creative	Wiltshire	£1,301,458	£1,277,944	Theatre
TheSpace C.I.C.	Birmingham	£1,300,000	—	Not discipline specific
Norfolk and Norwich Festival Trust	Norwich	£1,288,416	£1,314,527	Combined arts
New Art Exchange Ltd	Nottingham	£1,268,591	£852,898	Visual arts
York Museums Trust	York	£1,252,632	£1,568,982	Museums
Bristol Old Vic and Theatre Royal Trust Ltd	Bristol, City of	£1,250,000	£1,228,381	Theatre
Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Ltd	Coventry	£1,229,552	£942,215	Theatre
Without Walls	Manchester	£1,222,080	£1,200,000	Combined arts
The Box (Plymouth City Council)	Plymouth	£1,220,043	£1,036,500	Visual arts
Theatre Royal (Plymouth) Ltd	Plymouth	£1,207,313	£1,185,500	Theatre
Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery	Carlisle	£1,187,313	£1,165,861	Museums
A New Direction London Limited	Hackney	£1,182,556	£1,506,375	Not discipline specific
Brighton Dome & Festival Limited	Brighton and Hove	£1,171,080	£1,149,921	Combined arts
Stoke on Trent & North Staffordshire Theatre Trust	Newcastle-under-Lyme	£1,149,557	£932,401	Theatre
Pioneer Theatres Ltd t/a Theatre Royal Stratford East	Newham	£1,125,847	£1,105,506	Theatre
Museum of London	City of London	£1,120,240	£1,344,820	Museums
The Lyric Theatre Hammersmith Limited	Hammersmith and Fulham	£1,120,240	£1,100,000	Theatre
Hull City Council	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£1,112,243	£996,409	Museums
Culture Squared CIC	Bradford	£1,055,520	£300,000	Literature
Birmingham Museums Trust	Birmingham	£1,026,107	£1,007,568	Museums
FACT	Liverpool	£1,024,418	£1,005,909	Visual arts
Nottingham Contemporary	Nottingham	£1,024,303	£1,005,796	Visual arts
Autograph ABP	Hackney	£1,012,880	£700,000	Visual arts

Organisation	Local authority	2023-26, a year	2018-22 average	Art form
Landmark Theatres	North Devon	£1,000,000	—	Theatre
We Are Unlimited Arts	Wakefield	£1,000,000	—	Not discipline specific
Paraorchestra and Friends	Bristol, City of	£998,582	£249,000	Music
The Roundhouse Trust	Camden	£992,648	£974,713	Combined arts
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Ltd	Islington	£963,808	£946,394	Music
New Wolsey Theatre Company Ltd	Ipswich	£953,328	£936,104	Theatre
Mayflower Academy Ltd	Southampton	£950,000	—	Theatre
Kiln Theatre	Brent	£945,901	£829,519	Theatre
Walsall Council	Walsall	£938,152	£881,487	Visual arts
Manchester Young People's Theatre trading as Contact	Manchester	£933,297	£916,435	Theatre
The Hepworth Wakefield Trust	Wakefield	£922,773	£906,101	Visual arts
The Photographers' Gallery	Westminster	£918,867	£902,265	Visual arts
Modern Art Oxford	Oxford	£908,766	£892,347	Visual arts
Ikon Gallery	Birmingham	£902,621	£1,009,728	Visual arts
The Lowry Centre Trust	Salford	£875,824	£860,000	Combined arts
The Artangel Trust	Camden	£868,016	£852,333	Visual arts
Northampton Theatres Trust	West Northamptonshire	£862,245	£846,666	Theatre
Farnham Maltings Association	Waverley	£861,342	£845,780	Combined arts
Real Ideas Organisation CIC	Plymouth	£860,817	£1,025,680	Not discipline specific
Firstsite Ltd	Colchester	£829,515	£814,527	Visual arts
South London Gallery	Southwark	£826,345	£811,415	Visual arts
DanceEast	Ipswich	£825,060	£810,153	Dance
Sheffield Museums Trust	Sheffield	£814,720	£800,000	Museums
University of Derby Theatre limited	Derby	£809,628	£795,000	Theatre
Hull Truck Theatre	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£805,229	£790,680	Theatre
Palace Theatre Watford Limited	Watford	£805,118	£790,571	Theatre
Liverpool Biennial of Contemporary Art Ltd	Liverpool	£802,861	£788,355	Visual arts
Curious Minds	Wigan	£800,000	£1,335,323	Not discipline specific
Glyndebourne Productions Ltd	Lewes	£800,000	£1,629,055	Music
Colchester Mercury Theatre Ltd.	Colchester	£791,682	£777,378	Theatre
Graeae Theatre Company Ltd	Hackney	£769,104	£564,399	Theatre
One Dance UK	Birmingham	£763,800	£750,000	Dance
Black Country Living Museum Trust	Dudley	£760,120	£550,000	Museums
Watershed Arts Trust Ltd	Bristol, City of	£757,984	£744,289	Combined arts
Midlands Arts Centre	Birmingham	£752,746	£739,146	Combined arts
Legacy Centre Of Excellence	Birmingham	£750,000	—	Combined arts
Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust	Telford and Wrekin	£749,709	£1,043,759	Museums
Royal Pavilion & Museums Trust	Brighton and Hove	£711,360	—	Museums
Serpentine Galleries	Westminster	£708,000	£1,193,725	Visual arts
Battersea Arts Centre	Wandsworth	£706,665	£693,897	Theatre
Chineke Foundation	City of London	£700,000	—	Music
Ovalhouse Theatre Ltd	Lambeth	£699,999	£475,527	Theatre
Talawa Theatre Company Ltd	Croydon	£698,407	£440,305	Theatre

Organisation	Local authority	2023-26, a year	2018-22 average	Art form
Arnolfini Gallery	Bristol, City of	£696,780	—	Visual arts
English Touring Theatre Ltd	Southwark	£692,302	£679,794	Theatre
Headlong Theatre Ltd	Southwark	£692,302	£679,794	Theatre
Orchestras Live	Leeds	£689,314	£479,134	Music
South Asian Arts-uk	Leeds	£684,330	£181,000	Music
Turner Contemporary	Thanet	£681,791	£669,473	Visual arts
Institute of Contemporary Arts	Westminster	£678,310	£862,441	Visual arts
The Alternative Theatre Company Ltd.	Hammersmith and Fulham	£656,234	£595,281	Theatre
ACE Dance and music	Birmingham	£655,319	£397,996	Dance
East Lindsey District Council	East Lindsey	£651,933	—	Combined arts
Scarborough Theatre Trust Ltd	Scarborough	£649,449	£637,715	Theatre
Junction CDC Ltd	Cambridge	£649,146	£637,418	Combined arts
North East Theatre Trust Ltd	Newcastle upon Tyne	£638,255	£626,723	Theatre
Sunderland Culture	Sunderland	£634,200	£500,000	Combined arts
The Octagon Theatre Trust	Bolton	£625,359	£614,060	Theatre
Exeter City Council	Exeter	£618,363	£607,191	Museums
University of Cambridge Museums	Cambridge	£617,534	£1,212,754	Museums
Cumbria Theatre Trust	Allerdale	£615,182	£604,067	Theatre
Soho Theatre Company	Westminster	£614,582	£603,478	Theatre
John Hansard Gallery	Southampton	£612,579	£601,511	Visual arts
Stockton Borough Council Tees Valley Museum Group	Stockton-on-Tees	£601,900	£375,000	Museums
Camden Arts Centre	Camden	£600,000	£919,673	Visual arts
York Citizens' Theatre Trust	York	£598,059	£587,254	Theatre
The Seachange Trust	Great Yarmouth	£597,176	£390,000	Combined arts
Siobhan Davies Dance	Southwark	£592,727	£582,018	Dance
Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books	Newcastle upon Tyne	£588,230	£577,602	Museums
Almeida Theatre Company Limited	Islington	£587,928	£675,499	Theatre
National Centre for Writing	Norwich	£586,582	£498,405	Literature
Birmingham Opera Company	Birmingham	£586,433	£477,644	Music
Asian Arts Agency	Bristol, City of	£586,038	£280,870	Music
Darbar Arts Culture Heritage Trust	Leicester	£582,512	£245,000	Music
Polka Theatre	Merton	£580,711	£570,219	Theatre
South East Dance Ltd	Brighton and Hove	£580,660	£570,169	Dance
Mansfield District Council	Mansfield	£579,304	—	Combined arts
Metal Culture Ltd	Southend-on-Sea	£575,781	£565,378	Combined arts
Dance City	Newcastle upon Tyne	£564,048	£553,857	Dance
Eclipse Theatre Company Ltd	Leeds	£563,474	£249,501	Theatre
Phoenix Dance Theatre	Leeds	£551,395	£428,510	Dance
Derby Museums	Derby	£550,099	£392,870	Museums
Artsadmin	Tower Hamlets	£542,881	£533,072	Combined arts
Towner Art Gallery	Eastbourne	£537,962	£359,350	Visual arts
Ballet Lorent Limited	Newcastle upon Tyne	£537,327	£399,968	Dance
Diverse City	Dorset	£536,476	£480,000	Combined arts
Durham County Council	County Durham	£532,636	£415,000	Combined arts
Studio Wayne McGregor	Hackney	£524,692	£515,212	Dance

Organisation	Local authority	2023-26, a year	2018-22 average	Art form
Teesside University	Middlesbrough	£520,155	£510,757	Visual arts
De La Warr Pavilion	Rother	£517,785	£508,430	Combined arts
Akram Khan Dance Company	Westminster	£509,821	£500,610	Dance
Cause4	Leeds	£509,200	£500,000	Not discipline specific
Libraries Connected	Islington	£509,200	£500,000	Libraries
Culture, Learning and Libraries (Midlands) - Library Service	Nottingham	£504,599	£249,999	Libraries
University of Warwick	Coventry	£501,168	£492,114	Combined arts
Hampshire Cultural Trust	Winchester	£500,000	—	Combined arts
Project Art Works	Hastings	£500,000	£149,676	Visual arts
The Clore Leadership Programme	Westminster	£500,000	—	Not discipline specific
The Organisation for New Music and Sound	Tower Hamlets	£500,000	£704,659	Music
The Bluecoat	Liverpool	£495,846	£486,887	Combined arts
The Reading Agency	Camden	£484,141	£475,394	Literature
Wise Children	Bristol, City of	£483,000	£475,000	Theatre
Havering Theatre Trust	Havering	£482,129	£277,032	Theatre
Motionhouse	Warwick	£477,432	£468,806	Dance
Milap Festival Trust	Liverpool	£477,389	£362,908	Combined arts
Artichoke Trust	Tower Hamlets	£476,748	£468,134	Combined arts
Barnsley Museums	Barnsley	£475,084	£466,500	Museums
Nottingham City Museums and Galleries	Nottingham	£474,775	£466,197	Museums
Rifco Arts	Watford	£473,391	£325,404	Theatre
Derby QUAD Ltd	Derby	£466,176	£457,753	Combined arts
Wysing Arts Centre	South Cambridgeshire	£465,173	£456,768	Visual arts
Blackpool Grand Theatre (Arts & Entertainment) Ltd	Blackpool	£463,856	£209,992	Theatre
Apples and Snakes	Lewisham	£463,372	£455,000	Literature
Serious Events Limited	Islington	£461,109	£452,778	Music
London International Festival of Theatre	Tower Hamlets	£460,936	£452,608	Theatre
Candoco Dance Company	Southwark	£456,130	£447,889	Dance
PUNCH RECORDS	Birmingham	£456,076	£251,449	Music
Carnival Village Trust	Kensington and Chelsea	£453,860	£400,000	Combined arts
Open Theatre Company	Coventry	£452,760	£150,000	Theatre
Live & Local Ltd	Warwick	£451,775	£291,464	Combined arts
Dance Consortium	Birmingham	£450,000	£489,367	Dance
Stopgap Dance Company	Waverley	£450,000	£276,654	Dance
Beamish Museum	County Durham	£444,813	£436,776	Museums
Wessex Museums Trust	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£435,379	£319,500	Museums
New Writing North	Newcastle upon Tyne	£428,234	£332,123	Literature
Serendipity	Leicester	£427,728	£210,000	Dance
Ballet Black	Westminster	£424,048	£220,000	Dance
Tara Theatre	Wandsworth	£422,000	—	Theatre
Creative Folkestone	Folkestone and Hythe	£407,360	£400,000	Combined arts
Culture Coventry	Coventry	£407,360	£400,000	Museums
Leicester City Council	Leicester	£407,360	£400,000	Museums

Organisation	Local authority	2023-26, a year	2018-22 average	Art form
Brass Bands England	Barnsley	£405,809	£207,000	Music
Boy Blue	City of London	£403,680	£200,000	Dance
Z-arts	Manchester	£401,853	£255,000	Combined arts
The UK Association for Music Education - Music Mark	Winchester	£400,614	—	Music
Awards for Young Musicians	Bristol, City of	£400,000	—	Music
The National Holocaust Centre and Museum	Newark and Sherwood	£400,000	£300,000	Museums
The Shakespeare North Trust	Knowsley	£400,000	—	Theatre
Colchester Borough Council	Colchester	£398,016	£199,250	Museums
Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	West Berkshire	£396,690	£235,000	Combined arts
Arvon Foundation	Calderdale	£395,411	£388,267	Literature
Pavilion Dance South West Ltd	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£393,322	£386,216	Dance
Hofesh Shechter Company	Westminster	£390,360	£383,307	Dance
MK Gallery	Milton Keynes	£390,360	£383,307	Visual arts
Theatre Hullabaloo	Darlington	£389,924	£250,318	Theatre
Jasmin Vardimon Dance Company	Ashford	£389,895	£289,567	Dance
Oxford Playhouse Trust	Oxford	£386,456	£379,474	Theatre
Film and Video Umbrella	Southwark	£386,301	£379,321	Visual arts
Wavendon Allmusic Plan Ltd	Milton Keynes	£386,201	£379,223	Music
Gloucestershire Everyman Theatre Ltd	Cheltenham	£384,494	£377,547	Theatre
The Hall For Cornwall Trust	Cornwall	£383,206	£376,282	Theatre
Small Green Shoots	Camden	£383,000	£120,000	Music
Bradford Museums & Galleries	Bradford	£381,770	—	Museums
EGO Performance Company Ltd	Coventry	£380,000	—	Combined arts
Attitude is Everything	Camden	£379,294	£249,700	Music
Hackney Empire Ltd	Hackney	£375,295	£368,514	Theatre
The Bowes Museum	County Durham	£374,572	£367,807	Museums
Stockton Arts Centre Ltd	Stockton-on-Tees	£371,723	£306,091	Combined arts
Leicester Dance Theatre Limited	Leicester	£371,716	£365,000	Dance
Theatre de Complicite Education Ltd	Camden	£370,313	£363,622	Theatre
Northern Lines	Manchester	£370,000	—	Theatre
Touretteshero CIC	Southwark	£370,000	—	Combined arts
Newlyn Art Gallery Ltd	Cornwall	£368,417	£361,761	Visual arts
Stagetext	Southwark	£363,718	£268,773	Not discipline specific
Kala Sangam	Bradford	£361,840	£100,000	Combined arts
The Poetry Society	Camden	£361,083	£354,559	Literature
Dance Umbrella	Westminster	£358,505	£352,028	Dance
The Food Museum Ltd	Mid Suffolk	£358,218	£147,504	Museums
ArtReach (Trust) Ltd	Leicester	£356,440	£350,000	Combined arts
Heart of Glass	St. Helens	£356,440	£350,000	Combined arts
St Albans Museums	St Albans	£351,375	—	Museums
Photoworks	Brighton and Hove	£350,013	£268,315	Visual arts
Arts at the Mill CIC	Wigan	£350,000	—	Combined arts
Gary Clarke Company Ltd	Barnsley	£350,000	—	Dance
National Football Museum	Manchester	£350,000	—	Museums

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OpenUp Music	Bristol, City of	£350,000	£160,000	Music
Selina Thompson Ltd	Birmingham	£350,000	—	Theatre
Tomorrow's Warriors Ltd	Harrow	£350,000	£208,744	Music
Déda	Derby	£349,692	£343,374	Dance
Poole Arts Trust Ltd	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£348,510	£342,213	Combined arts
Woodhorn Charitable Trust	Northumberland	£346,680	£200,000	Museums
The Wigmore Hall Trust	Westminster	£344,206	£337,987	Music
Shape London	Southwark	£341,824	£286,551	Visual arts
The Theatre Orchard	North Somerset	£341,656	£90,000	Theatre
East Street Arts	Leeds	£341,123	£334,960	Visual arts
Tiata Fahodzi Ltd	Watford	£338,864	£210,000	Theatre
Pilot Theatre Ltd	York	£335,787	£329,720	Theatre
Frozen Light	Norwich	£335,000	—	Theatre
Royal Court Liverpool Trust	Liverpool	£333,864	£225,000	Theatre
Luton Cultural Services Trust - Wardown House	Luton	£332,638	£249,000	Museums
Yorkshire Dance Centre Trust	Leeds	£331,789	£325,794	Dance
Bristol Music Trust	Bristol, City of	£330,980	£325,000	Music
Company Chameleon	Manchester	£329,599	£249,999	Dance
UD	Newham	£329,337	£150,870	Music
People's History Museum	Manchester	£327,925	£322,000	Museums
Film London	Islington	£327,827	£321,904	Visual arts
Kendal Brewery Arts Centre	South Lakeland	£327,776	£321,854	Combined arts
Cast	Doncaster	£325,888	£320,000	Combined arts
Norden Farm Centre for the Arts Trust	Windsor and Maidenhead	£325,682	—	Combined arts
Birmingham Contemporary Music Group	Birmingham	£325,535	£319,653	Music
Black Lives in Music	Camden	£325,000	—	Music
Trigger Productions Ltd	North Somerset	£325,000	—	Combined arts
Your Trust	Rochdale	£325,000	—	Combined arts
Paines Plough	Islington	£321,427	£315,620	Theatre
Magna Vitae	East Lindsey	£320,796	£150,000	Combined arts
Tamasha Theatre Company	Tower Hamlets	£320,251	£314,465	Theatre
Back to Ours Arts Limited	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£320,000	—	Combined arts
Screen South	Folkestone and Hythe	£320,000	—	Not discipline specific
Site Gallery	Sheffield	£319,887	£314,107	Visual arts
National Youth Theatre of Great Britain	Islington	£311,395	£305,769	Theatre
Mind the Gap	Bradford	£310,864	£246,390	Theatre
Seeta Patel Dance Ltd	Bristol, City of	£310,000	—	Dance
THE CLAY FOUNDATION CIO	Stoke-on-Trent	£310,000	£175,000	Visual arts
Triple C	Manchester	£309,090	—	Not discipline specific
Heritage and Culture - NSDC	Newark and Sherwood	£309,000	—	Not discipline specific
New Perspectives Theatre Company	Nottingham	£308,616	£302,745	Theatre
Crying Out Loud	Portsmouth	£307,488	£211,217	Theatre
Arcola Theatre Production Company	Hackney	£307,290	£301,738	Theatre

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Rich Mix Cultural Foundation	Tower Hamlets	£307,290	£301,738	Combined arts
The Arts Depot Trust Ltd	Barnet	£307,290	£301,738	Combined arts
Black Country Touring	Sandwell	£307,225	£143,497	Combined arts
AudioActive	Worthing	£307,120	—	Music
Bernie Grant Centre Partnership	Haringey	£307,000	—	Combined arts
Stanley Halls	Croydon	£307,000	—	Combined arts
Stockton International Riverside Festival	Stockton-on-Tees	£306,901	£301,356	Combined arts
Association of Independent Museums	Cheshire West and Chester	£305,520	£300,000	Museums
BalletBoyz Ltd	Kingston upon Thames	£305,520	£300,000	Dance
Pegasus Theatre Trust	Oxford	£305,489	£299,973	Theatre
Heart n Soul	Lewisham	£304,904	£299,395	Combined arts
Museum of English Rural Life	Reading	£304,499	£249,999	Museums
Bamboozle Theatre Company	Leicester	£303,675	£200,000	Theatre
buxton opera house	High Peak	£300,000	—	Combined arts
English Folk Dance and Song Society	Camden	£300,000	£432,046	Music
Godiva Awakes Trust	Coventry	£300,000	—	Combined arts
Jazz re:freshed	Lewisham	£300,000	£130,795	Music
M6 THEATRE COMPANY LIMITED	Rochdale	£300,000	£199,320	Theatre
National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain	Bristol, City of	£300,000	—	Music
Orchestras for All	Camden	£300,000	—	Music
Sinfonietta Productions Limited	Islington	£300,000	£499,565	Music
Soul City Arts	Birmingham	£300,000	—	Combined arts
Utopia Theatre Limited	Sheffield	£300,000	—	Theatre
Kettle's Yard	Cambridge	£296,107	£290,757	Visual arts
esea contemporary	Manchester	£292,771	£287,481	Visual arts
Oily Cart	Wandsworth	£291,849	£286,576	Theatre
Tangled Feet	Luton	£291,495	£192,945	Theatre
BOM (Birmingham Open Media)	Birmingham	£290,448	£142,600	Visual arts
Triangle Arts Trust	Lambeth	£290,108	£284,866	Visual arts
Impact Dance Foundation	Camden	£289,900	—	Dance
Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival	Kirklees	£286,073	£241,627	Music
Kent County Council Libraries	Maidstone	£285,290	—	Libraries
Spike Island Artspace Ltd	Bristol, City of	£285,152	£280,000	Visual arts
Activate Performing Arts Ltd	Dorset	£284,388	£279,250	Combined arts
Kirklees Museums and Galleries	Kirklees	£284,103	—	Museums
Spread the Word	Lewisham	£281,029	£197,397	Literature
Music for Youth	Westminster	£279,980	£171,840	Music
Institute Of Cultural & Creative Industries	Medway	£278,806	£273,769	Combined arts
Unity Theatre	Liverpool	£277,005	£272,000	Combined arts
The York Early Music Foundation	York	£275,444	£270,467	Music
Suffolk Libraries	Ipswich	£275,172	£176,000	Libraries
Culture Central	Coventry	£275,000	—	Not discipline specific
MAIA	Birmingham	£273,600	—	Combined arts
Create Define Release CIC	Tower Hamlets	£272,500	—	Music

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SPILL Festival Limited	Ipswich	£271,615	£266,708	Combined arts
Wolverhampton City Council	Wolverhampton	£270,842	£167,755	Visual arts
Applause Rural Touring	Tunbridge Wells	£267,668	£145,000	Combined arts
Deafinitely Theatre	Brent	£265,083	£212,110	Theatre
Forma Arts and Media Limited	Southwark	£264,455	£259,677	Visual arts
Institute of International Visual Arts	Westminster	£263,685	£228,344	Visual arts
Icon Theatre	Medway	£263,000	—	Theatre
Leicestershire County Council	Blaby	£260,999	—	Museums
The Dukes Playhouse Ltd	Lancaster	£260,904	£256,190	Theatre
Northern Broadsides Theatre Company	Calderdale	£259,984	£255,287	Theatre
Blink Dance Theatre	Lewisham	£258,599	—	Dance
Access All Areas	Hackney	£254,600	£125,000	Theatre
Project Space Leeds	Leeds	£254,600	£250,000	Visual arts
Freedom Festival Arts Trust	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£254,599	£249,999	Combined arts
Vincent Dance Theatre	Brighton and Hove	£254,599	£249,999	Dance
ZooNation: The Kate Prince Company Ltd	Islington	£254,599	£249,999	Dance
Forced Entertainment Ltd	Sheffield	£254,091	£249,500	Theatre
Greenwich+Docklands Festivals	Greenwich	£254,091	£249,500	Combined arts
SICK! Productions	Manchester	£254,091	£249,500	Combined arts
China Plate	Birmingham	£253,582	£249,000	Theatre
London Transport Museum	Westminster	£253,582	£249,000	Museums
Middlesbrough Town Hall	Middlesbrough	£253,500	£249,000	Music
Octagon Theatre, Somerset	Somerset Council	£253,333	—	Theatre
Junction Arts Limited	Chesterfield	£252,431	£100,580	Combined arts
National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain	Camden	£252,377	£129,198	Music
Balbir Singh Dance Company	Leeds	£251,728	£150,460	Dance
Newhampton Arts Centre	Wolverhampton	£251,145	£180,000	Combined arts
Rural Media Charity	Herefordshire, County of	£251,036	£246,500	Visual arts
Barnsley Civic Enterprise Ltd	Barnsley	£250,944	£160,000	Combined arts
2Funky Arts	Leicester	£250,000	—	Music
Beyond Face CIC	Plymouth	£250,000	—	Theatre
Deaf Explorer CIC	Birmingham	£250,000	—	Combined arts
Festival of Making CIC	Blackburn with Darwen	£250,000	—	Combined arts
Gloucester Guildhall	Gloucester	£250,000	—	Combined arts
Gloucestershire Libraries & Information	Gloucester	£250,000	—	Libraries
Humanhood	Birmingham	£250,000	—	Dance
Inspirate	Leicester	£250,000	—	Combined arts
North Yorkshire Moors Railway Trust	Ryedale	£250,000	—	Museums
Pagrav Company Limited	Milton Keynes	£250,000	—	Dance
POWERED BY CAN LTD	Sandwell	£250,000	—	Combined arts
Rotherham Museums, Arts & Heritage	Rotherham	£250,000	—	Museums
Sense	Birmingham	£250,000	—	Combined arts
The Performance Ensemble	Leeds	£250,000	—	Theatre
The University of Lincoln	Lincoln	£250,000	—	Theatre
Wordsmith MCR	Trafford	£250,000	—	Literature

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Strike A Light (Gloucester)	Gloucester	£249,534	£85,000	Combined arts
Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust	Medway	£249,508	£245,000	Museums
Sampad (South Asian Arts Development)	Birmingham	£248,394	£243,906	Combined arts
Contains Art CIO	Somerset West and Taunton	£248,000	—	Combined arts
Grimm & Co	Rotherham	£247,116	£115,000	Literature
Open Eye gallery	Liverpool	£246,759	£242,301	Visual arts
DaDaFest	Liverpool	£246,104	£193,052	Combined arts
East London Dance	Newham	£245,833	£241,391	Dance
Festival of Thrift	Redcar and Cleveland	£245,000	—	Combined arts
Theatre-Rites	Hackney	£244,812	£240,389	Theatre
Cement Fields	Canterbury	£244,416	£240,000	Visual arts
National Justice Museum	Nottingham	£244,416	£240,000	Museums
Theatre Centre	Lewisham	£244,416	£240,000	Theatre
Multistory	Sandwell	£243,361	£140,812	Combined arts
Libraries Unlimited South West	Exeter	£240,123	£171,959	Libraries
Little Bulb Theatre	Mendip	£240,000	—	Theatre
Art Gene Limited	Barrow-in-Furness	£239,957	£110,000	Visual arts
IRIE! dance theatre	Lewisham	£239,392	—	Dance
Lakes Arts Festivals Ltd	South Lakeland	£238,306	£234,000	Literature
The Bronte Society	Bradford	£236,778	£232,500	Literature
St Helens Council Library Service	St. Helens	£236,309	£110,000	Libraries
Global Grooves	Tameside	£236,300	£125,000	Combined arts
emccan CIC	Derby	£234,998	£150,725	Combined arts
Collections Trust	Leicester	£234,232	£230,000	Museums
English PEN	Camden	£234,216	£229,984	Literature
National Association for Gallery Education (engage)	Islington	£234,034	£229,806	Visual arts
Unanima Theatre	Mansfield	£232,000	—	Theatre
Punchdrunk Enrichment	Tower Hamlets	£230,468	£226,304	Theatre
Second Hand Dance	Epsom and Ewell	£230,000	—	Dance
Southpaw Dance Productions	Sunderland	£230,000	—	Dance
Cultural Co-operation	Camden	£229,677	—	Not discipline specific
Preston City Council	Preston	£229,140	£225,000	Museums
UK Storyhouse Ltd	Cheshire West and Chester	£228,015	£223,895	Combined arts
VocalEyes	Southwark	£227,929	£223,811	Not discipline specific
Thackray Medical Museum	Leeds	£225,968	£221,885	Museums
Art Services Grants Ltd	Redbridge	£225,291	£221,221	Visual arts
Frantic Theatre Company Ltd	Lambeth	£225,259	£221,189	Theatre
Blackpool Illuminations	Blackpool	£225,000	—	Combined arts
Marlborough Theatre Productions Ltd	Brighton and Hove	£225,000	—	Theatre
Drake Music	Tower Hamlets	£224,565	£194,045	Music
Eastern Angles Theatre Company Ltd	Ipswich	£224,457	£220,402	Theatre
Gecko Theatre	Ipswich	£224,457	£220,402	Theatre
British Motor Industry Heritage Trust	Stratford-on-Avon	£224,048	£220,000	Museums
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust	Stratford-on-Avon	£224,048	£220,000	Museums

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Jewish Museum London	Camden	£224,000	—	Museums
Essex Cultural Diversity Project	Chelmsford	£222,760	£150,000	Combined arts
Lyrici Arts	Medway	£222,476	—	Theatre
Half Moon Young People's Theatre	Tower Hamlets	£221,452	£217,451	Theatre
1927	Thanet	£220,993	£217,000	Theatre
Improbable	Westminster	£220,517	£216,533	Theatre
Clean Break Theatre Company Ltd	Camden	£220,173	£216,195	Theatre
British Textile Biennial	Blackburn with Darwen	£220,000	—	Visual arts
Company of Others	Newcastle upon Tyne	£220,000	—	Dance
Explore York Libraries and Archives Mutual Limited	York	£220,000	—	Libraries
First Light Festival CIC	East Suffolk	£220,000	—	Combined arts
Rhiannon Faith Company	Harlow	£220,000	—	Dance
Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds	West Suffolk	£220,000	—	Theatre
St Pauls Carnival (Bristol) CIC	Bristol, City of	£219,427	£150,000	Combined arts
Colchester Arts Centre	Colchester	£219,204	£190,695	Combined arts
Focal Point Gallery	Southend-on-Sea	£219,127	£186,384	Visual arts
Full House Theatre	Central Bedfordshire	£219,000	—	Theatre
Akademi	Camden	£218,956	£215,000	Dance
Sonia Sabri Company	Birmingham	£218,135	£125,034	Dance
Cheltenham Festivals	Cheltenham	£217,480	£213,551	Combined arts
Africa Oye Limited	Liverpool	£217,456	£163,449	Music
The Courtyard Trust	Herefordshire, County of	£216,778	£212,861	Combined arts
a-n The Artists Information Company	Newcastle upon Tyne	£216,669	£212,754	Visual arts
Creative Kernow Ltd	Cornwall	£216,588	£212,675	Not discipline specific
Culture, Health & Wellbeing Alliance CIC	Barnsley	£216,579	—	Not discipline specific
Disability Arts in Shropshire	Shropshire	£216,208	£120,000	Visual arts
Upswing Aerial Limited	Tower Hamlets	£216,095	£115,667	Theatre
20 Stories High	Liverpool	£215,804	£211,905	Theatre
Craftspace	Birmingham	£215,446	£211,553	Visual arts
Carousel Project	Brighton and Hove	£215,000	£197,488	Music
ss Great Britain Trust	Bristol, City of	£213,864	£210,000	Museums
ZoieLogic Dance Theatre	Southampton	£213,864	£195,300	Dance
South West Heritage Trust	Somerset West and Taunton	£212,600	—	Museums
Actors Touring Company	Westminster	£211,596	£207,773	Theatre
University of Leicester, Attenborough Arts Centre	Leicester	£210,800	£207,000	Combined arts
Certain Blacks	Newham	£210,000	—	Combined arts
North Lincolnshire Council 20-21 Visual Arts Centre	North Lincolnshire	£210,000	£74,745	Visual arts
Warwickshire Libraries	Nuneaton and Bedworth	£210,000	—	Libraries
Swindon Dance	Swindon	£209,994	£206,200	Dance
Travaux Sauvages Ltd t/a Wildworks	Cornwall	£209,983	£206,189	Theatre
Surface Area Dance Theatre CIC	Sunderland	£209,636	—	Dance
Wakefield Council – Museums	Wakefield	£208,772	£205,000	Museums
Rosehill Arts Trust	Copeland	£208,523	£62,287	Combined arts

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Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment	Islington	£207,656	£203,904	Music
Prime Theatre	Swindon	£207,555	£87,937	Theatre
LUNG Productions CIO	Barnsley	£206,699	—	Theatre
Impressions Gallery of Photography Limited	Bradford	£206,003	£202,281	Visual arts
Lincolnshire County Council	Lincoln	£205,910	£71,411	Museums
LUX	Camden	£205,841	£202,122	Visual arts
Intoart	Southwark	£205,156	£120,298	Visual arts
Fevered Sleep	Tower Hamlets	£204,861	£201,160	Theatre
Fuel Productions	Westminster	£204,861	£201,160	Theatre
NoFit State Community Circus Ltd	Cardiff	£204,861	£201,160	Theatre
North Kesteven District Council	North Kesteven	£204,861	£201,160	Visual arts
Creative Arts East	Norwich	£204,760	£150,000	Combined arts
The Customs House	South Tyneside	£204,000	£100,678	Combined arts
SoundCity	Liverpool	£203,680	£200,000	Music
Vamos Theatre Company	Worcester	£203,680	£200,000	Theatre
TIN Arts	County Durham	£202,952	£81,453	Dance
Gem Arts	Gateshead	£202,208	£120,000	Combined arts
Association for Cultural Enterprises	County Durham	£201,643	£198,000	Not discipline specific
Grizedale Arts	South Lakeland	£201,334	£197,696	Visual arts
Shademakers UK Carnival Club	Isle of Wight	£201,215	£50,290	Combined arts
Bath Spa University Paper Nations	Bath and North East Somerset	£201,020	—	Literature
Liverpool Arab Arts Festival	Liverpool	£200,912	£110,000	Combined arts
Kali Theatre Co.	Lewisham	£200,116	£196,500	Theatre
Absolutely Cultured Limited	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£200,000	—	Combined arts
Association of Senior Children's and Education Librarians	Halton	£200,000	—	Libraries
Cosmopolitan Arts	Oadby and Wigston	£200,000	—	Combined arts
FRONTLINEdance	Stafford	£200,000	—	Dance
Gazebo	Wolverhampton	£200,000	—	Theatre
Gorilla Circus	Fenland	£200,000	—	Theatre
Pegasus Opera Company	Lambeth	£200,000	—	Music
PIPA	Sheffield	£200,000	—	Not discipline specific
Proud and Loud Arts	Salford	£200,000	—	Theatre
Signal Film and Media	Barrow-in-Furness	£200,000	—	Combined arts
Simmer Down CIC	Birmingham	£200,000	—	Music
The Paper Birds Theatre Company	Maldon	£200,000	—	Theatre
The People's Orchestra	Sandwell	£200,000	—	Music
Zoo Co Creative LTD	Croydon	£200,000	—	Theatre
20Twenty Productions CIC	Fenland	£199,600	—	Not discipline specific
Barbican Theatre, Plymouth	Plymouth	£198,710	£195,120	Dance
Invisible Flock Co	Barnsley	£198,588	£195,000	Combined arts
MeWe Foundation	Westminster	£198,588	£195,000	Not discipline specific
Writing East Midlands	Nottingham	£198,038	£125,725	Literature
Tech Styles Dance LTD	Bradford	£198,000	—	Dance

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Phizzical Productions	Leicester	£197,431	—	Theatre
Mediale	Selby	£196,000	—	Visual arts
Art Asia Trust Limited	Southampton	£195,900	£95,827	Combined arts
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Barnsley	£195,723	—	Libraries
Viva Chamber Orchestra Ltd	Derby	£195,642	£192,107	Music
Helix Arts Ltd	North Tyneside	£195,335	£108,342	Combined arts
HighTide Festival Productions LTD	East Suffolk	£195,180	£191,654	Theatre
Jaivant Patel Company CIC	Wolverhampton	£195,000	—	Dance
Milton Keynes Islamic Arts Heritage and Culture Organisation	Milton Keynes	£195,000	—	Combined arts
OperaUpClose	Southampton	£195,000	—	Music
Sefton Libraries	Sefton	£195,000	—	Libraries
Great Georges Community Cultural Project Ltd	Liverpool	£194,691	£110,000	Combined arts
Community Arts North West	Manchester	£194,618	£191,102	Combined arts
Foundation for Community Dance t/a People Dancing	Leicester	£193,593	£190,095	Dance
Jazz North	Calderdale	£193,496	£190,000	Music
Vital Xposure	Hackney	£192,431	£100,580	Theatre
Brighter Sound	Manchester	£192,000	—	Music
Tavaziva Dance	Wandsworth	£191,973	£188,505	Dance
imitating the dog	Lancaster	£191,459	£188,000	Theatre
Pentabus Arts Ltd	Shropshire	£190,779	£187,332	Theatre
Ad Infinitum Productions CIO	Bristol, City of	£190,000	—	Theatre
Transform Theatre Projects	Leeds	£190,000	—	Theatre
Boundless Theatre	Croydon	£189,487	£186,063	Theatre
Red Ladder Theatre Company	Leeds	£189,386	£165,000	Theatre
Oxford Contemporary Music	Oxford	£189,201	£185,783	Music
Newham Music	Newham	£189,000	—	Music
Shropshire Council	Shropshire	£188,999	—	Museums
Cohesion Plus Kent	Gravesham	£188,796	£104,375	Combined arts
Slung Low Limited	Leeds	£188,548	£185,141	Theatre
IOU Ltd	Calderdale	£188,404	£185,000	Combined arts
The Met	Bury	£187,431	£100,580	Combined arts
Photofusion	Lambeth	£186,044	£142,895	Visual arts
Create Studios Digital Media CIC	Swindon	£185,684	£95,000	Visual arts
Norwich Arts Centre	Norwich	£185,421	£182,071	Combined arts
Threshold Studios	West Northamptonshire	£184,878	£80,464	Visual arts
Ockham's Razor	Hammersmith and Fulham	£184,375	£181,044	Theatre
Writing West Midlands	Birmingham	£184,375	£181,044	Literature
B3 Media Limited	Merton	£183,312	£180,000	Visual arts
Inner City Music Ltd	Manchester	£183,312	£180,000	Music
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	Barking and Dagenham	£183,312	£180,000	Libraries
The Mill Arts Centre	Cherwell	£183,000	—	Combined arts
tutti frutti productions	Leeds	£181,991	£178,703	Theatre
Open Clasp Theatre Company	Newcastle upon Tyne	£180,301	£177,043	Theatre
ARCADE	East Riding of Yorkshire	£180,000	—	Combined arts

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Just Us Dance Theatre Company	Redbridge	£180,000	—	Dance
Mortal Fools	Northumberland	£180,000	—	Theatre
The Auxiliary Project Space	Middlesbrough	£180,000	—	Visual arts
ThickSkin Theatre	Wigan	£180,000	—	Theatre
Zest Theatre	Lincoln	£180,000	—	Theatre
Book Works	Hackney	£179,760	£176,512	Visual arts
The Maltings Berwick Trust Limited	Northumberland	£179,633	£176,387	Combined arts
the Albany	Lewisham	£179,254	£306,015	Combined arts
British Underground Ltd	Westminster	£179,192	£151,406	Music
Capsule Events Ltd	Birmingham	£178,220	£175,000	Music
Kakilang	Westminster	£178,220	£175,000	Combined arts
New Earth Theatre Company	Lewisham	£178,220	£175,000	Theatre
The Reader	Liverpool	£178,220	£175,000	Literature
The Story Museum	Oxford	£178,220	£175,000	Literature
Action Space London Events	Camden	£178,139	£88,416	Visual arts
Theatre Porto	Cheshire West and Chester	£177,917	£120,696	Theatre
Nutkhut	Rushmoor	£177,781	£100,924	Combined arts
Community and Cultural Services	Cambridge	£176,942	£173,745	Libraries
The Spark Arts for Children	Leicester	£176,047	£172,866	Combined arts
Highlights Productions	Eden	£175,734	£119,800	Combined arts
Company Three	Islington	£175,000	—	Theatre
Family Arts Campaign Ltd	Stockton-on-Tees	£175,000	—	Not discipline specific
Future Foundry	Dover	£175,000	—	Visual arts
The Island Collection	Isle of Wight	£175,000	—	Combined arts
OutdoorArtsUK	Camden	£173,578	£170,442	Combined arts
Corby Cube Theatre Trust	North Northamptonshire	£173,403	£140,812	Combined arts
Design Museum	Kensington and Chelsea	£173,128	£170,000	Visual arts
SoCo Music Project	Southampton	£172,000	—	Music
Commonword Enterprises Limited	Manchester	£171,854	£94,247	Literature
Shubbak: A Window on Contemporary Arab Culture	City of London	£171,564	£85,000	Combined arts
Contemporary Art Society	Islington	£171,421	£168,324	Visual arts
National Opera Studio	Wandsworth	£171,316	£168,221	Music
Told by an Idiot	Southwark	£171,309	£168,214	Theatre
Luton Carnival Arts Development Trust	Luton	£171,260	£150,000	Combined arts
GEM - Group for Education in Museums	Medway	£170,000	—	Museums
Creative Lives Charity Limited	Cardiff	£168,878	£165,827	Not discipline specific
Extant	Hackney	£168,870	£156,000	Theatre
Chisenhale Gallery	Tower Hamlets	£168,421	£165,378	Visual arts
Loud In Libraries CIC	Wigan	£167,278	£113,490	Music
Arts Alive CIO	Shropshire	£166,863	£58,781	Combined arts
CultureMix Arts Ltd	Reading	£166,656	£90,000	Music
Studio 3 Arts	Barking and Dagenham	£165,164	£117,993	Combined arts
East Riding Libraries	East Riding of Yorkshire	£165,000	—	Libraries
Meadow Arts	Powys	£163,889	£160,928	Visual arts

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Quarantine	Trafford	£163,889	£160,928	Theatre
Take Art Limited	South Somerset	£163,377	£160,425	Combined arts
Beacon Collaborative	Southwark	£163,333	—	Not discipline specific
Resonance	Southwark	£163,226	£160,277	Not discipline specific
Artcore	Derby	£162,944	£160,000	Visual arts
Cardboard Citizens	Tower Hamlets	£162,944	£160,000	Theatre
Kids in Museums	Tower Hamlets	£162,944	£160,000	Museums
Animate Projects Limited	Derby	£162,000	—	Visual arts
Inpress Ltd	Newcastle upon Tyne	£161,405	£158,489	Literature
Littleworld Ltd t/a Horse and Bamboo Theatre	Rossendale	£160,907	£123,632	Theatre
Tom Dale Company	Nottingham	£160,500	£157,600	Dance
Big Brum Theatre in Education Company	Birmingham	£160,000	—	Theatre
Future Arts Centres	Stockton-on-Tees	£160,000	—	Combined arts
Reform Radio	Manchester	£160,000	—	Music
Restoke	Stoke-on-Trent	£160,000	—	Combined arts
Touring Exhibitions Group	Swansea	£160,000	—	Museums
Wild Rumpus	Cheshire East	£160,000	—	Combined arts
Whitaker Museum & Art Gallery	Rossendale	£159,933	—	Museums
Beaford Arts	North Devon	£159,758	£95,894	Combined arts
Stan's Cafe	Birmingham	£159,751	£156,865	Theatre
Manchester Camerata Limited	Manchester	£159,502	£156,620	Music
Square Chapel CIC	Calderdale	£159,000	—	Theatre
Generator North East	Newcastle upon Tyne	£158,922	£156,051	Music
MAKE Southwest	Teignbridge	£158,149	£155,557	Visual arts
Magic Me	Tower Hamlets	£157,994	—	Combined arts
Cartwheel Arts	Rochdale	£157,930	—	Combined arts
Mahogany Community Ventures Limited	Brent	£157,844	£154,992	Combined arts
Raw Material Music and Media Education	Lambeth	£157,791	£117,234	Music
Matt's Gallery Ltd	Wandsworth	£156,207	£153,385	Visual arts
New International Encounter	Cambridge	£156,144	£153,323	Theatre
The GAP Arts Project	Birmingham	£155,000	—	Visual arts
National Rural Touring Forum	West Berkshire	£154,308	£86,583	Combined arts
Interplay Theatre Trust	Leeds	£153,796	£151,017	Theatre
Spare Tyre Theatre Company Ltd	Lewisham	£153,646	£150,870	Theatre
Manchester Jazz Festival	Manchester	£153,292	£150,522	Music
Peepal Tree Press	Leeds	£153,269	£150,500	Literature
Opal22 Arts	Leicester	£153,000	—	Combined arts
Tangle Ltd	Swindon	£152,858	£101,000	Theatre
BCP Council	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£152,760	£150,000	Combined arts
Compton Verney House Charity	Stratford-on-Avon	£152,760	£150,000	Museums
Create London	City of London	£152,760	£150,000	Visual arts
International Curators Forum	Wandsworth	£152,760	£150,000	Visual arts
Middle Child	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£152,760	£150,000	Theatre

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Northern School of Contemporary Dance	Leeds	£152,760	£150,000	Dance
The Yard Theatre Ltd.	Tower Hamlets	£152,760	£150,000	Theatre
The Good Agency	Bristol, City of	£152,542	—	Literature
RJC Dance	Leeds	£151,608	£75,224	Dance
British Youth Music Theatre	Southwark	£151,426	£77,519	Music
Kirklees Theatre Trust	Kirklees	£151,264	£148,531	Combined arts
Cinder House Publishing Limited	Liverpool	£150,000	—	Literature
Claybody Theatre	Newcastle-under-Lyme	£150,000	—	Theatre
Collusion	Cambridge	£150,000	—	Combined arts
Exeter City of Literature	Exeter	£150,000	—	Literature
Future Yard CIC	Wirral	£150,000	—	Music
Gloucester Culture Trust	Gloucester	£150,000	—	Not discipline specific
Hastings Museum and Art Gallery	Hastings	£150,000	—	Museums
High Rise Entertainment CIC	Barnet	£150,000	—	Theatre
JACARANDA BOOKS	Camden	£150,000	—	Literature
Jumped Up Theatre	Peterborough	£150,000	—	Theatre
Kayd Somali Arts and Culture	Tower Hamlets	£150,000	—	Combined arts
Madlove Ltd	Thanet	£150,000	—	Combined arts
Magic Sound Ltd	Brent	£150,000	—	Music
Magpie Dance	Bromley	£150,000	—	Dance
Marsm	Islington	£150,000	—	Music
Modus Arts	Haringey	£150,000	—	Visual arts
Multi-Story Music	Oxford	£150,000	—	Music
One Latin Culture Ltd	Liverpool	£150,000	—	Music
Partners in Creative Learning	Newcastle-under-Lyme	£150,000	—	Not discipline specific
Portraits of Recovery	Oldham	£150,000	—	Visual arts
Redhills CIO	County Durham	£150,000	—	Combined arts
Settle Stories	Craven	£150,000	—	Literature
St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery	New Forest	£150,000	—	Museums
St Margaret's House	Tower Hamlets	£150,000	—	Combined arts
Steve Ross Foundation for the Arts	Isle of Wight	£150,000	—	Combined arts
The Foundling Museum	Camden	£150,000	—	Museums
The Lightbox	Woking	£150,000	—	Museums
The Posh Club	Crawley	£150,000	—	Combined arts
The Postal Museum	Camden	£150,000	—	Museums
West Northamptonshire Council	West Northamptonshire	£150,000	—	Museums
Octopus Collective Ltd.	Barrow-in-Furness	£149,958	£70,232	Music
sheba arts	Manchester	£149,000	—	Combined arts
The Ashton Group Theatre	Barrow-in-Furness	£148,790	£80,494	Theatre
Walk The Plank	Salford	£148,337	£145,657	Combined arts
Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery	Blackburn with Darwen	£148,000	—	Museums
Chapel Arts Studios	Test Valley	£147,670	£145,002	Visual arts
Common Wealth	Bradford	£147,668	£145,000	Theatre
Disability Arts Online	Brighton and Hove	£146,492	£100,000	Visual arts

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New Writing South	Brighton and Hove	£146,477	£124,192	Literature
Bedford Creative Arts	Bedford	£146,385	£143,740	Combined arts
Music in the Round	Sheffield	£145,594	£142,963	Music
Theatre Peckham	Southwark	£145,554	£142,924	Theatre
Duckie	Lambeth	£145,114	£142,492	Theatre
OPUS Music CIC	Bolsover	£145,000	—	Music
Aurora Orchestra	Islington	£143,519	£91,829	Music
KARST	Plymouth	£142,576	£140,000	Visual arts
Metro-Boulot-Dodo Limited	Leicester	£142,576	£140,000	Combined arts
Ripon Museum Trust	Harrogate	£142,576	£140,000	Museums
In-Situ	Pendle	£141,558	£139,000	Visual arts
The Anvil Trust Ltd	Basingstoke and Deane	£141,506	£138,949	Music
Level Centre Ltd	Derbyshire Dales	£141,354	£138,800	Combined arts
Word Up North Ltd	Bradford	£139,953	£137,424	Literature
CoDa Dance Company	Thurrock	£137,500	—	Dance
Abandon Normal Devices	Manchester	£137,484	£135,000	Combined arts
Blast Theory	Brighton and Hove	£136,625	£134,157	Visual arts
The Norton Priory Museum Trust	Halton	£136,500	—	Museums
Bermondsey Artists' Group	Southwark	£136,472	£134,006	Visual arts
Community Music Ltd	Tower Hamlets	£136,426	£133,961	Music
The Warren Youth Project	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£136,000	—	Combined arts
Plymouth Culture CIO	Plymouth	£135,447	£133,000	Not discipline specific
Amina Khayyam Dance Co	Slough	£135,000	—	Dance
Liverpool Lighthouse	Liverpool	£135,000	—	Music
b-side Multimedia Festival CIC	Dorset	£134,881	£133,651	Combined arts
People's Palace Projects	Tower Hamlets	£134,576	£132,145	Combined arts
Charnwood Arts	Charnwood	£134,183	£131,759	Combined arts
darts (Doncaster Community Arts)	Doncaster	£133,289	£130,881	Combined arts
Entelechy Arts Ltd	Lewisham	£133,226	£80,348	Combined arts
FIERCE! Festival	Birmingham	£133,015	£130,612	Visual arts
MishMash Music	Broxtowe	£133,000	—	Music
Soumik Datta Arts	Stroud	£133,000	—	Music
November Club	Northumberland	£132,530	£100,678	Theatre
Arts Catalyst	Sheffield	£132,392	£130,000	Visual arts
Jacksons Lane	Haringey	£132,135	£129,748	Combined arts
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Ltd	Hammersmith and Fulham	£131,373	£128,999	Music
The Writing Squad	Stockport	£131,291	£97,743	Literature
The Showroom	Westminster	£130,247	£127,894	Visual arts
Art classes group	Slough	£130,000	—	Visual arts
Blackfriars Arts Centre Ltd	Boston	£130,000	—	Combined arts
Burnley Youth Theatre	Burnley	£130,000	£63,365	Theatre
Nottingham, UNESCO City of Literature	Nottingham	£130,000	—	Literature
Resource Productions	Slough	£130,000	—	Not discipline specific
Ventnor Exchange	Isle of Wight	£130,000	—	Combined arts
Gunnersbury Park Museum	Hounslow	£129,500	—	Museums

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Jewish Music Institute	Camden	£128,333	—	Music
Mimbre	Hackney	£128,087	£125,773	Theatre
Exeter Phoenix	Exeter	£128,038	£125,725	Combined arts
University of the Arts London (trading as Artquest)	Camden	£127,355	£125,054	Visual arts
Exeter Northcott Theatre	Exeter	£127,300	£125,000	Combined arts
National Youth Jazz Orchestra	Greenwich	£127,300	£125,000	Music
People United	Canterbury	£127,300	£125,000	Combined arts
The Point	Eastleigh	£127,300	£125,000	Combined arts
Poetry Translation Centre Ltd	Lewisham	£126,867	£124,575	Literature
Mercury Musical Developments	Westminster	£126,757	£124,467	Theatre
Kinetika People	Thurrock	£126,129	£123,850	Combined arts
National Youth Jazz Collective	Islington	£125,876	£64,439	Music
Birmingham City University	Birmingham	£125,686	£123,415	Visual arts
Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival	Northumberland	£125,288	£70,000	Visual arts
Como No Promotions Ltd	Southwark	£125,000	—	Music
CT20 Projects CIC	Folkestone and Hythe	£125,000	—	Combined arts
Jarrow Hall	South Tyneside	£125,000	—	Museums
Latinolife	Haringey	£125,000	—	Music
South Tyneside Council	South Tyneside	£125,000	—	Libraries
Corali	Lambeth	£123,340	£100,000	Dance
Carcanet Press Limited	Manchester	£122,917	£120,696	Literature
Clod Ensemble	Greenwich	£122,917	£120,696	Theatre
Hounslow Arts Trust Ltd	Hounslow	£122,917	£120,696	Combined arts
Theatre in the Mill	Bradford	£122,382	£120,171	Theatre
The Garden Museum	Lambeth	£122,250	—	Museums
Buxton Arts Festival Ltd	High Peak	£122,208	£120,000	Music
The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre	Havant	£122,208	£120,000	Combined arts
Continental Drifts	Haringey	£122,100	£119,996	Music
TL Universal Events Limited	Hackney	£122,000	—	Music
Women & Theatre	Birmingham	£121,677	—	Combined arts
Yaram Arts CIC	Newham	£120,358	£79,900	Music
Queen's Hall Arts	Northumberland	£120,321	£118,147	Combined arts
Emergency Exit Arts	Medway	£120,094	£117,924	Combined arts
Arts Marketing Association	Cambridge	£120,000	£235,643	Not discipline specific
Creative Future Ltd	Brighton and Hove	£120,000	—	Literature
Hospital Rooms	Tower Hamlets	£120,000	—	Visual arts
Manchester Collective	Manchester	£120,000	—	Music
Music Managers Forum Ltd	Southwark	£120,000	—	Music
Nupur Arts Dance Academy	Leicester	£120,000	—	Dance
Sound Connections	Tower Hamlets	£120,000	—	Music
Spectra Arts CIC	Sandwell	£120,000	—	Combined arts
The Culture House Ltd	North East Lincolnshire	£120,000	—	Combined arts
The Plough Arts Centre	Torridge	£120,000	—	Combined arts
Turf Projects	Croydon	£120,000	—	Visual arts
New Contemporaries (1988) Ltd	Tower Hamlets	£119,956	£117,789	Visual arts

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The Midi Music Company	Lewisham	£119,391	£117,234	Music
The National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain	Bedford	£119,263	£61,054	Music
Ex Cathedra Ltd	Birmingham	£117,484	£57,681	Music
Ruff Sqwad Arts Foundation	Hackney	£117,000	—	Music
Paraiso School of Samba	Camden	£116,458	£60,348	Combined arts
Peckham Platform Ltd	Southwark	£116,308	£75,000	Visual arts
London Borough of Merton	Merton	£116,050	—	Libraries
CoMA	Tower Hamlets	£115,000	—	Music
Aspex Visual Arts Trust	Portsmouth	£114,180	£112,117	Visual arts
Cubitt Artists Limited	Islington	£114,156	£112,095	Visual arts
idle women	Hyndburn	£114,000	—	Combined arts
Readipop	Reading	£113,656	£90,000	Music
arebyte	Tower Hamlets	£113,300	—	Visual arts
Baby People	Derby	£113,000	£48,418	Music
Daily Life Ltd	Haringey	£112,840	£88,510	Combined arts
Arena Theatre (University of Wolverhampton)	Wolverhampton	£112,094	£110,069	Theatre
Flatpack Projects	Birmingham	£112,024	£110,000	Combined arts
Manchester Jewish Museum	Manchester	£112,024	£110,000	Museums
Bloodaxe Books Ltd	Northumberland	£110,000	£92,032	Literature
CLPE	Southwark	£110,000	—	Literature
Hoot Creative Arts	Kirklees	£110,000	£40,166	Combined arts
Kala The Arts	Basingstoke and Deane	£110,000	—	Dance
Music Action International	Manchester	£110,000	—	Music
Musiko Musika	Hackney	£109,900	£107,914	Music
Northern Print	Newcastle upon Tyne	£108,610	£106,648	Visual arts
Academy of Circus Arts and Physical Theatre t/a Circomedia	South Gloucestershire	£108,513	£106,552	Theatre
Ledbury Poetry Festival	Herefordshire, County of	£108,042	£53,066	Literature
National Youth Choirs of Great Britain	County Durham	£108,017	£55,297	Music
The Exchange Erith Ltd.	Bexley	£108,000	—	Visual arts
More Music	Lancaster	£107,552	£105,609	Music
Peshkar	Oldham	£107,189	£75,794	Combined arts
Unfolding Theatre	Newcastle upon Tyne	£106,932	£105,000	Theatre
Venture Arts	Manchester	£106,932	£105,000	Visual arts
Auto Italia	Tower Hamlets	£106,930	£50,290	Visual arts
Lapworth Museum of Geology	Birmingham	£106,673	£104,746	Museums
Counterpoints Arts	Hackney	£106,472	£80,000	Combined arts
Together! 2012 CIC	Newham	£106,104	£60,000	Combined arts
ILUVLIVE	Lambeth	£105,767	£103,856	Music
City Arts Nottingham	Nottingham	£105,311	£103,408	Combined arts
Open Sky Theatre	Herefordshire, County of	£105,000	—	Theatre
Lancaster Arts at Lancaster University	Lancaster	£104,949	£103,053	Combined arts
Eye Music Trust	Croydon	£104,086	£102,205	Music
Talking Birds Theatre Company Limited	Coventry	£103,620	£101,748	Theatre
Wiltshire Music Centre Trust Ltd	Wiltshire	£103,546	£101,675	Music

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Nottingham Media Centre Ltd	Nottingham	£102,431	£100,580	Visual arts
Streetwise Opera	Tower Hamlets	£102,431	£100,580	Music
Tete a Tete	Richmond upon Thames	£102,431	£100,580	Music
UP Projects	Enfield	£102,431	£100,580	Visual arts
A Space Arts	Southampton	£101,840	£100,000	Visual arts
Bucks County Museum	Buckinghamshire	£101,840	£100,000	Museums
Doncaster Heritage Services	Doncaster	£101,840	£100,000	Museums
Eden Arts	Eden	£101,840	£100,000	Combined arts
Hastings Contemporary	Hastings	£101,840	£100,000	Visual arts
Homotopia Limited	Liverpool	£101,840	£100,000	Combined arts
Outside In	Brighton and Hove	£101,840	£100,000	Visual arts
The New Carnival Company CIC	Isle of Wight	£100,372	£76,661	Combined arts
Bloomin' Buds Theatre Company Limited	Bradford	£100,000	—	Theatre
DanceSyndrome	Hyndburn	£100,000	—	Dance
Fresh Arts C.I.C	Brent	£100,000	—	Combined arts
Mimosa House CIO	Westminster	£100,000	—	Visual arts
National Paralympic Heritage Trust	Buckinghamshire	£100,000	—	Museums
Northern Heartlands	County Durham	£100,000	—	Combined arts
Rosetta Art Centre CIO	Newham	£100,000	£45,000	Visual arts
Tees Valley Arts	Redcar and Cleveland	£100,000	—	Visual arts
The 87 Press LTD	Sutton	£100,000	—	Literature
The Seagull Lowestoft Community Interest Company	East Suffolk	£100,000	—	Theatre
West Yorkshire Print Workshop	Kirklees	£100,000	£54,366	Visual arts
Grand Union Arts CIO	Birmingham	£99,803	£98,000	Visual arts
Milton Keynes Arts Centre LTD	Milton Keynes	£99,803	£98,000	Visual arts
Tropical Isles	Hackney	£99,250	—	Combined arts
DIY Theatre Community Interest Company	Salford	£99,000	—	Theatre
Comma Press	Manchester	£98,380	£83,160	Literature
Literature Works	Plymouth	£98,333	£96,556	Literature
African Night Fever	Brighton and Hove	£98,000	—	Music
Rural Arts North Yorkshire	Hambleton	£97,699	£75,509	Combined arts
Spitalfields Festival Ltd.	Tower Hamlets	£97,488	£70,000	Music
Doorstep Arts	Torbay	£97,319	£95,561	Theatre
Deptford X Ltd.	Lewisham	£97,000	—	Visual arts
English Folk Expo	Rochdale	£96,748	£95,000	Music
Miracle Theatre Trust Ltd	Cornwall	£96,748	£95,000	Theatre
Headway Arts	Northumberland	£96,000	—	Combined arts
Children's Discovery Centre East London	Newham	£95,597	£93,870	Literature
Chol International Arts	Kirklees	£95,000	—	Theatre
Music24	Luton	£95,000	—	Music
North Devon Council	North Devon	£95,000	—	Museums
The Portland Inn Project CIC	Stoke-on-Trent	£94,000	—	Visual arts
Sound Minds	Wandsworth	£92,500	—	Music
Knowle West Media Centre	Bristol, City of	£92,188	£90,522	Combined arts
ShivaNova	Ashford	£92,000	—	Music

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Dance United Yorkshire	Bradford	£91,656	£90,000	Dance
MAYK Theatre CIC	Bristol, City of	£91,656	£90,000	Theatre
Open School East	Thanet	£91,656	£90,000	Visual arts
Somerset Art Works	South Somerset	£91,656	£90,000	Visual arts
The Ministry of Stories	Hackney	£90,753	£89,113	Literature
Brownswood Music Ltd	Hackney	£90,638	£89,000	Music
People Express	South Derbyshire	£90,312	£54,313	Combined arts
Soft Touch Arts Ltd	Leicester	£90,139	£88,510	Not discipline specific
Arts and Homelessness International	Coventry	£90,000	—	Combined arts
Arts Outburst	Thurrock	£90,000	—	Combined arts
Freewheelers Theatre and Media Ltd	Basingstoke and Deane	£90,000	—	Theatre
Mandala Theatre Company CIO	Oxford	£90,000	—	Theatre
Cheshire Dance	Cheshire West and Chester	£89,831	£88,208	Dance
Somerset Film and Video Ltd	Sedgemoor	£89,062	£87,453	Visual arts
The Forge	County Durham	£89,054	£57,496	Combined arts
Peer UK	Hackney	£87,165	£85,590	Visual arts
Dancefest	Worcester	£87,066	£85,493	Dance
World Heart Beat Music Academy	Wandsworth	£86,564	£85,000	Music
Making Music, the National Federation of Music Societies	Southwark	£85,550	—	Music
Burton Art Gallery and Museum	Torridge	£85,138	£83,600	Visual arts
Geese Theatre Company Ltd	Birmingham	£85,000	£40,232	Theatre
Mytime Active	Bromley	£83,464	£81,957	Music
Grundy Art Gallery	Blackpool	£83,000	£43,122	Visual arts
Shabang! Inclusive Learning	Kirklees	£82,000	—	Combined arts
B Music Ltd	Birmingham	£81,945	£80,464	Music
Leicester Arts Centre Limited	Leicester	£81,945	£80,464	Visual arts
acta community theatre ltd	Bristol, City of	£81,472	£80,000	Combined arts
Beavers Arts Ltd.	Stoke-on-Trent	£81,472	£80,000	Combined arts
Kinetika Bloco	Lambeth	£81,472	£80,000	Combined arts
Manchester Craft And Design	Manchester	£81,472	£80,000	Visual arts
Stanley Picker Gallery	Kingston upon Thames	£81,472	£80,000	Visual arts
The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre	East Hampshire	£81,233	—	Combined arts
ACAVA	Kensington and Chelsea	£80,000	—	Visual arts
Box Clever Theatre Company	East Lindsey	£80,000	—	Theatre
intoBodmin CIC	Cornwall	£80,000	—	Combined arts
Next Door But One	York	£80,000	—	Theatre
Writing Our Legacy	Brighton and Hove	£80,000	—	Literature
Furtherfield.org	Haringey	£79,830	£78,388	Visual arts
Outlands Network	Brighton and Hove	£79,479	—	Music
Goole Town Council	East Riding of Yorkshire	£79,345	£68,995	Combined arts
East Midlands Jazz CIC	Derbyshire Dales	£78,871	£77,446	Music
Manchester Literature Festival	Manchester	£78,072	£76,661	Literature
Writing on the Wall	Liverpool	£78,072	£76,661	Literature
Home Live Art	Hastings	£76,823	£75,435	Combined arts
The Pound Arts Trust Ltd	Wiltshire	£76,823	£75,435	Combined arts

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Backlit	Nottingham	£76,380	£75,000	Visual arts
Koestler Trust	Hammersmith and Fulham	£76,380	£75,000	Combined arts
Sunshine International Arts	Haringey	£76,380	£75,000	Combined arts
Vivid Projects	Birmingham	£75,871	£74,500	Visual arts
And Other Stories Publishing CIC	Sheffield	£75,362	£74,000	Literature
The Literary Consultancy	Camden	£75,346	£73,985	Literature
AIR in G (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire) Ltd	Herefordshire, County of	£75,000	£42,243	Theatre
Hull Culture and Leisure Library Services	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£75,000	—	Libraries
zerOclassikal	Haringey	£75,000	—	Music
Yorkshire Artspace Society Ltd	Sheffield	£73,192	£71,870	Visual arts
George Padmore Institute	Haringey	£73,000	—	Literature
Collar and TIE Ltd	Worcester	£72,696	£71,383	Combined arts
Robin Hood Health Foundation	Brighton and Hove	£72,230	—	Not discipline specific
Create Gloucestershire	Cheltenham	£72,058	£70,756	Not discipline specific
Rotherham Open Arts Renaissance (ROAR)	Rotherham	£71,735	£70,439	Visual arts
hÅb	Manchester	£71,701	£70,406	Combined arts
Camden People's Theatre	Camden	£71,288	£70,000	Theatre
Castlefield Gallery	Manchester	£71,288	£70,000	Visual arts
The NewBridge Project	Newcastle upon Tyne	£71,288	£70,000	Visual arts
Crescent Arts	Scarborough	£71,073	£69,789	Visual arts
Modern Poetry in Translation	Oxford	£70,920	£50,000	Literature
Prema Arts Centre	Stroud	£70,532	£69,258	Combined arts
Leicester Print Workshop	Leicester	£70,290	£70,290	Visual arts
Stroud Valleys Artspace	Stroud	£70,216	£68,947	Visual arts
Devonshire Collective	Eastbourne	£70,000	—	Visual arts
Mikron Theatre Company	Kirklees	£70,000	£47,800	Theatre
Platform : London	Tower Hamlets	£70,000	—	Combined arts
Proteus Theatre Company	Basingstoke and Deane	£69,862	£68,600	Theatre
Friction Arts	Birmingham	£68,742	£67,500	Combined arts
Poet in the City	Islington	£68,313	£67,079	Literature
Studio Voltaire	Lambeth	£68,313	£67,079	Visual arts
The Children's Bookshow	Brent	£68,313	£67,079	Literature
The Ropewalk (Barton) Ltd	North Lincolnshire	£68,313	£67,079	Combined arts
London Arts in Health Forum	City of London	£66,870	£65,662	Combined arts
National Criminal Justice Arts Alliance	West Suffolk	£66,196	£65,000	Not discipline specific
Primary	Nottingham	£66,196	£65,000	Not discipline specific
Bedford Borough Council	Bedford	£65,000	—	Museums
SIGNALS ESSEX MEDIA CENTRE LTD	Colchester	£65,000	—	Combined arts
Nine Arches Press	Rugby	£63,650	£62,500	Literature
The Lawnmowers Independent Theatre Company	Gateshead	£62,120	£60,998	Theatre
Vane Contemporary Art Limited	Gateshead	£61,517	£60,406	Visual arts

Organisation	Local authority	2023-26, a year	2018-22 average	Art form
Tobacco Factory Theatres	Bristol, City of	£61,458	£60,348	Theatre
London Borough of Waltham Forest - WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY	Waltham Forest	£61,104	£60,000	Visual arts
NN Contemporary Art	West Northamptonshire	£61,104	£60,000	Visual arts
Wasafiri Ltd	Tower Hamlets	£60,506	£59,413	Literature
Dialled In	Tower Hamlets	£60,000	—	Music
Jelly	Reading	£60,000	—	Visual arts
Bridport Arts Centre	Dorset	£58,468	£57,412	Combined arts
National Student Drama Festival	Leicester	£57,583	£56,543	Theatre
not/nowhere arts ltd	Hackney	£56,439	£55,419	Visual arts
Artsreach	Dorset	£56,337	£55,319	Combined arts
Protege	Hounslow	£55,000	—	Visual arts
PoemsOnTheUnderground	Camden	£53,675	£52,705	Literature
Culturapedia	Blackburn with Darwen	£52,072	—	Combined arts
Eastside Educational Trust	Hackney	£51,722	£50,788	Combined arts
Prism Arts	Carlisle	£51,544	£50,613	Combined arts
Bow Arts Trust	Tower Hamlets	£51,215	£50,290	Visual arts
Otolith Collective Ltd	Hackney	£51,215	£50,290	Visual arts
Drawing Room	Southwark	£51,214	£50,289	Visual arts
Oblique Arts	Cambridge	£51,000	—	Visual arts
AA2A Limited	Sheffield	£50,000	£40,000	Visual arts
ACA Publishing/Sinoist Books	Horsham	£50,000	—	Literature
Art Monthly	Southwark	£50,000	£40,232	Visual arts
Bernard Leach (St Ives) Trust Limited	Cornwall	£50,000	£40,000	Visual arts
British Youth Opera	Wandsworth	£50,000	£42,621	Music
Bureau of Silly Ideas	Lambeth	£50,000	£40,232	Combined arts
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Cheshire West and Chester	£50,000	£87,398	Combined arts
Cinderford Artspace	Forest of Dean	£50,000	£47,948	Combined arts
Dedalus Limited	Barking and Dagenham	£50,000	£40,000	Literature
Forward Arts Foundation	Westminster	£50,000	£47,914	Literature
Heads Together Productions Limited	Leeds	£50,000	£46,605	Combined arts
Index on Censorship	Hackney	£50,000	£43,122	Literature
NMC Recordings Ltd.	Tower Hamlets	£50,000	£40,000	Music
Pagoda Arts	Liverpool	£50,000	£44,864	Music
Poetry London	Lewisham	£50,000	£47,913	Literature
Turner Sims, Southampton	Southampton	£50,000	£43,122	Music

National Portfolio funding by local authority, 2023-26, a year

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
England	985	£7.67	£445m
City of London	7	£316.40	£5m
Westminster	24	£139.19	£30m
Lambeth	18	£128.62	£41m
Stratford-on-Avon	4	£110.85	£16m
Camden	31	£47.26	£10m
Islington	20	£44.46	£10m
Manchester	34	£42.34	£25m

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
Tower Hamlets	36	£41.89	£14m
Southwark	28	£38.91	£12m
Leeds	25	£34.75	£29m
Gateshead	5	£34.72	£7m
Newcastle upon Tyne	15	£28.50	£9m
Norwich	6	£27.16	£4m
Hackney	24	£23.82	£6m
Birmingham	43	£22.69	£27m
Oxford	9	£21.65	£4m
Ipswich	6	£19.86	£3m
Kensington and Chelsea	4	£19.75	£3m
Liverpool	22	£19.74	£10m
Waverley	3	£19.74	£3m
Bristol, City of	21	£18.93	£9m
Nottingham	14	£18.47	£6m
Leicester	21	£17.30	£7m
Brighton and Hove	16	£15.90	£4m
Watford	3	£15.37	£2m
Plymouth	8	£15.20	£4m
Southampton	9	£15.02	£4m
Cambridge	8	£14.72	£2m
Chichester	1	£13.83	£2m
York	6	£13.39	£3m
North Devon	3	£12.48	£1m
Colchester	5	£11.59	£2m
Cardiff	3	£11.52	£4m
Newcastle-under-Lyme	3	£11.49	£1m
Hammersmith and Fulham	5	£11.43	£2m
Derby	9	£11.29	£3m
Kingston upon Hull, City of	8	£11.18	£3m
Lewisham	16	£11.05	£3m
Coventry	9	£10.38	£4m
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	5	£9.66	£4m
Wakefield	4	£9.57	£3m
Exeter	5	£9.27	£1m
Barnsley	8	£9.24	£2m
Hastings	4	£9.10	£1m
Thanet	4	£8.13	£1m
Stockton-on-Tees	5	£7.94	£2m
Lewes	1	£7.87	£1m
East Suffolk	4	£7.82	£2m
Westmorland and Furness	9	£7.81	£2m
Folkestone and Hythe	3	£7.67	£1m
Cumberland	4	£7.42	£2m
East Lindsey	3	£7.25	£1m
Mansfield	2	£7.22	£1m
Wandsworth	10	£6.91	£2m

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
Winchester	2	£6.76	£1m
Newham	9	£6.75	£3m
Gloucester	4	£6.61	£1m
Sheffield	11	£6.38	£4m
Middlesbrough	3	£6.23	£1m
Lincoln	3	£6.10	£1m
Warwick	2	£6.05	£1m
Bradford	12	£6.02	£3m
Great Yarmouth	1	£5.95	£1m
Eastbourne	2	£5.85	£1m
Calderdale	5	£5.73	£1m
Newark and Sherwood	2	£5.61	£1m
Cheltenham	3	£5.58	£1m
Rother	1	£5.45	£1m
Blackpool	3	£5.42	£1m
Isle of Wight	5	£5.36	£1m
Brent	6	£4.79	£2m
Haringey	10	£4.69	£1m
Salford	4	£4.61	£1m
High Peak	2	£4.60	£0m
Lancaster	4	£4.57	£1m
Medway	6	£4.53	£1m
Rossendale	2	£4.47	£0m
Wigan	4	£4.41	£1m
Milton Keynes	5	£4.40	£1m
Southend-on-Sea	2	£4.36	£1m
Blackburn with Darwen	4	£4.23	£1m
County Durham	9	£4.13	£2m
Croydon	6	£4.03	£2m
Merton	3	£4.02	£1m
Herefordshire, County of	5	£3.96	£1m
Northumberland	8	£3.94	£1m
Telford and Wrekin	1	£3.90	£1m
Fenland	2	£3.84	£0m
Luton	4	£3.81	£1m
Rochdale	4	£3.81	£1m
Sunderland	3	£3.80	£1m
Wolverhampton	5	£3.74	£1m
Reading	4	£3.58	£1m
Darlington	1	£3.52	£0m
Ashford	2	£3.47	£0m
Worcester	3	£3.45	£0m
West Berkshire	2	£3.36	£1m
Oadby and Wigston	1	£3.35	£0m
Mid Suffolk	1	£3.31	£0m
Walsall	1	£3.23	£1m
Sandwell	5	£3.21	£1m

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
St. Helens	2	£3.18	£1m
Swindon	4	£3.15	£1m
Derbyshire Dales	2	£3.06	£0m
South Tyneside	3	£3.03	£0m
North Somerset	2	£3.00	£1m
Torridge	2	£2.96	£0m
Maldon	1	£2.93	£0m
West Northamptonshire	4	£2.87	£1m
Wiltshire	3	£2.85	£1m
Epsom and Ewell	1	£2.78	£0m
Dorset	5	£2.77	£1m
South Cambridgeshire	1	£2.74	£0m
Worthing	1	£2.72	£0m
Kirklees	8	£2.66	£1m
Halton	2	£2.58	£0m
Hyndburn	2	£2.53	£0m
Knowsley	1	£2.51	£0m
Redcar and Cleveland	2	£2.50	£0m
North Yorkshire	7	£2.48	£2m
Blaby	1	£2.48	£0m
Cornwall	7	£2.43	£1m
Stoke-on-Trent	4	£2.43	£1m
Slough	3	£2.41	£0m
Chesterfield	1	£2.40	£0m
St Albans	1	£2.35	£0m
Dudley	1	£2.32	£1m
Cheshire West and Chester	5	£2.32	£1m
Shropshire	4	£2.32	£1m
Canterbury	2	£2.30	£0m
Harlow	1	£2.28	£0m
Tunbridge Wells	1	£2.27	£0m
Kingston upon Thames	2	£2.26	£0m
Somerset	7	£2.23	£1m
Stroud	3	£2.20	£0m
Basingstoke and Deane	4	£2.15	£0m
Rotherham	3	£2.09	£1m
Windsor and Maidenhead	1	£2.07	£0m
Bolton	1	£2.05	£1m
Portsmouth	2	£1.97	£0m
Thurrock	3	£1.97	£0m
Boston	1	£1.79	£0m
Havering	1	£1.78	£0m
Doncaster	3	£1.78	£1m
Barking and Dagenham	3	£1.75	£0m
Bolsover	1	£1.75	£0m
Trafford	2	£1.74	£0m
Gravesham	1	£1.73	£0m

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
Bedford	3	£1.73	£0m
Rushmoor	1	£1.72	£0m
Greenwich	3	£1.69	£1m
North Kesteven	1	£1.69	£0m
North Lincolnshire	2	£1.63	£0m
Maidstone	1	£1.54	£0m
West Suffolk	2	£1.54	£0m
Nuneaton and Bedworth	1	£1.52	£0m
Dover	1	£1.47	£0m
Preston	1	£1.45	£0m
Pendle	1	£1.45	£0m
Stafford	1	£1.43	£0m
Woking	1	£1.42	£0m
Burnley	1	£1.34	£0m
Harrow	1	£1.31	£0m
Redbridge	2	£1.27	£0m
Powys	1	£1.22	£0m
Crawley	1	£1.22	£0m
East Riding of Yorkshire	3	£1.21	£0m
Chelmsford	1	£1.20	£0m
Broxtowe	1	£1.17	£0m
Teignbridge	1	£1.15	£0m
Barnet	2	£1.14	£0m
Test Valley	1	£1.10	£0m
Cherwell	1	£1.09	£0m
Oldham	2	£1.04	£0m
Hounslow	3	£1.03	£0m
Bath and North East Somerset	1	£1.01	£0m
Tameside	1	£1.00	£0m
Havant	1	£0.97	£0m
Bury	1	£0.96	£0m
North Tyneside	1	£0.92	£0m
Eastleigh	1	£0.90	£0m
New Forest	1	£0.85	£0m
South Derbyshire	1	£0.79	£0m
North East Lincolnshire	1	£0.76	£0m
Charnwood	1	£0.72	£0m
Central Bedfordshire	1	£0.71	£0m
Bromley	2	£0.70	£0m
Torbay	1	£0.70	£0m
Sefton	1	£0.69	£0m
Peterborough	1	£0.68	£0m
Swansea	1	£0.64	£0m
East Hampshire	1	£0.63	£0m
Forest of Dean	1	£0.56	£0m
Rugby	1	£0.53	£0m
Richmond upon Thames	1	£0.52	£0m

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
North Northamptonshire	1	£0.47	£0m
Sutton	1	£0.47	£0m
Wirral	1	£0.46	£0m
Stockport	1	£0.44	£0m
Bexley	1	£0.43	£0m
Cheshire East	1	£0.39	£0m
South Gloucestershire	1	£0.36	£0m
Buckinghamshire	2	£0.35	£0m
Horsham	1	£0.33	£0m
Enfield	1	£0.31	£0m
Waltham Forest	1	£0.22	£0m
Ealing	0	£0.00	£0m
Hillingdon	0	£0.00	£0m
Solihull	0	£0.00	£0m
Hartlepool	0	£0.00	£0m
Warrington	0	£0.00	£0m
Rutland	0	£0.00	£0m
Bracknell Forest	0	£0.00	£0m
Wokingham	0	£0.00	£0m
East Cambridgeshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Huntingdonshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Isles of Scilly	0	£0.00	£0m
Amber Valley	0	£0.00	£0m
Erewash	0	£0.00	£0m
North East Derbyshire	0	£0.00	£0m
East Devon	0	£0.00	£0m
Mid Devon	0	£0.00	£0m
South Hams	0	£0.00	£0m
West Devon	0	£0.00	£0m
Wealden	0	£0.00	£0m
Basildon	0	£0.00	£0m
Braintree	0	£0.00	£0m
Brentwood	0	£0.00	£0m
Castle Point	0	£0.00	£0m
Epping Forest	0	£0.00	£0m
Rochford	0	£0.00	£0m
Tendring	0	£0.00	£0m
Uttlesford	0	£0.00	£0m
Cotswold	0	£0.00	£0m
Tewkesbury	0	£0.00	£0m
Fareham	0	£0.00	£0m
Gosport	0	£0.00	£0m
Hart	0	£0.00	£0m
Broxbourne	0	£0.00	£0m
Dacorum	0	£0.00	£0m
East Hertfordshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Hertsmere	0	£0.00	£0m

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
North Hertfordshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Stevenage	0	£0.00	£0m
Three Rivers	0	£0.00	£0m
Welwyn Hatfield	0	£0.00	£0m
Dartford	0	£0.00	£0m
Sevenoaks	0	£0.00	£0m
Swale	0	£0.00	£0m
Tonbridge and Malling	0	£0.00	£0m
Chorley	0	£0.00	£0m
Fylde	0	£0.00	£0m
Ribble Valley	0	£0.00	£0m
South Ribble	0	£0.00	£0m
West Lancashire	0	£0.00	£0m
Wyre	0	£0.00	£0m
Harborough	0	£0.00	£0m
Hinckley and Bosworth	0	£0.00	£0m
Melton	0	£0.00	£0m
North West Leicestershire	0	£0.00	£0m
South Holland	0	£0.00	£0m
South Kesteven	0	£0.00	£0m
West Lindsey	0	£0.00	£0m
Breckland	0	£0.00	£0m
Broadland	0	£0.00	£0m
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	0	£0.00	£0m
North Norfolk	0	£0.00	£0m
South Norfolk	0	£0.00	£0m
Ashfield	0	£0.00	£0m
Bassetlaw	0	£0.00	£0m
Gedling	0	£0.00	£0m
Rushcliffe	0	£0.00	£0m
South Oxfordshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Vale of White Horse	0	£0.00	£0m
West Oxfordshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Cannock Chase	0	£0.00	£0m
East Staffordshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Lichfield	0	£0.00	£0m
South Staffordshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Staffordshire Moorlands	0	£0.00	£0m
Tamworth	0	£0.00	£0m
Babergh	0	£0.00	£0m
Elmbridge	0	£0.00	£0m
Guildford	0	£0.00	£0m
Mole Valley	0	£0.00	£0m
Reigate and Banstead	0	£0.00	£0m
Runnymede	0	£0.00	£0m
Spelthorne	0	£0.00	£0m
Surrey Heath	0	£0.00	£0m

Local authority	Organisations	Per resident	A year
Tandridge	0	£0.00	£0m
North Warwickshire	0	£0.00	£0m
Adur	0	£0.00	£0m
Arun	0	£0.00	£0m
Mid Sussex	0	£0.00	£0m
Bromsgrove	0	£0.00	£0m
Malvern Hills	0	£0.00	£0m
Redditch	0	£0.00	£0m
Wychavon	0	£0.00	£0m
Wyre Forest	0	£0.00	£0m

Grants as offered in November 2022 and published at 31 March 2023; some changed later. Organisations are counted in the local authority where they are based, which may not be where their audiences live. Investment Principles Support Organisations support the sector rather than making work.

Source: Arts Council England, 2023-26 Investment Programme data: National Portfolio Organisations, Investment Principles Support Organisations and transfers, published 31 March 2023; Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Total income of DCMS-funded cultural organisations 2023/24 and 2024/25: data tables, published 29 April 2026. **Arts Council England's site refused our connection when these figures were last updated on 16 November 2026, so they are from the copy read on 15 November 2026 and may be out of date.**

The BBC licence fee: what it raises and where it goes

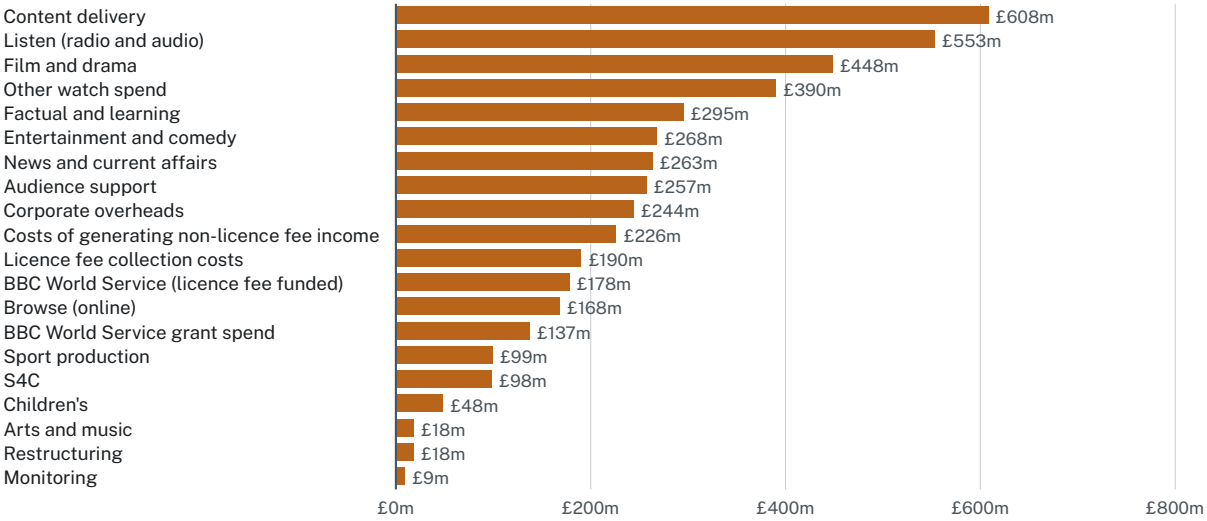
The licence fee is £180 a year from 1 April 2026 (what it is and who pays). It raised £3.9bn in 2025-26. The BBC collects it and pays it into the Consolidated Fund, and DCMS pays a matching grant back to the BBC. The BBC spent £4.5bn on its public services in 2025-26, £2.6bn of it on content.

Licence fee income, collection and evasion

Year	Net licence fee income	In 2025-26 prices	Evasion rate	Cost of collection	Free over-75 licences
2021-22	£3.8bn	£4.6bn	9.38%	3.2%	—
2022-23	£3.7bn	£4.2bn	10.58%	£137m, 3.7%	759,000
2023-24	£3.7bn	£3.9bn	12.04%	£145m, 4.0%	775,000
2024-25	£3.8bn	£4.0bn	12.29%	£166m, 4.3%	825,000
2025-26	£3.9bn	£3.9bn	11.93%	£191m, 4.9%	827,000

Each year's figures are from the Trust Statement for that year or the one after it. Evasion rates are the latest published estimate: the BBC revises the previous year's rate in each statement, and the newest year is a first estimate (error range plus or minus 0.5 percentage points). Collection costs are from the National Audit Office's report printed with each statement. Free licences are available, funded by the BBC, to anyone aged 75 or over who receives Pension Credit or lives in qualifying residential care (Trust Statement 2025/26, note 1). A further 282,000 free over-75 licences were issued in residential care in 2025/26 on top of the 827,000 shown.

Where the BBC's licence-fee-funded spending went, 2025-26, £ million



Bar chart of BBC public service spending by line in 2025-26: Content delivery £608m, Listen (radio and audio) £553m, Film and drama £448m.

The BBC in each nation, 2025-26: licence fee income and spending, cash

Nation	Licence fee income	BBC spending in the nation	Spending as share of income	On its own services	Network programmes made there
England	£3.3bn	£2.3bn	69%	£218m	£1.8bn
Scotland	£313m	£278m	89%	£116m	£103m
Wales	£196m	£216m	110%	£69m	£93m
Northern Ireland	£101m	£100m	99%	£59m	£38m

Data packs, pages 227, 231, 235 and 238. Income by nation is the BBC's estimate from the share of licensed premises; spend is direct and indirect spend on programmes produced in the nation (network and the nation's own services), before and after a transmission amortisation adjustment. Income and spending in the nations do not add up to the BBC's totals: UK-wide costs such as news gathering, the World Service and overheads are not assigned. The BBC employed 21,376 full-time equivalent staff on average in 2025-26 (17,317 in its public service), against 21,773 a year earlier. Figures checked against the BBC's reports on 24 September 2026.

Source: BBC, BBC Television Licence Fee Trust Statement for the year ending 31 March 2026 (with the Comptroller and Auditor General's report), published 14 July 2026; BBC, BBC Group Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26, published 14 July 2026.

Sport: UK Sport by Olympic sport, Sport England by governing body

UK Sport funds Olympic and Paralympic sport across the UK in four-year cycles, from the Exchequer and the National Lottery. Sport England funds community sport in England, including national governing bodies as "system partners". Medals and participation are not shown as the result of either.

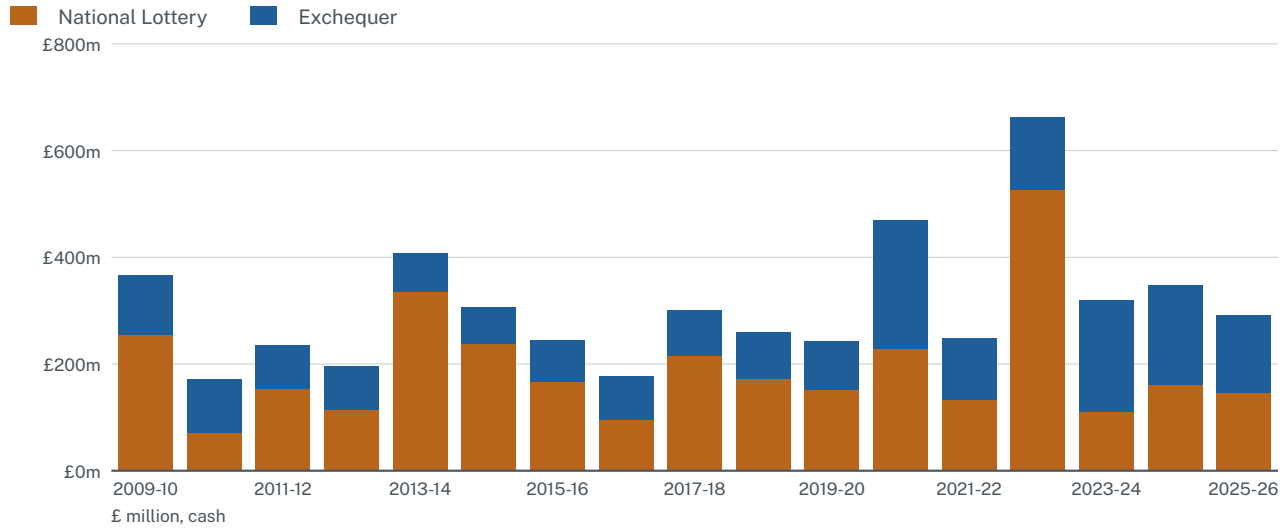
UK Sport funding for each summer Games cycle, cash

Games	Olympic sports	Paralympic sports	Status
London 2012	£0.0m	£0.0m	Past cycle
Rio 2016	£0.0m	£0.0m	Past cycle
Tokyo 2020	£0.0m	£0.0m	Past cycle
Paris 2024	£0.0m	£0.0m	Past cycle
Los Angeles 2028	£0.0m	£0.0m	Current awards
Sochi 2014 (winter)	£0.0m	£0.0m	Past cycle
PyeongChang 2018 (winter)	£0.0m	£0.0m	Past cycle
Beijing 2022 (winter)	£0.0m	£0.0m	Past cycle
Alpes 2030 (winter)	£0.0m	£0.0m	Current awards

UK Sport funding by sport: Los Angeles 2028 awards against the Paris 2024 cycle, cash

Sport	Los Angeles 2028	Paris 2024	Olympic or Paralympic	Award type	Paris 2024 figure is the sum of

Sport England awards by funding year, Exchequer and National Lottery, £ million, cash



Stacked bar chart of Sport England awards from 2009-10 to 2025-26, split between Exchequer and Lottery money.

Sport England awards to national governing bodies since 2022-23, cash

Governing body	Main sport	System partner award, 2022-27	All awards since 2022-23	Number of awards
The Football Association Limited	Association Football	£30.3m	£30.5m	7
British Cycling Federation	Cycling	£26.5m	£28.7m	12
All England Netball Association Limited	Netball	£22.1m	£22.5m	9
England and Wales Cricket Board Limited	Cricket	£12.8m	£16.2m	9
The Rugby Football League Limited	Rugby League	£12.9m	£13.1m	8
England Athletics Limited	Athletics	£12.7m	£13.1m	7
British Rowing Limited	Rowing	£12.0m	£13.0m	11
England Hockey	Hockey	£10.3m	£12.6m	15
Badminton Association of England Limited	Badminton	£12.0m	£12.3m	7
Rugby Football Union	Rugby Union	£0.0m	£12.1m	6
Basketball England	Basketball	£9.9m	£11.5m	18
The British Amateur Gymnastics Association	Gymnastics	£10.3m	£10.6m	9
The Amateur Swimming Association (Swim England) Limited	Swimming & Diving	£9.9m	£10.3m	4
English Table Tennis Association Limited	Table Tennis	£9.9m	£10.2m	7
Amateur Swimming Association	Swimming & Diving	£6.7m	£9.8m	4
British Triathlon Federation	Triathlon	£8.2m	£8.8m	6
British Canoeing	Canoeing	£7.9m	£8.0m	9
Royal Yachting Association	Sailing & Yachting	£7.5m	£7.9m	8
England Boxing Limited	Boxing	£7.5m	£7.8m	7
England Squash	Squash	£7.4m	£7.6m	6
All England Netball Association	Netball	£0.0m	£7.0m	7
British Equestrian Federation	Equestrian	£5.5m	£5.8m	8
British Judo Association	Judo	£5.2m	£5.5m	6
Exercise Move Dance Partnership Limited	Movement & Dance	£5.0m	£5.0m	1
British Weight Lifters Association	Weightlifting	£3.1m	£3.4m	6
British Fencing Association Limited	Fencing	£3.3m	£3.3m	6
English Lacrosse Association Limited	Lacrosse	£3.3m	£3.3m	7
British Mountaineering Council	Mountaineering	£3.0m	£3.0m	5
The British Cycling Federation	Cycling	£2.6m	£2.7m	4

Governing body	Main sport	System partner award, 2022-27	All awards since 2022-23	Number of awards
Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Limited	Wheelchair Rugby	£2.5m	£2.5m	6
English Volleyball Association Limited	Volleyball	£2.3m	£2.5m	7
The Football Association	Association Football	£0.0m	£2.4m	2
BaseballSoftball UK Limited	Multi Sports	£2.4m	£2.4m	4
Boccia England	Boccia	£2.3m	£2.3m	6
Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association	Wheelchair Basketball	£2.0m	£2.3m	6
Rounders England Limited	Rounders	£2.0m	£2.1m	5
Skateboard GB	Skateboarding	£1.9m	£1.9m	2
Bowls Development Alliance	Bowls	£1.9m	£1.9m	1
Grand National Archery Society	Archery	£1.7m	£1.8m	5
England Handball Association Limited	Handball	£1.7m	£1.7m	4
Sport Taekwondo UK Limited	Taekwondo	£1.7m	£1.7m	4
Angling Trust Limited	Angling	£1.7m	£1.7m	1
British Wrestling Association Limited	Wrestling	£1.3m	£1.6m	6
Football Association	Association Football	£0.0m	£1.5m	1
Surfing England Ltd	Surfing	£1.5m	£1.5m	2
British Shooting Limited	Shooting	£1.4m	£1.4m	6
The British Triathlon Federation	Triathlon	£1.1m	£1.3m	3
British Orienteering Federation Limited	Orienteering	£1.2m	£1.2m	1
Forestry England	Sport and Physical Activity	£0.0m	£1.2m	1
British Water Ski Federation	Water Skiing	£1.2m	£1.2m	1
Snowsport England Ltd	Multi Sports	£1.1m	£1.1m	2
British Taekwondo	Taekwondo	£0.9m	£0.9m	1
England Squash Limited	Squash	£0.8m	£0.8m	2
British American Football Association (BAFA)	American Football	£0.0m	£0.8m	2
UK Sports Institute	Sport and Physical Activity	£0.0m	£0.8m	5
Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain Limited	Modern Pentathlon	£0.6m	£0.7m	6
Exercise Movement and Dance UK	Exercise & Fitness	£0.0m	£0.6m	1
British Rowing	Rowing	£0.0m	£0.5m	1
England Netball	Netball	£0.0m	£0.5m	1
British Taekwondo Council	Taekwondo	£0.5m	£0.5m	2
British Swimming	Swimming & Diving	£0.0m	£0.4m	4
Bowls England	Bowls	£0.0m	£0.4m	3
National Small-bore Rifle Association	Shooting	£0.0m	£0.3m	1
The Rugby Football League Ltd	Rugby League	£0.0m	£0.3m	4
Europa Weightlifting Limited	Multi Sports	£0.0m	£0.3m	1
Grand National Archery Society (The)	Archery	£0.3m	£0.3m	2
Taekwondo Organisation Limited	Taekwondo	£0.0m	£0.3m	1
UK Athletics	Athletics	£0.0m	£0.3m	1
British Judo Association(The)	Judo	£0.2m	£0.2m	1
Angling Trust Ltd	Angling	£0.0m	£0.2m	3
GB Taekwondo	Taekwondo	£0.0m	£0.2m	4
BaseballSoftballUK Limited	Multi Sports	£0.2m	£0.2m	2
Skateboard GB Limited	Skateboarding	£0.2m	£0.2m	1

Governing body	Main sport	System partner award, 2022-27	All awards since 2022-23	Number of awards
Pentathlon GB	Modern Pentathlon	£0.0m	£0.2m	3
UK Deaf Sport	Sport and Physical Activity	£0.0m	£0.2m	1
British Canoe Union	Canoeing	£0.0m	£0.1m	1
British Cycling	Cycling	£0.0m	£0.1m	1
British Shooting	Shooting	£0.0m	£0.1m	1
British Gymnastics	Gymnastics	£0.0m	£0.1m	1
Sheffield City Trust	Multi Sports	£0.0m	£0.1m	1
The British Wrestling Association Limited	Wrestling	£0.1m	£0.1m	1
The British Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation Limited	Water Skiing	£0.1m	£0.1m	1
The England Handball Association Limited	Handball	£0.1m	£0.1m	1
British American Football Association	American Football	£0.1m	£0.1m	1
Archery GB	Archery	£0.0m	£0.1m	2
StreetGames UK	Sport Participation and Capacity Building	£0.0m	£0.1m	1
Manchester Active Limited	Cycling	£0.0m	£0.1m	1
British Para Table Tennis Limited	Table Tennis	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
British Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association	Bobsleigh	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
United Kingdom Boccia Federation	Boccia	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
England Athletics	Athletics	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
British Blind Sport	Disability Sports	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Versus Arthritis	Sport Participation and Capacity Building	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Active Communities Network Limited	Multi Sports	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Youth Hostels Association	Multi Sports	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Paddle UK (British Canoeing)	Canoeing	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Pennine Camphill Community Limited	Multi Sports	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Paddle UK	Canoeing	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
University Of Bath	Athletics	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Surfing England	Surfing	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
The Exercise Movement and Dance Partnership Ltd	Exercise & Fitness	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Volleyball England	Volleyball	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Goalball UK	Goalball	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
UK Sports Institute Limited	Sailing & Yachting	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust	Exercise & Fitness	£0.0m	£0.0m	1
Cambridgeshire LTA	Lawn Tennis	£0.0m	£0.0m	1

Source: UK Sport, Historical funding figures; UK Sport, Current funding awards; Sport England, Sport England awards data (360Giving), published 12 May 2026.

Where your area sits

Two figures compare English local authorities fairly: Arts Council National Portfolio funding per resident (England: £7.67 a year) and Sport England awards to local organisations per resident (England: £4.65 a year, 2023-24 to 2025-26). Both count money where the organisation is based.

What each measure counts

- **Arts Council National Portfolio funding per resident** The yearly Arts Council England grant to National Portfolio and Investment Principles Support Organisations based in the local authority (district or unitary, by where the organisation is based, not where its audiences live), divided by the area's residents. England only: the few organisations Arts Council England funds that are based in Wales are left out of the map. National companies based in London and other cities serve audiences well beyond their area. Arts Council England's site refused our connection when these figures were last updated on 16 November 2026, so they are from the copy read on 15 November 2026 and may be out of date.
- **Sport England awards to local organisations per resident, a year** Sport England awards (Exchequer and National Lottery) to organisations based in the district or unitary authority, averaged over the last three complete financial years and divided by the area's residents. Awards to national governing bodies, which work across England, are left out. Awards are counted in the funding year Sport England gives them, and one large facility grant can dominate an area's figure. England only.

By nation: sport and culture per resident

Identifiable public spending per resident, 2024-25, cash

Nation	Recreation and sport	Cultural services	Broadcasting
England	£47.72	£62.86	£4.57
Scotland	£105	£110	£4.69
Wales	£90.31	£92.51	£4.09
Northern Ireland	£103	£137	£6.22

HM Treasury's country and regional analysis: spending that can be identified as benefiting each nation, divided by its own population. Culture and sport are devolved: Creative Scotland, the Arts Council of Wales and the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, and the sports councils, are funded by their own governments. Most BBC spending is UK-wide and is not counted in any nation.

Source: HM Treasury, Country and regional analysis 2025: B tables, published 19 November 2025.

What these figures do and don't show

- **Different measures of money are kept apart.** HM Treasury's spending by function (the long-run chart and the drill-down), DCMS's budgets, DCMS's grant-in-aid to each body, Arts Council and Sport England grants, UK Sport's four-year cycle funding and the BBC's accounts each count something different. Each table says which it is, and none are added together.
- **The BBC is most of the UK-wide figure.** Its licence-fee-funded spending counts as public spending in HM Treasury's figures, but is not assigned to a nation. What the licence fee costs and whether it is a tax are on the TV licence page.
- **Grant-in-aid is not the whole of a body's money.** Museums also earn from admissions, trading and fundraising, and a single large donation can change a year's total income. Arts Council England and Sport England also distribute National Lottery money.
- **Arts and sport grants are counted where the organisation is based.** A national company based in London serves audiences across the country, so per-resident figures by area show where funded organisations are, not who benefits.
- **Visits and medals are not what the money bought.** Visitor numbers depend on free entry, tourism and closures, and are shown beside grant-in-aid only for context.
- **Where a level is not published, it says so.** Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland fund culture and sport through their own bodies, which publish grants only in annual reports; councils' spending on libraries, museums and leisure is on the local government page.
- **Price bases are stated.** Real terms use HM Treasury's GDP deflator. Arts Council, Sport England, UK Sport and BBC nation figures are cash.
- **Machinery-of-government changes are marked.** DCMS lost its digital functions to the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology in 2023; older years of its budget include them.

Figures from data/services/culture.json, generated 16 November 2026.

Science and R&D: what government spends on research and where it goes

Public services · Last updated 16 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/science/

£20.8bn was spent on research and development in the UK in 2025-26, **£300** per resident. That is +7.2% on a year earlier after inflation (+10.8% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £7.9bn in 2006-07 to £20.8bn. Government paid for 20.1% of all R&D done in the UK in 2024, which came to 2.71% of GDP. UKRI decided awards worth £5.1bn in 2025-26, funding 18.7% of the applications it decided.

Key figures

£20.8bn
Spent in 2025-26, cash
+10.8% on a year earlier
As of 16 July 2026

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Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a year earlier
£20.8bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 16 July 2026

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Per resident, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

2.71%
Of GDP spent on R&D by all funders, 2024

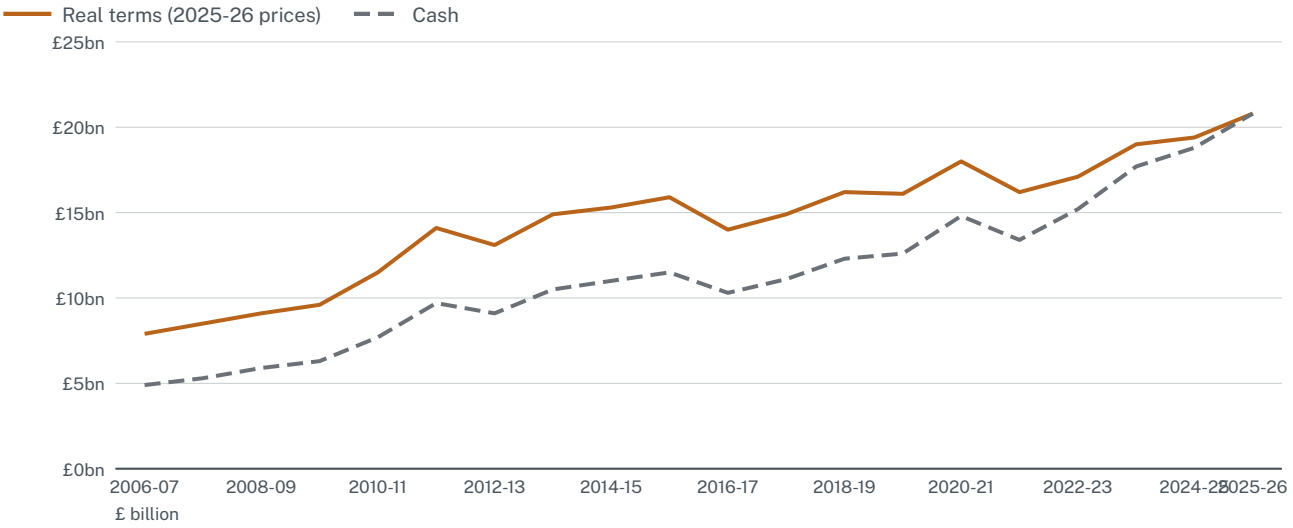
18.7%
Of applications to UKRI funded, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

The short version

- **Four measures, shown apart:** HM Treasury's R&D by function, ONS's R&D by funder, all UK R&D (ONS, calendar years) and UKRI's award decisions.
- **UKRI is the largest single funder**, then departments (the NHS through DHSC is the largest), the university funding bodies and defence: £6.8bn of £20.4bn in 2024-25.
- **From 2026-27 UKRI budgets by priority, not by council,** so council figures stop at 2025-26.

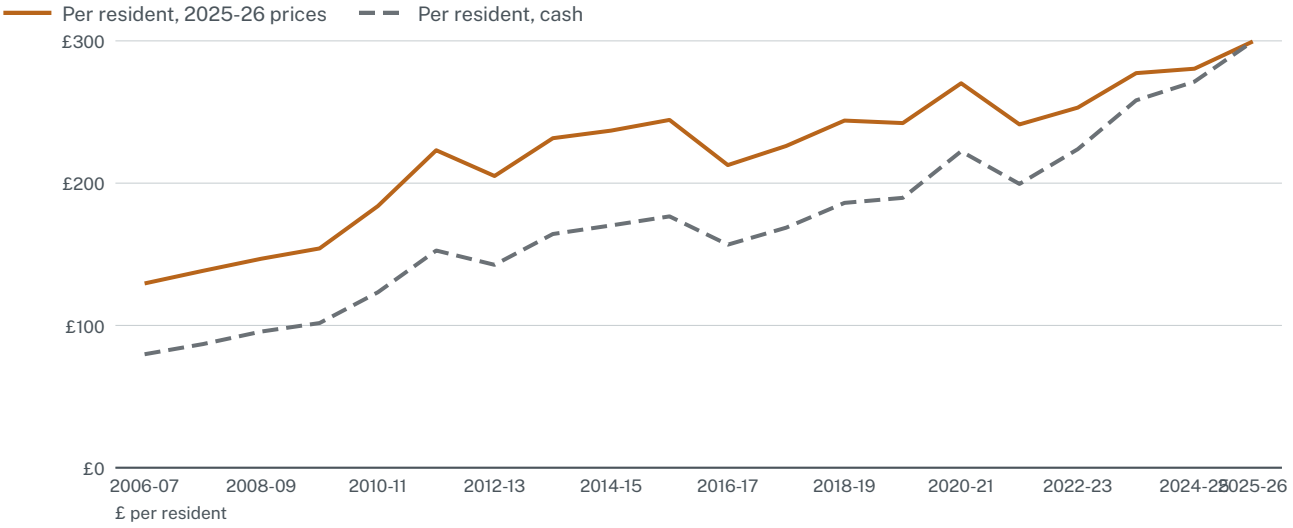
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United Kingdom: spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ billion



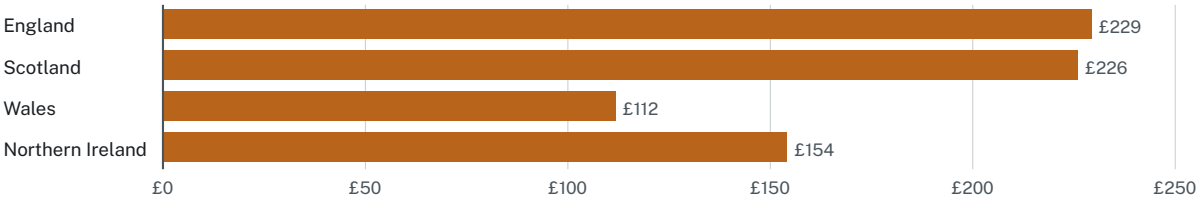
Line chart of United Kingdom spending from 2006-07 to 2025-26: £4.9bn to £20.8bn in cash; £7.9bn to £20.8bn in 2025-26 prices.

United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2006-07 (£130) to 2025-26 (£300).

Spending per resident by nation, 2024-25

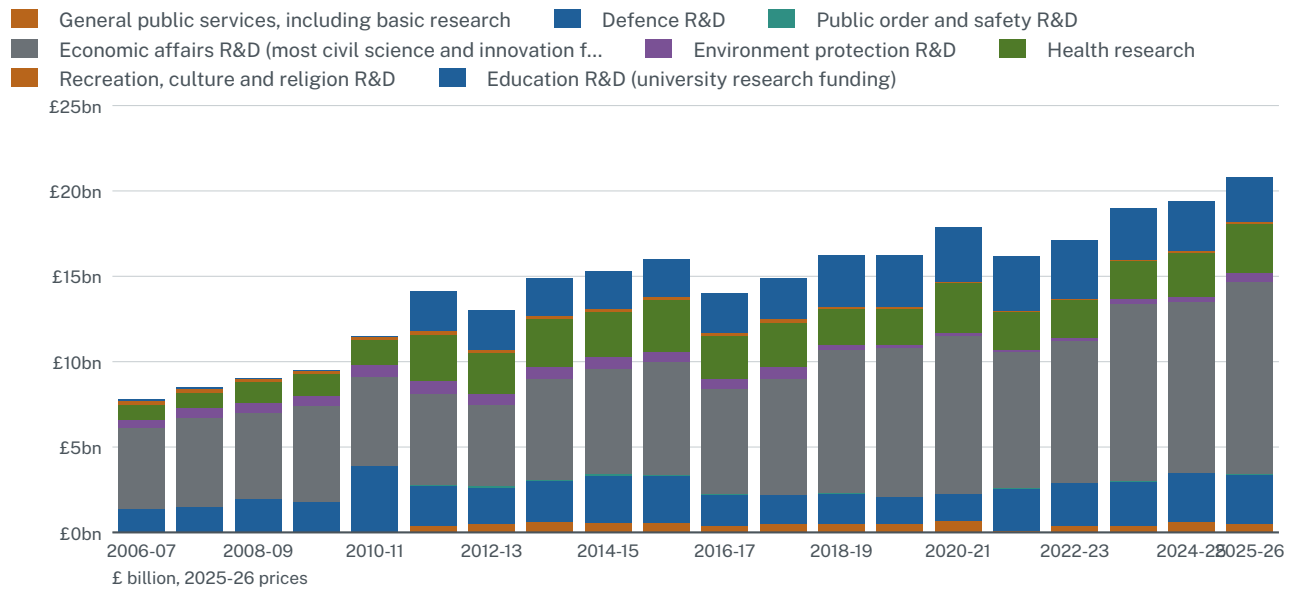


Bar chart of spending per resident by nation in 2024-25: England £229, Scotland £226, Wales £112, Northern Ireland £154.

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.

What the R&D money is for

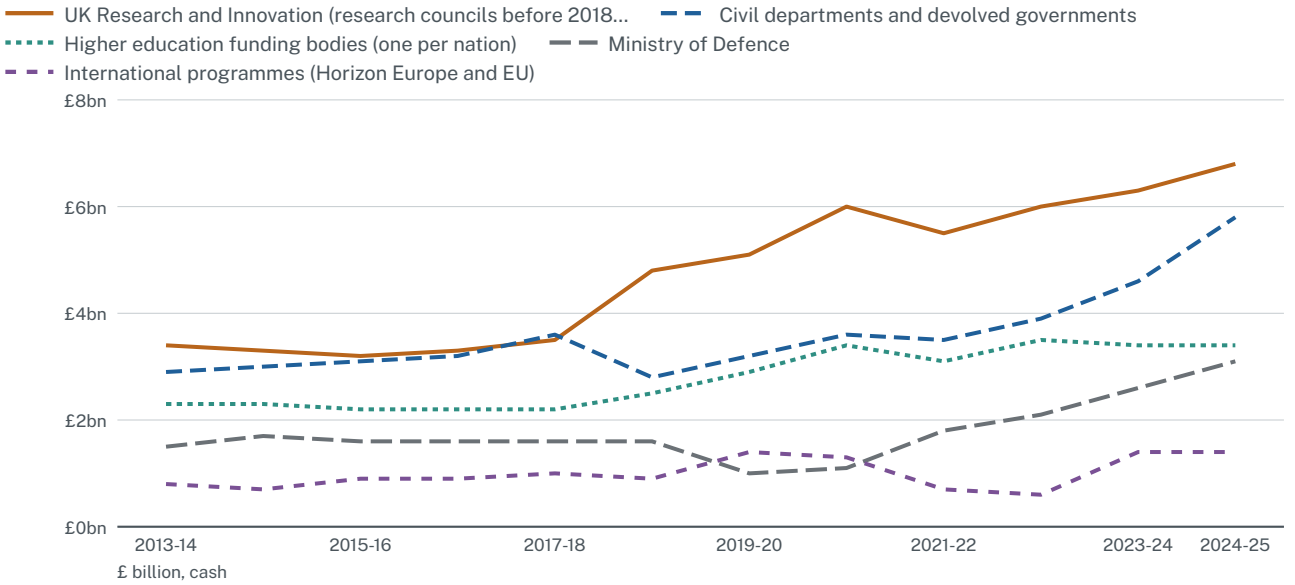
Government R&D by what it is for, £ billion, 2025-26 prices



Stacked bar chart of UK government R&D by function from 2006-07 to 2025-26. In 2025-26: General public services, including basic research £510m; Defence R&D £2.9bn; Public order and safety R&D £1m; Economic affairs R&D (most civil science and innovation funding) £11.3bn; Environment protection R&D £484m; Health research £2.9bn; Recreation, culture and religion R&D £107m; Education R&D (university research funding) £2.6bn.

Who pays for it

Government R&D by funding body, £ billion, cash



Line chart of net R&D spending by UK government funding body from 2013-14 to 2024-25: UK Research and Innovation (research councils before 2018-19) £6.8bn; Civil departments and devolved governments £5.8bn; Higher education funding bodies (one per nation) £3.4bn; Ministry of Defence £3.1bn; International programmes (Horizon Europe and EU) £1.4bn.

Government's part in all UK R&D

All R&D carried out in the UK came to **£79.4bn** in 2024, 2.71% of GDP. Government, UKRI and the funding bodies paid for **20.1%** of it (£16.0bn); business paid for most of the rest. These are calendar-year figures on a different basis from the spending figures above.

R&D performed in the UK by who paid (rows) and who did it (columns), 2024, £ million

Paid for by	Government	Universities	Business	Charities	Total
Government	4,471	7,206	3,773	537	15,989
Higher education	29	7,323	43	32	7,427
Business enterprise	82	1,606	43,337	72	45,098
Private non-profit	58	1,353	110	420	1,941
Overseas	79	400	8,352	118	8,948
Total	4,719	17,890	55,615	1,180	79,403
of which: Civil	4,047	—	51,475	1,180	—
of which: Defence	673	—	4,140	—	—

Source: Office for National Statistics, Gross domestic expenditure on research and development, UK: 2024.

Where the money goes, level by level

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

United Kingdom

HM Treasury's public spending on research and development: the R&D sub-function of each of the ten functions added up here (PESA table 5.2), from 2006-07. Every year comes from the newest PESA edition that publishes it.

£20.8bn in 2025-26 (cash); £20.8bn in 2025-26 prices; £300 per resident; +10.8% on a year earlier in cash, +7.2% in real terms.

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
Government R&D by funding body (ONS measure)	£20.4bn	£21.1bn	£295	+7.4%	Office for National Statistics	Broken down below
England	£13.4bn	£13.9bn	£229	+2.6%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Scotland	£1.3bn	£1.3bn	£226	−9.4%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Wales	£355m	£367m	£112	−7.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Northern Ireland	£297m	£307m	£154	+4.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below

Government R&D by funding body (ONS measure)

ONS's net R&D spending by UK government funders on the international (Frascati) definition, from 2013-14. It is a different measure from HM Treasury's R&D by function above it and the two do not match: they differ on what counts as R&D and on timing.

£20.4bn in 2024-25 (cash); £21.1bn in 2025-26 prices; £295 per resident; +11.6% on a year earlier in cash, +7.4% in real terms.

Government R&D by funding body (ONS measure): 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
UK Research and Innovation (research councils before 2018-19)	£6.8bn	£7.0bn	£98.04	+3.6%	Office for National Statistics	Local body not published: UKRI does not publish its spending outturn by council. What is published is shown further down: the budget each council was allocated (a plan) and the value of the awards each council decided (commitments over several years). Awards by university are in the searchable table of lead organisations.
Civil departments and devolved governments	£5.8bn	£6.0bn	£83.69	+22.1%	Office for National Statistics	Broken down below
Higher education funding bodies (one per nation)	£3.4bn	£3.5bn	£48.89	−3.1%	Office for National Statistics	Broken down below
Ministry of Defence	£3.1bn	£3.2bn	£44.34	+11.7%	Office for National Statistics	Broken down below
International programmes (Horizon Europe and EU)	£1.4bn	£1.4bn	£20.23	−6.1%	Office for National Statistics	Broken down below

Civil departments and devolved governments

R&D funded directly by departments (not through UKRI), including the NHS through the Department of Health and Social Care and the devolved governments' own R&D. Departments that no longer exist (BIS, BEIS, DFID, DECC) are in the total for their years but have no line of their own here.

£5.8bn in 2024-25 (cash); £6.0bn in 2025-26 prices; £83.69 per resident; +26.9% on a year earlier in cash, +22.1% in real terms.

Civil departments and devolved governments: 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
Health and Social Care (DHSC) (including NHS)	£2.0bn	£2.1bn	£28.75	+26.2%	Office for National Statistics	
Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT)	£1.3bn	£1.3bn	£18.24	+31.4%	Office for National Statistics	
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)	£510m	£527m	£7.36	+47.8%	Office for National Statistics	
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	£433m	£448m	£6.25	+10.8%	Office for National Statistics	
Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)	£401m	£414m	£5.79	+8.1%	Office for National Statistics	
Business and Trade (DBT)	£308m	£318m	£4.45	−7.7%	Office for National Statistics	
Transport (DfT)	£295m	£305m	£4.26	+47.9%	Office for National Statistics	
Scottish Government (SG)	£178m	£184m	£2.57	−2.1%	Office for National Statistics	
Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)	£89m	£92m	£1.29	+33.9%	Office for National Statistics	
Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)	£56m	£58m	£0.81	+31.5%	Office for National Statistics	
Home Office (HO)	£52m	£54m	£0.75	−5.5%	Office for National Statistics	
Other departments	£45m	£47m	£0.65	−13.4%	Office for National Statistics	
Welsh Government (WG)	£43m	£44m	£0.62	−3.8%	Office for National Statistics	
Education (DfE)	£38m	£39m	£0.55	−3.7%	Office for National Statistics	
Work and Pensions (DWP)	£31m	£32m	£0.45	+14.8%	Office for National Statistics	
Northern Ireland Executive	£27m	£28m	£0.39	−3.8%	Office for National Statistics	
Justice (MoJ)	£21m	£22m	£0.30	+0.9%	Office for National Statistics	
Food Standards Agency (FSA)	£7m	£7m	£0.10	−15.9%	Office for National Statistics	
Health and Safety Executive (HSE)	£7m	£7m	£0.10	+13.0%	Office for National Statistics	

Higher education funding bodies (one per nation)

Research funding paid to universities as a block grant by each nation's funding body: the "dual support" partner of research council grants.

£3.4bn in 2024-25 (cash); £3.5bn in 2025-26 prices; £48.89 per resident; +0.7% on a year earlier in cash, −3.1% in real terms.

Higher education funding bodies (one per nation): 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
Research England (HEFCE before 2018-19)	£2.9bn	£3.0bn	£49.43	−2.0%	Office for National Statistics	
Scottish Funding Council	£309m	£319m	£55.74	−8.8%	Office for National Statistics	
Medr (HEFCW before August 2024)	£107m	£111m	£33.67	−8.9%	Office for National Statistics	
Department for the Economy, Northern Ireland	£73m	£75m	£37.87	−10.0%	Office for National Statistics	

Ministry of Defence

Defence R&D on the international (Frascati) definition. The series breaks in 2019-20, when £282 million a year was found not to be R&D.

£3.1bn in 2024-25 (cash); £3.2bn in 2025-26 prices; £44.34 per resident; +16.1% on a year earlier in cash, +11.7% in real terms.

Ministry of Defence: 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
Research	£2.1bn	£2.1bn	£29.93	+6.7%	Office for National Statistics	
Development	£998m	£1.0bn	£14.41	+23.7%	Office for National Statistics	

International programmes (Horizon Europe and EU)

UK payments into international R&D programmes. ONS cannot say where or on what they are spent.

£1.4bn in 2024-25 (cash); £1.4bn in 2025-26 prices; £20.23 per resident; −2.4% on a year earlier in cash, −6.1% in real terms.

International programmes (Horizon Europe and EU): 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
Horizon Europe and Copernicus association	£1.2bn	£1.2bn	£16.68	+4.8%	Office for National Statistics	
Indicative share of EU budget payments spent on R&D	£246m	£254m	£3.55	−36.9%	Office for National Statistics	

England

Identifiable R&D spending for this nation's residents (HM Treasury country and regional analysis), the latest five years. It leaves out R&D HM Treasury cannot assign to a nation (most defence R&D and international subscriptions), so the nations do not add up to the UK total.

£13.4bn in 2024-25 (cash); £13.9bn in 2025-26 prices; £229 per resident; +6.6% on a year earlier in cash, +2.6% in real terms.

England: 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
Economic affairs R&D (most civil science and innovation funding)	£8.2bn	£8.5bn	£140	−1.3%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Education R&D (university research funding)	£2.8bn	£2.9bn	£48.19	−1.3%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Health research	£2.0bn	£2.1bn	£34.14	+25.3%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Environment protection R&D	£300m	£310m	£5.12	+21.8%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Recreation, culture and religion R&D	£81m	£84m	£1.38	+44.3%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
General public services, including basic research	£22m	£23m	£0.38	+51.6%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.

Scotland

Identifiable R&D spending for this nation's residents (HM Treasury country and regional analysis), the latest five years. It leaves out R&D HM Treasury cannot assign to a nation (most defence R&D and international subscriptions), so the nations do not add up to the UK total.

£1.3bn in 2024-25 (cash); £1.3bn in 2025-26 prices; £226 per resident; −5.8% on a year earlier in cash, −9.4% in real terms.

Scotland: 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
Economic affairs R&D (most civil science and innovation funding)	£790m	£817m	£143	−5.6%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Health research	£416m	£430m	£75.05	−17.1%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Environment protection R&D	£20m	£21m	£3.61	+13.0%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
General public services, including basic research	£12m	£12m	£2.16	−3.9%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Recreation, culture and religion R&D	£9m	£9m	£1.62	+72.3%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Housing and community amenities R&D	£5m	£5m	£0.90	−31.1%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Education R&D (university research funding)	£0m	£0m	£0.00	—	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.

Wales

Identifiable R&D spending for this nation's residents (HM Treasury country and regional analysis), the latest five years. It leaves out R&D HM Treasury cannot assign to a nation (most defence R&D and international subscriptions), so the nations do not add up to the UK total.

£355m in 2024-25 (cash); £367m in 2025-26 prices; £112 per resident; −4.1% on a year earlier in cash, −7.7% in real terms.

Wales: 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
Economic affairs R&D (most civil science and innovation funding)	£296m	£306m	£93.14	−9.0%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Health research	£51m	£53m	£16.05	−3.8%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Environment protection R&D	£6m	£6m	£1.89	+14.8%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Recreation, culture and religion R&D	£2m	£2m	£0.63	+87.9%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.

Northern Ireland

Identifiable R&D spending for this nation's residents (HM Treasury country and regional analysis), the latest five years. It leaves out R&D HM Treasury cannot assign to a nation (most defence R&D and international subscriptions), so the nations do not add up to the UK total.

£297m in 2024-25 (cash); £307m in 2025-26 prices; £154 per resident; +8.8% on a year earlier in cash, +4.7% in real terms.

Northern Ireland: 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
Economic affairs R&D (most civil science and innovation funding)	£275m	£284m	£143	+4.6%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Health research	£17m	£18m	£8.82	+2.1%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Environment protection R&D	£3m	£3m	£1.56	+47.6%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Public order and safety R&D	£1m	£1m	£0.52	−6.0%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Recreation, culture and religion R&D	£1m	£1m	£0.52	−6.0%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.
Housing and community amenities R&D	£0m	£0m	£0.00	—	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not split a nation's R&D spending by funding body or by recipient. The funding bodies below the UK total (ONS) are UK-wide; UKRI's awards by nation are in the table of awards by nation.

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.

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Department for Science, Innovation and Technology published **2,403 payments** worth **£15.63bn** to 357 suppliers and recipients from January 2025 to December 2025 (12 of 12 months published).

- The newest payment published is from 2025-12, 9 months before this was read.

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

Source: Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, spending over £25,000 on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2026-07-30; every payment kept is in one JSON file.

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- DSIT spending over £25,000: September 2025 (2025-09): 195 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DSIT spending over £25,000: August 2025 (2025-08): 261 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
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- DSIT spending over £25,000: May 2025 (2025-05): 147 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DSIT spending over £25,000: April 2025 (2025-04): 306 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DSIT spending over £25,000: March 2025 (2025-03): 300 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
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UK Research and Innovation, council by council

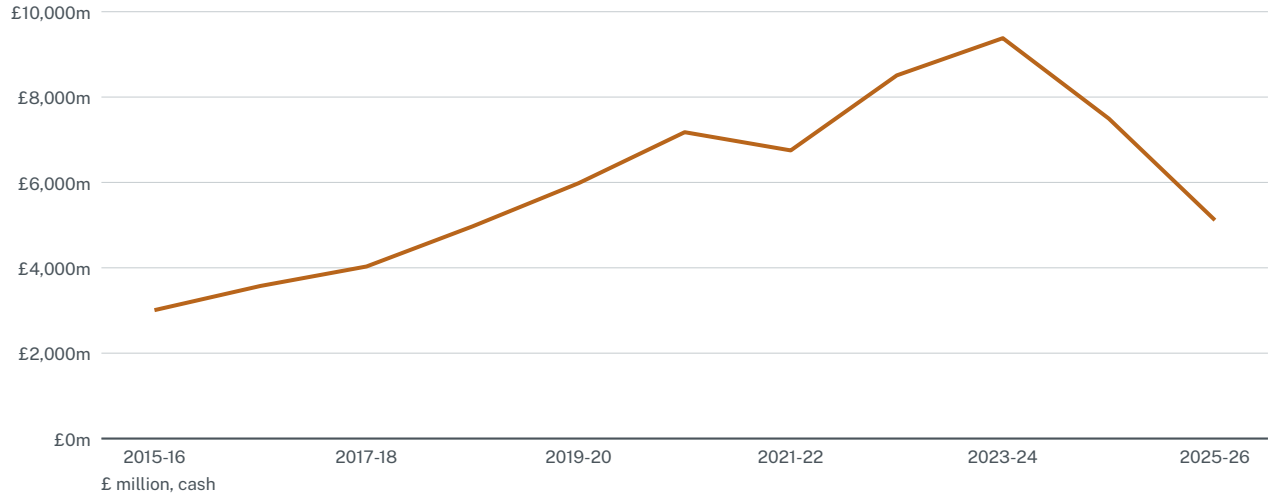
UKRI does not publish what each council spent. Two things are published: the budget each council was allocated at the start of the year (a plan) and the value of the awards each council decided (commitments that are paid over several years).

UKRI councils: budget allocated (plan) and awards decided, 2025-26

Council	Budget allocated, 2024-25	Budget allocated, 2025-26	Awards decided, value, 2025-26	Award rate, 2025-26
Arts and Humanities Research Council	£70m	£70m	£96m	18.8%
Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council	£326m	£326m	£205m	14.4%
Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council	£661m	£640m	£513m	14.5%
Economic and Social Research Council	£122m	£123m	£171m	20.3%
Medical Research Council	£615m	£602m	£376m	12.4%
Natural Environment Research Council	£325m	£327m	£97m	16.3%
Science and Technology Facilities Council	£575m	£618m	£150m	20.6%
Innovate UK	£970m	£948m	£395m	20.0%
Research England	£2.3bn	£2.4bn	£2.6bn	formula

Budgets are the core council allocations from the department's allocation pages; they leave out UKRI-wide budgets (talent, infrastructure, strategic programmes), about a third of the total. Research England's awards are mostly formula grants to English universities, so it has no meaningful award rate.

UKRI awards made each year: value committed (£ million, cash) and award rate



Line chart of UKRI funding decisions from 2015-16 to 2025-26: value committed £3.0bn to £5.1bn; award rate 44.3% to 18.7%.

From 2026-27: budgets by priority, not by council

UKRI now allocates by four priority "buckets". It says these cannot be compared with earlier council budgets.

UKRI budget by priority, £ million (plans)

Priority	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Curiosity-driven research	£3.7bn	£3.6bn	£3.6bn	£3.6bn
Strategic government and societal priorities	£1.9bn	£2.1bn	£2.1bn	£2.2bn
Supporting innovative companies	£1.6bn	£1.8bn	£1.9bn	£1.9bn
Enabling and strengthening UK R&D	£2.0bn	£2.1bn	£2.1bn	£2.2bn

Source: UK Research and Innovation, UKRI investments and outputs data, April 2015 to March 2026, published 16 July 2026; Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, DSIT research and development (R&D) allocations for 2025/2026, published 4 April 2025; Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, BEIS R&D: UK Research and Innovation allocation 2022-2023 to 2024-2025, published 30 May 2022; UK Research and Innovation, Budget allocations for UK Research and Innovation, 2026-27 to 2029-30, published 17 December 2025.

Where it goes: nations and regions

UKRI counts an award where its lead organisation is. Universities in London, the South East and the East of England lead a large share, and a grant led from one place often pays for work in several. Per-resident figures are for the four nations only.

UKRI awards decided in 2025-26, and R&D carried out in each area in 2024

Area	UKRI awards, value, 2025-26	Per resident	Award rate	R&D by universities, 2024	R&D by government bodies, 2024
United Kingdom	£5.1bn	£73.64	18.7%	£17.9bn	£4.7bn
England	£4.4bn	£75.06	18.5%	£14.9bn	£4.4bn
Scotland	£265m	£47.79	18.5%	£2.0bn	£243m
Wales	£122m	£38.42	17.8%	£608m	£60m
Northern Ireland	£53m	£27.48	21.3%	£303m	£34m
North East (England)	£240m	—	18.9%	£684m	£79m
North West (England)	£450m	—	18.1%	£1.6bn	£255m
Yorkshire and The Humber (England)	£394m	—	19.7%	£1.3bn	£228m
East Midlands (England)	£198m	—	17.3%	£837m	£131m
West Midlands (England)	£394m	—	19.8%	£1.1bn	£114m
East of England (England)	£416m	—	20.1%	£1.6bn	£489m
London (England)	£1.2bn	—	16.4%	£4.1bn	£909m
South East (England)	£790m	—	19.7%	£2.6bn	£1.5bn
South West (England)	£311m	—	21.0%	£1.2bn	£653m

UKRI awards are financial years; R&D carried out is ONS's calendar-year estimate of R&D performed by universities and by government bodies located in the area, whoever paid. The UK row includes awards whose lead organisation's location is not known.

What each measure counts

- **UKRI awards made, value** Total value committed in UKRI competitive funding decisions made in the financial year (research grants, fellowships and training grants), by where the lead organisation is. A commitment is spread over the life of the grant, so this is not one year's spending.
- **UKRI awards made, per resident** UKRI award value committed in the year to lead organisations in the nation, divided by the nation's ONS mid-year population. Universities serve the whole UK, so this is where research is led, not who benefits.
- **UKRI award rate** Applications funded as a share of applications decided in the financial year. It depends on the mix of schemes applied to, so it is compared with care.
- **R&D performed by universities** R&D carried out in the nation or region by higher education institutions, from all funders, calendar year (ONS).

- **R&D performed by government and research councils** R&D carried out in the nation or region by government departments, research council institutes and other public bodies, calendar year (ONS).

Who receives it: universities, institutes and companies

On 16 November 2026 Gateway to Research listed **26,063** active projects worth £15.8bn in total, led by 1,545 organisations. The table lists the 200 with the most award value as lead organisation.

Lead organisations by value of their active UKRI-administered awards, 16 November 2026

Lead organisation	Active projects	Award value	Main funder	Region
University of Oxford	1,592	£846m	MRC	South East
High Value Manufacturing Catapult	2	£746m	Innovate UK	West Midlands
University College London	1,430	£709m	MRC	London
University of Edinburgh	1,031	£548m	MRC	Scotland
University of Cambridge	1,047	£520m	MRC	East of England
Imperial College London	1,093	£504m	EPSRC	London
University of Manchester	938	£431m	EPSRC	North West
University of Bristol	894	£382m	EPSRC	Unknown
University of Glasgow	621	£371m	EPSRC	Unknown
University of Birmingham	728	£359m	EPSRC	West Midlands
Our Future Health	2	£354m	MRC	Unknown
King's College London	745	£338m	MRC	London
University of Leeds	687	£330m	NERC	Unknown
University of Sheffield	689	£302m	EPSRC	Yorkshire and The Humber
Rolls-Royce Plc	29	£286m	ATI	London
University of Southampton	605	£274m	EPSRC	Unknown
University of Exeter	494	£234m	NERC	South West
National Oceanography Centre	51	£233m	NERC	South East
University of Nottingham	703	£233m	EPSRC	East Midlands
Cell Therapy Catapult Limited	4	£224m	Innovate UK	London
UK Biobank	6	£217m	MRC	North West
Cardiff University	425	£217m	MRC	Wales
Airbus Operations Limited	19	£215m	ATI	South West
University of Liverpool	506	£210m	EPSRC	Unknown
Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult	3	£179m	Innovate UK	North East
University of Warwick	556	£178m	EPSRC	West Midlands
University of Essex	98	£177m	ESRC	East of England
Newcastle University	510	£169m	MRC	North East
Queen's University Belfast	298	£162m	ESRC	Northern Ireland
Durham University	394	£137m	EPSRC	North East
University of York	471	£136m	EPSRC	Yorkshire and The Humber
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	112	£135m	MRC	London
Queen Mary University of London	394	£131m	MRC	London
Connected Places Catapult	2	£121m	Innovate UK	London
University of Bath	354	£108m	EPSRC	South West
Swansea University	247	£107m	EPSRC	Wales
Heriot-Watt University	198	£106m	EPSRC	Scotland
Lancaster University	288	£106m	EPSRC	North West
UK Battery Industrialisation Centre Ltd	2	£90m	ISCF	West Midlands
Health Data Research UK	20	£88m	MRC	London

Lead organisation	Active projects	Award value	Main funder	Region
University of Strathclyde	343	£88m	EPSRC	Scotland
Satellite Applications Catapult Limited	2	£80m	Innovate UK	South East
Royal Holloway University of London	135	£79m	Infrastructure Fund	South East
Digital Catapult	5	£77m	Innovate UK	London
University of Sussex	176	£72m	ESRC	South East
University of Surrey	197	£72m	EPSRC	Unknown
University of Leicester	207	£71m	MRC	East Midlands
Medicines Discovery Catapult Limited	3	£71m	Innovate UK	North West
Compound Semiconductor Applications Catapult Limited	2	£70m	Innovate UK	Wales
Centre for Ecology & Hydrology	39	£68m	NERC	Unknown
University of Dundee	127	£68m	MRC	Scotland
John Innes Centre	48	£67m	BBSRC	East of England
The Pirbright Institute	22	£66m	BBSRC	South East
Energy Systems Catapult Limited	1	£64m	Innovate UK	West Midlands
British Geological Survey	23	£64m	NERC	East Midlands
Adolescent Health Study	1	£62m	MRC	Unknown
University of St Andrews	213	£62m	EPSRC	Scotland
University of Reading	178	£61m	NERC	South East
Loughborough University	196	£58m	EPSRC	East Midlands
UK Agri-Tech Centre Limited	13	£54m	Innovate UK	Yorkshire and The Humber
University of East Anglia	278	£54m	BBSRC	East of England
British Antarctic Survey	44	£53m	NERC	East of England
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	51	£52m	Innovate UK	North West
Artemis Technologies Ltd	3	£51m	Innovate UK	South West
Gkn Aerospace Services Limited	6	£50m	ATI	West Midlands
Rothamsted Research	28	£47m	BBSRC	East of England
Northumbria University	154	£46m	EPSRC	North East
Seagate Technology Ireland	1	£42m	Innovate UK	Northern Ireland
Cranfield University	119	£40m	BBSRC	East of England
The Francis Crick Institute	26	£37m	MRC	Unknown
Quadram Institute Bioscience	24	£35m	BBSRC	East of England
London School of Economics and Political Science	118	£34m	ESRC	London
University of Kent	122	£32m	BBSRC	South East
Jaguar Land Rover Limited	5	£32m	APC	West Midlands
Institute of Cancer Research	56	£31m	MRC	Unknown
University of Aberdeen	147	£31m	MRC	Scotland
Boeing United Kingdom Limited	2	£30m	ATI	London
University of Ulster	66	£30m	AHRC	Northern Ireland
Babraham Institute	28	£29m	BBSRC	Unknown
Aston University	106	£29m	EPSRC	West Midlands
Vertical Aerospace Group Ltd	3	£28m	ATI	South West
University of Stirling	88	£28m	ESRC	Scotland
Queen's University of Belfast	20	£28m	ATI	Unknown
Npl Management Limited	20	£27m	Innovate UK	London
The Open University	111	£26m	STFC	South East
Science and Technology Facilities Council	23	£26m	SPF	South West

Lead organisation	Active projects	Award value	Main funder	Region
UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited	3	£25m	Innovate UK	London
Aberystwyth University	85	£25m	BBSRC	Wales
University of Huddersfield	42	£25m	EPSRC	Yorkshire and The Humber
Sruc	8	£24m	Innovate UK	Scotland
Safran Electrical & Power UK Ltd	2	£23m	Innovate UK	South East
University of Portsmouth	93	£23m	BBSRC	South East
Earlham Institute	22	£22m	BBSRC	East of England
Oxford Brookes University	21	£21m	ESRC	South East
Bibby Marine Services Limited	1	£20m	Innovate UK	North West
Zeroavia Ltd	3	£20m	ATI	South West
Portsmouth City Council	1	£20m	Innovate UK	South East
Sheffield Hallam University	37	£20m	ESRC	Unknown
Goodrich Controls Holding Limited	2	£19m	ATI	West Midlands
Manchester Metropolitan University	87	£18m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	North West
Lucideon Group Limited	1	£18m	Innovate UK	West Midlands
Brunel University London	101	£18m	EPSRC	Unknown
Plymouth Marine Laboratory	17	£18m	NERC	South West
Niab.	1	£18m	Innovate UK	East of England
University of Plymouth	75	£18m	NERC	South West
Yasa Limited	2	£18m	APC	South East
Ncc Operations Limited	3	£17m	DBT	South West
Orbital Marine Power Limited	2	£17m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	Scotland
University of Hull	53	£17m	MRC	Yorkshire and The Humber
Newcastle University	1	£17m	ISCF	North East
Honeywell UK Limited	3	£16m	Innovate UK	South East
Institute for Fiscal Studies	7	£16m	ESRC	London
Centre for Process Innovation Limited	6	£15m	Innovate UK	North East
Royal Veterinary College	37	£15m	BBSRC	London
City St George's, University of London	38	£15m	MRC	London
The University of Manchester	44	£15m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	Unknown
Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Limited	1	£15m	APC	North East
James Hutton Institute	18	£14m	BBSRC	Unknown
Birmingham City University	42	£14m	AHRC	West Midlands
Safran Landing Systems UK Ltd	2	£14m	ATI	South West
Bangor University	87	£14m	NERC	Wales
Nottingham Trent University	65	£14m	EPSRC	Unknown
Liverpool John Moores University	38	£13m	EPSRC	Unknown
Sp Transmission Plc	3	£13m	Innovate UK	Scotland
Renishaw P L C	1	£13m	ATI	South West
Coventry University	33	£12m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	West Midlands
University of Lincoln	46	£12m	EPSRC	East Midlands
Birkbeck, University of London	63	£12m	MRC	Unknown
Mercedes Amg High Performance Powertrains Limited	1	£12m	Innovate UK	East Midlands
Perkins Engines Company Limited	1	£11m	APC	East of England

Lead organisation	Active projects	Award value	Main funder	Region
University of the West of England	28	£11m	BBSRC	South West
Scottish Association for Marine Science	17	£11m	NERC	Scotland
University of Hertfordshire	33	£11m	STFC	Unknown
University of the West of Scotland	29	£11m	ISPF	Scotland
National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited	1	£10m	Innovate UK	South East
Alloyed Limited	4	£10m	ATI	South East
University of Brighton	64	£10m	EPSRC	South East
Intelligent Energy Limited	1	£10m	Innovate UK	East Midlands
Goldsmiths, University of London	45	£10m	Infrastructure Fund	London
Keele University	36	£10m	MRC	West Midlands
Natural History Museum	15	£9m	ISPF	London
Collins River Enterprises Limited	1	£9m	Innovate UK	London
Teesside University	36	£9m	Innovate UK	Unknown
Aston Martin Lagonda Limited	1	£9m	APC	West Midlands
St George's University of London	13	£9m	MRC	Unknown
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	1	£9m	Innovate UK	London
SOAS University of London	22	£8m	AHRC	Unknown
Met Office	17	£8m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	South West
Sp Manweb Plc	1	£8m	Innovate UK	North West
Ford Technologies Limited	1	£8m	APC	East of England
The University of Essex	51	£8m	Innovate UK	Unknown
NHS Norfolk & Suffolk Icb	1	£8m	Innovate UK	East of England
NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board	1	£8m	Innovate UK	West Midlands
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Icb	1	£8m	Innovate UK	East Midlands
Public Health Wales	1	£8m	Innovate UK	Wales
European Bioinformatics Institute	14	£8m	BBSRC	Unknown
University of Westminster	35	£8m	AHRC	Unknown
Wellcome Sanger Institute	6	£8m	MRC	East of England
Phinia Delphi UK Ltd	2	£8m	APC	South West
Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	3	£8m	MRC	Unknown
Midlothian Health and Social Care Partnership	1	£8m	Innovate UK	Scotland
University of Bradford	19	£8m	UKRI FLF	Yorkshire and The Humber
Institute of Development Studies	9	£8m	UKRI FLF	Unknown
De Montfort University	29	£8m	Ayrton Fund	East Midlands
Health & Social Care Partnership North Lanarkshire	1	£8m	Innovate UK	Scotland
NHS Birmingham and Solihull and Black Country ICBs	1	£7m	Innovate UK	West Midlands
Cnh Industrial N.v.	1	£7m	APC	London
Short Brothers Plc	4	£7m	ATI	Unknown
Strategic Planning and Performance Group, Department of Health	1	£7m	Innovate UK	Northern Ireland
University of Salford	26	£7m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	Unknown
UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology	15	£7m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	South East
Moredun Research Institute	9	£7m	BBSRC	Scotland
Medical Research Council	10	£7m	MRC	South West
National Grid Electricity Distribution Plc	2	£7m	Innovate UK	South West

Lead organisation	Active projects	Award value	Main funder	Region
Royal College of Art	23	£7m	EPSRC	London
Edinburgh Napier University	32	£7m	ESRC	Unknown
Bramble Energy Limited	2	£7m	APC	South East
National Physical Laboratory	8	£7m	UKRI FLF	Unknown
University of Greenwich	29	£6m	ESRC	London
Bamford Bus Company Limited	1	£6m	APC	South East
Abertay University	4	£6m	Infrastructure Fund	Unknown
Tidal Transit Limited	1	£6m	Innovate UK	East of England
A & P Falmouth Limited	1	£6m	Innovate UK	North East
Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Limited	1	£6m	Innovate UK	North East
Tt Electronics Power Solutions (UK) Limited	1	£6m	ATI	South East
Ge Aviation Systems Limited	1	£6m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	South West
Wales & West Utilities Limited	1	£6m	Innovate UK	Wales
Treat-Nmd Services Ltd	1	£6m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	Unknown
Edge Hill University	13	£6m	AHRC	Unknown
Gordon Murray Group Limited	1	£6m	APC	South East
Ionic Technologies International Limited	1	£6m	Innovate UK	East Midlands
Protean Electric Limited	1	£6m	APC	South East
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Plc	1	£5m	Innovate UK	Scotland
Wayland Additive Limited	2	£5m	Innovate UK	Yorkshire and The Humber
UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA)	1	£5m	EPSRC	Unknown
Anglia Ruskin University	18	£5m	AHRC	East of England
University of London	14	£5m	AHRC	London
University of Sunderland	11	£5m	MRC	Unknown
Wcmc	11	£5m	Horizon Europe Guarantee	East of England
National Inst of Agricultural Botany	3	£5m	ISCF	Unknown

Award value is the whole value of each grant over its life, counted against the lead organisation even where partners share it. It includes awards UKRI administers for others, such as the Horizon Europe guarantee.

Applications to UKRI and awards, by lead organisation, 2015-16 to 2025-26 (organisations with at least 100 applications)

Lead organisation	Applications decided	Awards	Award rate	Most awards from
University College London	6,863	2,183	31.8%	MRC
Cambridge University	5,199	1,733	33.3%	MRC
Imperial College London	5,154	1,522	29.5%	EPSRC
Oxford University	5,080	2,014	39.6%	MRC
Edinburgh University	4,586	1,614	35.2%	BBSRC
King'S College London	4,126	1,154	28.0%	MRC
Manchester University	3,981	1,579	39.7%	EPSRC
Bristol University	3,495	1,208	34.6%	EPSRC
Birmingham University	3,294	1,081	32.8%	EPSRC
Glasgow University	3,282	1,043	31.8%	EPSRC
Sheffield University	3,228	1,115	34.5%	EPSRC
Leeds University	3,175	1,248	39.3%	EPSRC
Exeter University	3,045	977	32.1%	NERC
Liverpool University	2,784	929	33.4%	BBSRC
Nottingham University	2,733	983	36.0%	EPSRC

Lead organisation	Applications decided	Awards	Award rate	Most awards from
Newcastle University	2,540	770	30.3%	EPSRC
Queen Mary University Of London	2,442	672	27.5%	EPSRC
Cardiff University	2,345	710	30.3%	EPSRC
Southampton University	2,269	872	38.4%	EPSRC
Queen'S University Belfast	2,003	644	32.2%	Innovate UK
York University	1,969	728	37.0%	EPSRC
Durham University	1,740	614	35.3%	EPSRC
Lancaster University	1,582	547	34.6%	EPSRC
Strathclyde University	1,486	512	34.5%	EPSRC
Surrey University	1,447	420	29.0%	EPSRC
Leicester University	1,445	447	30.9%	AHRC
Bath University	1,440	414	28.8%	EPSRC
Sussex University	1,301	365	28.1%	STFC
East Anglia University	1,286	375	29.2%	NERC
Warwick University	1,259	841	66.8%	EPSRC
Loughborough University	1,214	369	30.4%	EPSRC
London School Of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine	1,148	348	30.3%	MRC
Reading University	1,135	397	35.0%	NERC
St Andrews University	1,083	334	30.8%	EPSRC
Kent University	991	297	30.0%	EPSRC
Heriot-Watt University	943	317	33.6%	EPSRC
Swansea University	939	280	29.8%	EPSRC
Aberdeen University	925	262	28.3%	BBSRC
Northumbria University	917	224	24.4%	AHRC
Essex University	907	335	36.9%	Innovate UK
Dundee University	831	263	31.6%	MRC
Royal Holloway University Of London	738	237	32.1%	AHRC
Manchester Metropolitan University	737	257	34.9%	Innovate UK
Aston University	700	249	35.6%	Innovate UK
Open University	690	193	28.0%	STFC
Brunel University London	677	151	22.3%	EPSRC
Cranfield University	672	223	33.2%	EPSRC
Plymouth University	633	183	28.9%	NERC
London School Of Economics & Political Science	587	232	39.5%	ESRC
Stirling University	574	179	31.2%	AHRC
Keele University	536	142	26.5%	EPSRC
Coventry University	525	130	24.8%	AHRC
Portsmouth University	516	160	31.0%	STFC
West Of England University	510	112	22.0%	ESRC
Hull University	492	132	26.8%	Innovate UK
Liverpool John Moores University	482	133	27.6%	STFC
Ulster University	481	152	31.6%	Innovate UK
Lincoln University	451	124	27.5%	Innovate UK
Francis Crick Institute	451	336	74.5%	MRC
John Innes Centre	450	235	52.2%	BBSRC
Brighton University	432	159	36.8%	AHRC
Nottingham Trent University	426	126	29.6%	Innovate UK

Lead organisation	Applications decided	Awards	Award rate	Most awards from
Huddersfield University	423	159	37.6%	Innovate UK
Bangor University	417	95	22.8%	NERC
City St George'S University Of London	411	92	22.4%	EPSRC
Aberystwyth University	387	131	33.9%	BBSRC
Bournemouth University	369	81	22.0%	AHRC
Liverpool School Of Tropical Medicine	367	127	34.6%	MRC
Greenwich University	350	87	24.9%	Innovate UK
Hertfordshire University	344	95	27.6%	STFC
Rothamsted Research	339	148	43.7%	BBSRC
Oxford Brookes University	329	86	26.1%	Innovate UK
Birkbeck University Of London	321	118	36.8%	AHRC
Birmingham City University	304	117	38.5%	Innovate UK
De Montfort University	300	82	27.3%	AHRC
Sheffield Hallam University	298	116	38.9%	Innovate UK
British Geological Survey	295	105	35.6%	NERC
Bradford University	292	94	32.2%	Innovate UK
Science & Technology Facilities Council	287	89	31.0%	STFC
Goldsmiths University Of London	282	76	27.0%	AHRC
Lancashire University	274	66	24.1%	STFC
Salford University	273	87	31.9%	Innovate UK
British Antarctic Survey	272	97	35.7%	NERC
Pirbright Institute	247	133	53.8%	BBSRC
National Institute Of Agricultural Botany	244	120	49.2%	BBSRC
Middlesex University	238	53	22.3%	EPSRC
Teesside University	237	108	45.6%	Innovate UK
Quadram Institute Bioscience	236	116	49.2%	BBSRC
Westminster University	228	62	27.2%	AHRC
Edinburgh Napier University	227	56	24.7%	Innovate UK
St George'S University Of London	224	38	17.0%	MRC
Arts London University	217	76	35.0%	AHRC
London South Bank University	209	41	19.6%	Innovate UK
West Of Scotland University	204	107	52.5%	Innovate UK
Soas University Of London	201	77	38.3%	AHRC
Anglia Ruskin University	199	46	23.1%	Innovate UK
Babraham Institute	199	119	59.8%	BBSRC
Leeds Beckett University	192	80	41.7%	Innovate UK
Earlham Institute	191	107	56.0%	BBSRC
National Oceanography Centre	189	71	37.6%	NERC
Institute Of Cancer Research	187	61	32.6%	MRC
Centre For Ecology & Hydrology	185	76	41.1%	NERC
Robert Gordon University	183	67	36.6%	Innovate UK
Kingston University	180	40	22.2%	AHRC
Derby University	180	70	38.9%	Innovate UK
James Hutton Institute	180	65	36.1%	BBSRC
Wolverhampton University	179	61	34.1%	Innovate UK
Nerc Ceh (Up To 30.11.2019)	178	64	36.0%	NERC
Scotland'S Rural College	168	38	22.6%	BBSRC

Lead organisation	Applications decided	Awards	Award rate	Most awards from
Royal College Of Art	160	59	36.9%	AHRC
Roehampton University	156	35	22.4%	AHRC
Institute Of Development Studies	152	46	30.3%	ESRC
Noc (Up To 31.10.2019)	151	62	41.1%	NERC
Edge Hill University	149	45	30.2%	Innovate UK
Scottish Association For Marine Science	138	41	29.7%	NERC
Plymouth Marine Laboratory	138	47	34.1%	NERC
European Bioinformatics Institute	136	66	48.5%	BBSRC
Bath Spa University	126	38	30.2%	AHRC
East London University	123	31	25.2%	Innovate UK
Staffordshire University	113	37	32.7%	Innovate UK
London University	113	39	34.5%	AHRC
Glasgow Caledonian University	112	35	31.3%	Innovate UK
Wellcome Sanger Institute	105	33	31.4%	MRC
Harper Adams University	104	37	35.6%	BBSRC
West London University	100	31	31.0%	Innovate UK

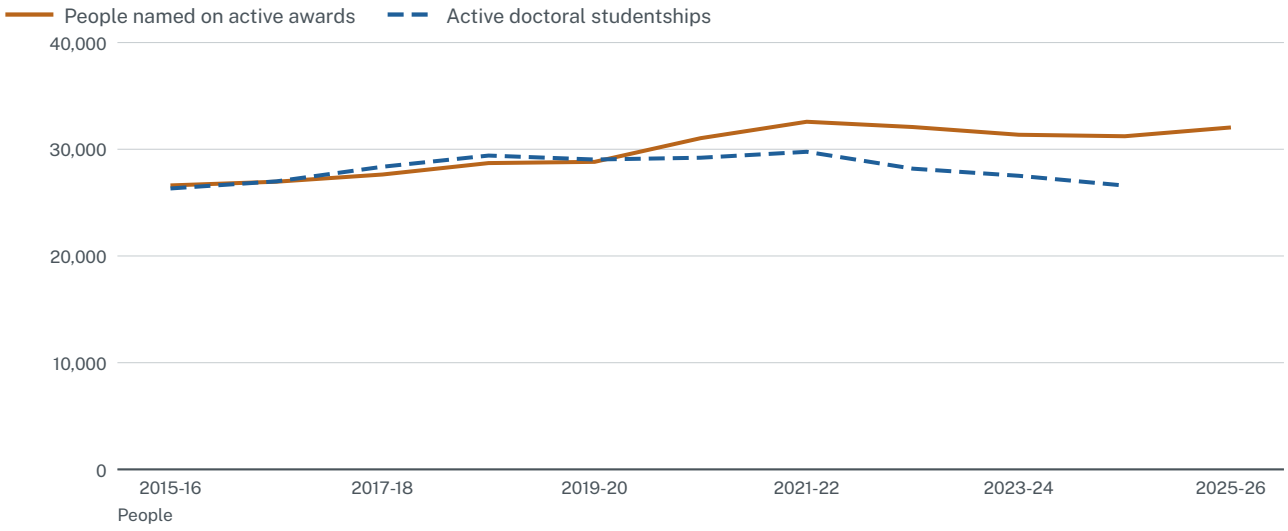
Source: UK Research and Innovation, Gateway to Research: active projects, exported 2026-11-16, published 16 November 2026; UK Research and Innovation, UKRI investments and outputs data, April 2015 to March 2026, published 16 July 2026.

The people it pays for

Staff and researchers, latest published

Who	Number	When
People named on active UKRI awards	32,045	2025-26
Active UKRI doctoral studentships	26,595	2024-25
UKRI staff (institutes, facilities, head office), FTE	8,551	31 March 2026
ARIA staff, FTE	82	31 March 2026

People named on active UKRI awards, and active UKRI studentships



Line chart from 2015-16 to 2025-26: people on active awards 26,612 to 32,045; active studentships 26,326 to 26,595.

Major programmes and the department's plans

The science department's R&D budget plans by organisation, £ million (plans, not spending)

Organisation or programme	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)	£8.8bn	£9.2bn	£9.6bn	£9.8bn	£10.0bn
UK contribution to EU programmes	£2.7bn	£2.1bn	£2.2bn	£2.2bn	£2.2bn
UK Space Agency	£668m	£679m	£693m	£706m	£720m
Met Office	£310m	£327m	£456m	£337m	£347m
Advanced Research & Invention Agency (ARIA)	£184m	£220m	£300m	£300m	£400m
National Academies	£217m	£219m	£226m	£230m	£235m
Office for Life Sciences	£129m	£264m	£286m	£229m	£146m
National Measurement System	£130m	£131m	£139m	£143m	£145m
AI Security Institute (AISI)	£66m	£60m	£60m	£60m	£60m

Published by DSIT in October 2025. On 22 July 2026 DSIT's functions were redistributed across other departments. The Department for Business and Trade was renamed the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade (BIST), covering science and innovation from foundational research to scaling up firms (UKRI's budget explainer now names BIST as the department that allocated its budget); AI strategy and the AI Security Institute moved to the Cabinet Office; the Government Digital Service and telecoms moved to an expanded Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. (Cabinet Office, Machinery of Government changes: fact sheet.)

UKRI spending against its budget lines (outturn), £ million

Budget line	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
UK Research Base	6,784	7,045	7,231	7,458
R&D Other	486	555	525	126
Core Innovation	676	839	940	937
DSIT Managed Programmes	447	151	276	300
EU Programmes	531	359	457	488
Total Allocation	9,517	9,573	10,126	9,819

- **Advanced Research and Invention Agency (ARIA).** Net spending of £152m in the year to 31 March 2026 (£31m the year before), of which £129m on R&D programmes, with 82 staff (FTE). Annual report and accounts.
- **Horizon Europe and Copernicus.** The UK paid £1.1bn in 2023-24 and £1.2bn in 2024-25 to associate (ONS). The UK associated to Horizon Europe and Copernicus from 1 January 2024 under a bespoke agreement: no payment for the years UK researchers were excluded (2021 to 2023), and a new automatic clawback that compensates the UK if UK participants receive significantly less than the UK pays in. The UK did not associate to Euratom and set up its own fusion programme instead, backed by up to £650 million to 2027. Prime Minister's Office and DSIT, UK joins Horizon Europe under a new bespoke deal, 7 September 2023.

The science department's projects in the Government Major Projects Portfolio, March 2026

Project	Whole-life cost	Delivery confidence
Project Gigabit (digital, not R&D)	£5.2bn	Not published
Met Office Supercomputer Programme	£1.2bn	Not published
MATRIX CLUSTER TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME (digital, not R&D)	£890m	Not published
GOV.UK One Login (digital, not R&D)	£709m	Amber
Shared Rural Network (digital, not R&D)	£328m	Not published

Costs in 2024-25 prices, as the portfolio publishes them. DSIT's portfolio mixed science and digital projects; only the Met Office supercomputer is an R&D programme. Every major project, across government.

Source: Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, DSIT research and development plans to 2029 to 2030, published 30 October 2025; UK Research and Innovation, UKRI annual report and accounts 2025-26; Advanced Research and Invention Agency, ARIA annual report and accounts 2025 to 2026, published 15 July 2026; Office for National Statistics, Research and development expenditure by the UK government, 2024-25, published 17 April 2026; National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority, NISTA Major Projects Annual Report 2025-26.

What these figures do and don't show

- **Four measures, never added together.** HM Treasury's R&D by function (the long-run chart and the top of the drill-down), ONS's R&D by funding body, ONS's R&D across the whole economy (calendar years) and UKRI's award decisions (commitments spread over several years) count different things and do not match.
- **Plans are not spending.** Council budgets, the department's plans to 2029-30 and UKRI's 2026-27 priority budgets are allocations. They are kept apart from outturn.
- **UKRI does not publish spending by council.** Council budgets and award values are the nearest published figures. From 2026-27 UKRI budgets by priority, so council figures stop being comparable.
- **Where an award is counted is not where its benefit falls.** Awards are counted where the lead organisation is; partners elsewhere share many of them. Nation figures from HM Treasury are identifiable spending only, and nations do not add up to the UK.
- **No local level.** No public body publishes R&D spending by council area. The lowest published levels are the English region and the lead organisation.
- **Researcher numbers are partial.** HESA's staff data could not be read, so people named on UKRI awards stand in for researchers. Awards and people are shown beside the money, not as what it bought.
- **Machinery of government.** Science moved from BIS to BEIS (2016), to DSIT (2023) and, in July 2026, to the Department for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade. Department lines change name at each move; ONS's totals carry across them.
- **Price bases.** Real terms use HM Treasury's GDP deflator in the price base stated. Other figures are cash.

Figures from data/services/science.json, generated 16 November 2026.

Foreign affairs and aid: the FCDO, embassies and aid

Public services · Last updated 16 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/foreign-affairs/

£10.3bn was spent on international services (diplomacy and aid) in the UK in 2025-26, **£149** per resident. That is −4.3% on a year earlier after inflation (−1.1% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £10.2bn in 2006-07 to £10.3bn. Aid was £13.1bn in 2025, 0.44% of gross national income, against a plan of 0.3% by 2027. The FCDO runs 280 overseas posts.

Key figures

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As of 17 September 2026

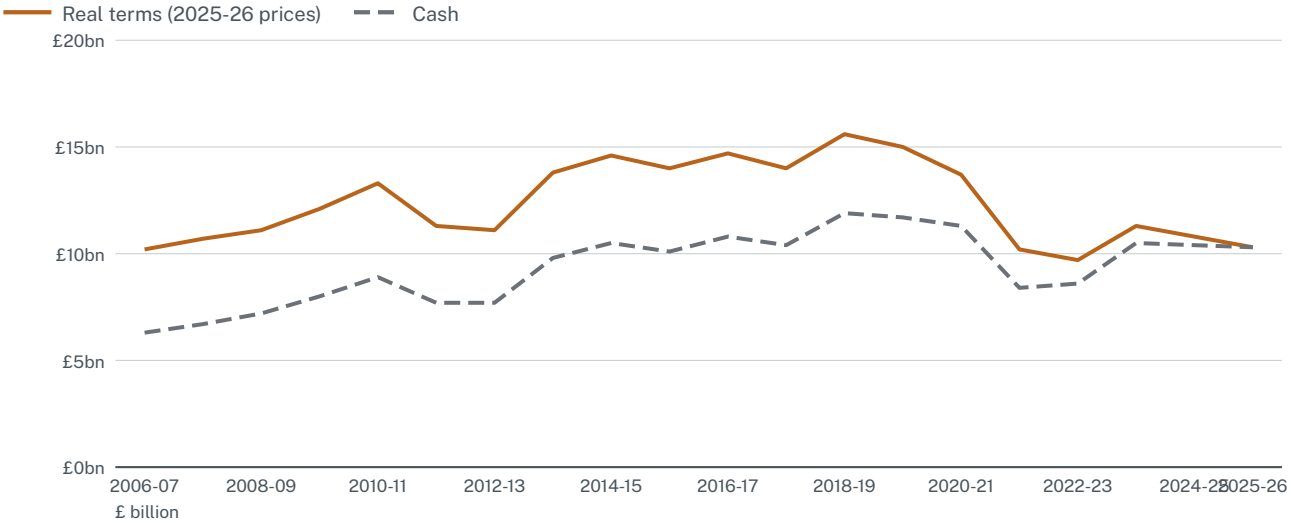
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FCDO overseas posts, 2025-26

The short version

- **Three measures of the money:** HM Treasury's international services, the FCDO's budget and aid as the OECD counts it. They are shown apart.
- **The Foreign Office and DFID merged in September 2020;** earlier years add the two together.
- **16,611 staff at 31 March 2026:** 7,618 UK-based and 8,993 employed locally overseas.
- **Aid has fallen from 0.7% to 0.5% and is planned to reach 0.3% of national income by 2027.**

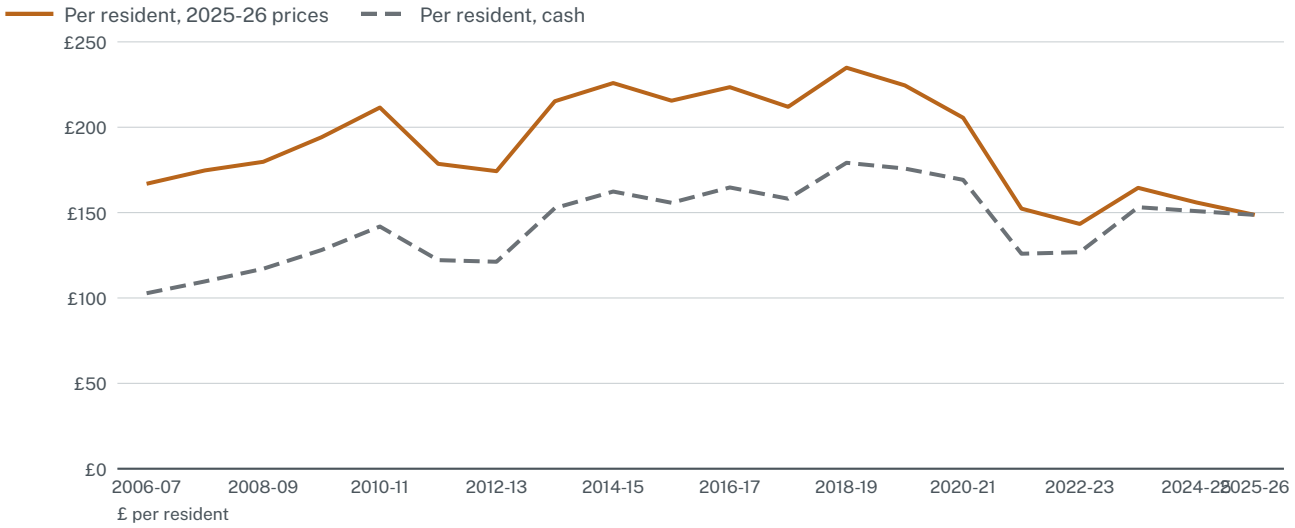
Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

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



Line chart of United Kingdom spending from 2006-07 to 2025-26: £6.3bn to £10.3bn in cash; £10.2bn to £10.3bn in 2025-26 prices.

United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



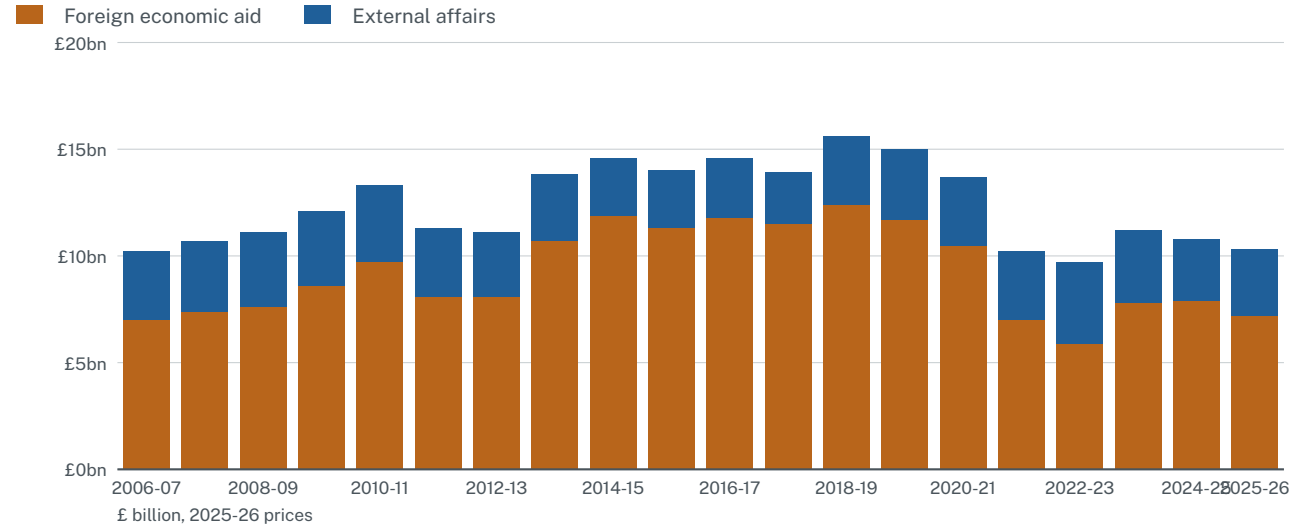
Line chart of United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2006-07 (£167) to 2025-26 (£149).

Source: HM Treasury, PESA 2026: chapter 1 and 5 tables, published 16 July 2026; HM Treasury, PESA 2021: chapter 1 and 5 tables, published 20 July 2021; HM Treasury, PESA 2016: chapter 1 and 5 tables, published 21 July 2016; HM Treasury, PESA 2011: chapter 1 and 5 tables, published 13 July 2011.

Aid and diplomacy: what the money is spent on

Of the £10.3bn the UK spent on international services in 2025-26, £7.2bn was foreign economic aid and £3.1bn external affairs. International services are compared with every other kind of public spending on where public money goes and where every £100 of tax goes. Aid as the OECD counts it is a different, wider measure; it is further down this page.

UK international services: aid and external affairs, 2025-26 prices, £ billion

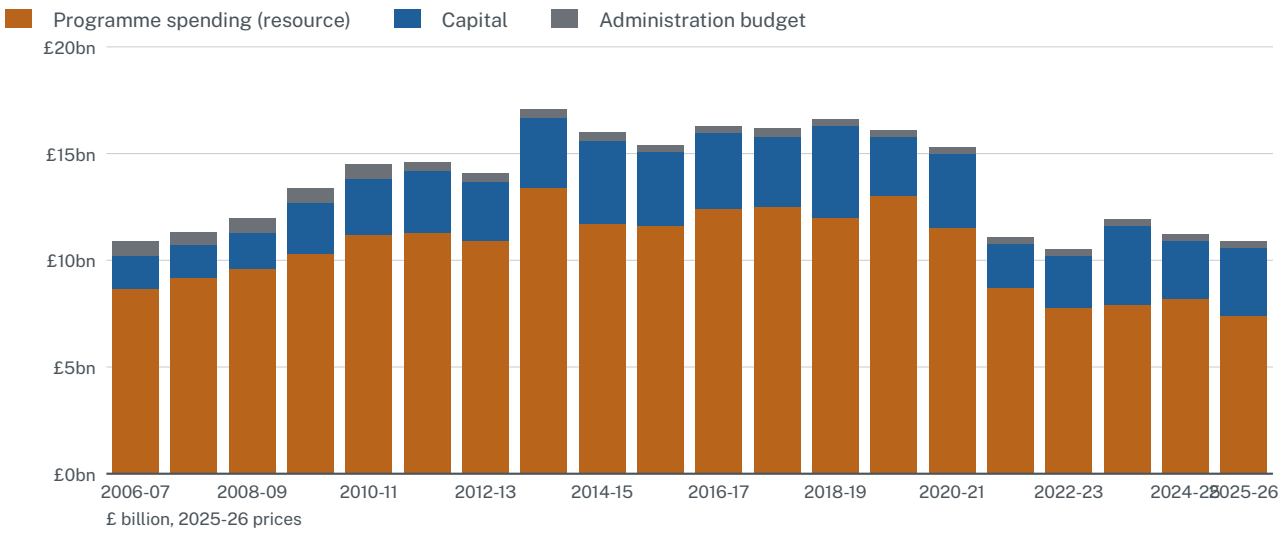


Stacked bar chart of UK spending on foreign economic aid and external affairs from 2006-07 to 2025-26, in 2025-26 prices: aid £7.2bn and external affairs £3.1bn in 2025-26.

The department: before and after the merger

The FCDO's budget was £10.9bn in 2025-26: £7.4bn of programme spending, £3.2bn of capital and a £333m administration budget for running costs. The fall after 2020-21 is mostly the cut in aid from 0.7% to 0.5% of national income.

The FCDO and its predecessors: programmes, capital and running costs, 2025-26 prices, £ billion



Stacked bar chart of the FCDO's budget from 2006-07 to 2025-26 in 2025-26 prices: programme spending £7.4bn, capital £3.2bn and administration £333m in 2025-26.

The two departments before the merger, total DEL, £ million, cash

Year	Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Department for International Development
2006-07	£1.9bn	£4.9bn
2007-08	£2.0bn	£5.2bn
2008-09	£2.2bn	£5.6bn
2009-10	£2.2bn	£6.6bn
2010-11	£2.3bn	£7.5bn
2011-12	£2.2bn	£7.8bn
2012-13	£2.0bn	£7.8bn
2013-14	£2.1bn	£10.0bn
2014-15	£1.9bn	£9.7bn
2015-16	£1.9bn	£9.3bn

The FCDO's total DEL plans, PESA 2026, £ million, cash

Year	Plan
2026-27	£9.4bn
2027-28	£8.7bn
2028-29	£9.3bn

Plans, not spending, shown apart from the outturn above.

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

United Kingdom

HM Treasury's public spending on international services: foreign economic aid, and external affairs (diplomacy, consular services, the overseas network, information and cultural services abroad such as the British Council and the BBC World Service, and subscriptions to international organisations). Current and capital spending, PESA table 5.4. It is not the same as aid (ODA), which counts some spending by other departments, such as support for refugees in the UK, that sits under other functions.

£10.3bn in 2025-26 (cash); £10.3bn in 2025-26 prices; £149 per resident; −1.1% on a year earlier in cash, −4.3% in real terms.

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
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	£10.9bn	£10.9bn	£157	−3.5%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Other departments' international services	£159m	£159m	£2.29	—	HM Treasury	Broken down below

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Total departmental expenditure limits (resource, excluding depreciation, plus capital). From 2016-17 as PESA restates it for the merged department; before that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development added together here, from 2006-07. It includes a little FCDO spending that HM Treasury classes as other than international services, and is a different measure from the total above.

£10.9bn in 2025-26 (cash); £10.9bn in 2025-26 prices; £157 per resident; −0.2% on a year earlier in cash, −3.5% in real terms.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: by spending category, 2025-26

Spending category	Cash, 2025-26	Real terms (2025-26 prices)	Per resi dent	Real change on a year earlier	Source	Below this
Programme spending (resource)	£7.4bn	£7.4bn	£106	−9.9%	HM Tre asury	Line or transaction not published: HM Treasury does not break programme spending down further. The aid part is published by country, sector and partner in the Statistics on International Development (calendar years, aid only) and project by project on DevTracker; the FCDO's annual report breaks its programme outturn down by directorate in PDF tables only. The FCDO's monthly payments over £25,000 stopped being published after January 2025.
Capital	£3.2bn	£3.2bn	£45.52	+15.4%	HM Tre asury	Line or transaction not published: Capital spending is not published below the department's total in PESA; the annual report lists the largest capital items in PDF only.
Administration budget (running costs)	£333m	£333m	£4.79	−1.2%	HM Tre asury	Line or transaction not published: The administration budget is published as one figure. Running costs by post or embassy are not published.

Other departments' international services

Spending classed as international services by departments other than the FCDO, 2025-26 only: PESA publishes this split for the latest year of each edition.

£159m in 2025-26 (cash); £159m in 2025-26 prices; £2.29 per resident.

Other departments' international services: by line or transaction, 2025-26

Line or transaction	Cash, 2025-26	Real terms (2025-26 prices)	Per resident	Real change on a year earlier	Source	Below this
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	£128m	£128m	£1.84	—	HM Treasury	
Energy Security and Net Zero	£31m	£31m	£0.45	—	HM Treasury	

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.

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office published **53,693 payments** worth **£8.80bn** to 1,895 suppliers and recipients from February 2024 to January 2025 (12 of 12 months published).

- The newest payment published is from 2025-01, 20 months before this was read.
- 73% of rows are under £25,000: the department lists individual lines of larger payments, or publishes some smaller ones. They are kept as published.
- 4 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £103,471 in all) are included, so totals are net.

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

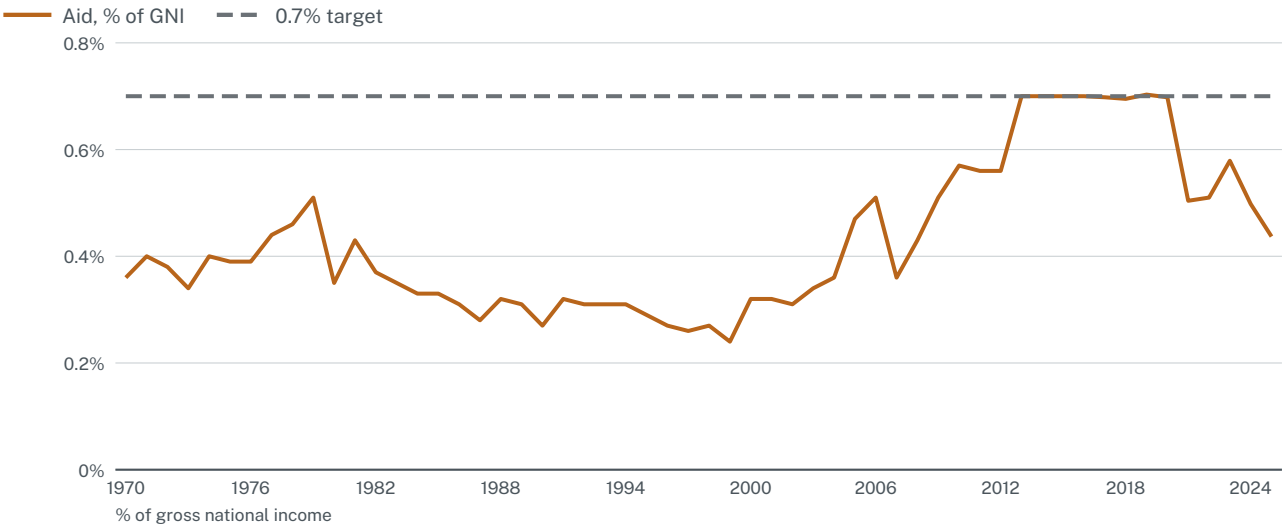
Source: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, spending over £25,000 on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2025-02-27; every payment kept is in one JSON file.

- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for January 2025 (2025-01): 4,418 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for December 2024 (2024-12): 7,278 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for November 2024 (2024-11): 2,438 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for October 2024 (2024-10): 6,652 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for September 2024 (2024-09): 4,228 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for August 2024 (2024-08): 4,217 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for July 2024 (2024-07): 2,919 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for June 2024 (2024-06): 4,867 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for May 2024 (2024-05): 4,411 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for April 2024 (2024-04): 3,629 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for March 2024 (2024-03): 3,188 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- FCDO's spending over £25,000 for February 2024 (2024-02): 5,448 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

Aid: the target, who spends it and what it costs to run

The UK spent **£13.1bn** on aid in 2025, 0.44% of gross national income. It first reached 0.7% in 2013. The FCDO spent 69.1% of it; the rest went through other departments, above all the Home Office's support for asylum seekers in the UK. Administration costs were £790m (6.0% of all aid).

UK aid as a share of gross national income, %



Line chart of UK aid as a share of gross national income from 1970 (0.36%) to 2025 (0.44%), with the 0.7% target.

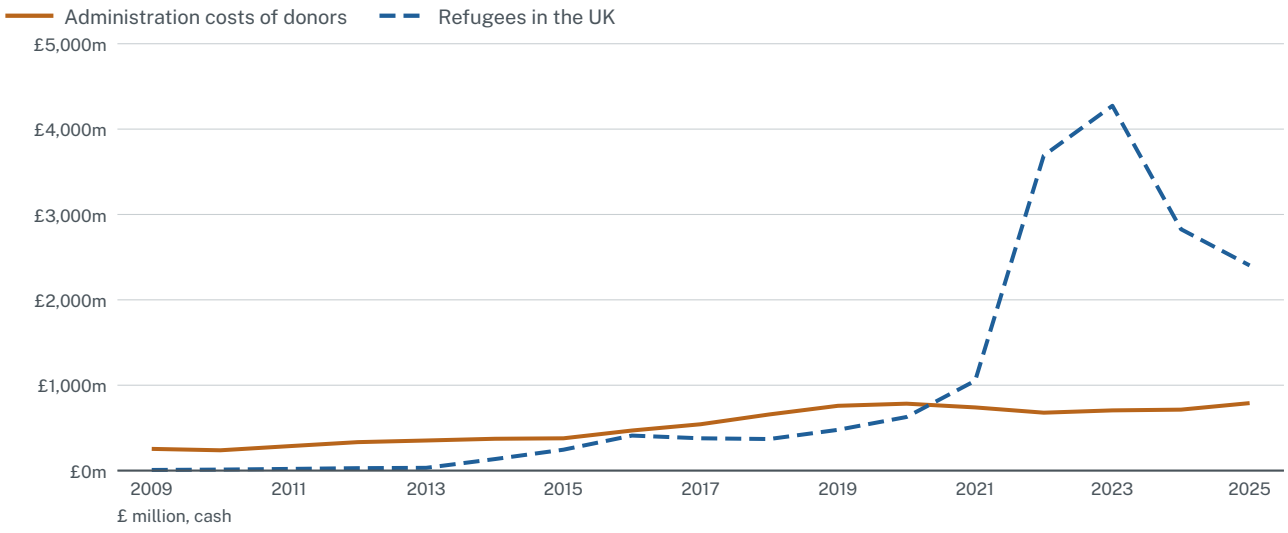
How the aid target has changed

- **26 March 2015** The International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Act 2015 puts a duty on the Secretary of State to meet the target of 0.7% of gross national income as aid each calendar year from 2015. (legislation.gov.uk: International Development (Official Development Assistance Target) Act 2015)
- **25 November 2020** Spending Review 2020: the UK will spend the equivalent of 0.5% of gross national income as aid in 2021, about £10 billion in 2021-22; the government says it remains committed to returning to 0.7% when the fiscal situation allows. (HM Treasury, Spending Review 2020, paragraph 7.17)
- **25 February 2025** The Prime Minister announces that higher defence spending will be paid for by reducing aid from 0.5% to 0.3% of gross national income; the government remains committed to returning to 0.7% when fiscal conditions allow. (Prime Minister's Office, press release, 25 February 2025)
- **27 March 2025** Spring Statement 2025: aid falls gradually from about 0.5% of gross national income in 2024-25 to 0.3% by 2027, with budgets set on the Spring Statement's forecast of national income rather than moving automatically with it. (HM Treasury and FCDO, Future international development spending set out in Spring Statement)

Who spends UK aid, £ million, 2024 and 2025

Department or channel	2024	2025	Share of aid, 2025
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	£9.5bn	£9.1bn	69.1%
Home Office	£2.4bn	£2.1bn	15.8%
Department for Health and Social Care	£424m	£400m	3.1%
UK Integrated Security Fund	£387m	£265m	2.0%
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	£408m	£200m	1.5%
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology	£214m	£199m	1.5%
Gift Aid	£168m	£195m	1.5%
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs	£186m	£193m	1.5%
UK Export Finance	£25m	£135m	1.0%
Department for Work and Pensions	£95m	£89m	0.7%
Department for Education	£91m	£74m	0.6%
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	£98m	£69m	0.5%

Aid spent on administration and on refugees in the UK, £ million, cash



Line chart from 2009 to 2025: aid administration costs £254m to £790m; in-donor refugee costs £7m to £2.4bn.

Source: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Statistics on International Development: final UK ODA spend 2025: chart tables, published 17 September 2026; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Statistics on International Development: final UK ODA spend 2025: additional tables, published 17 September 2026.

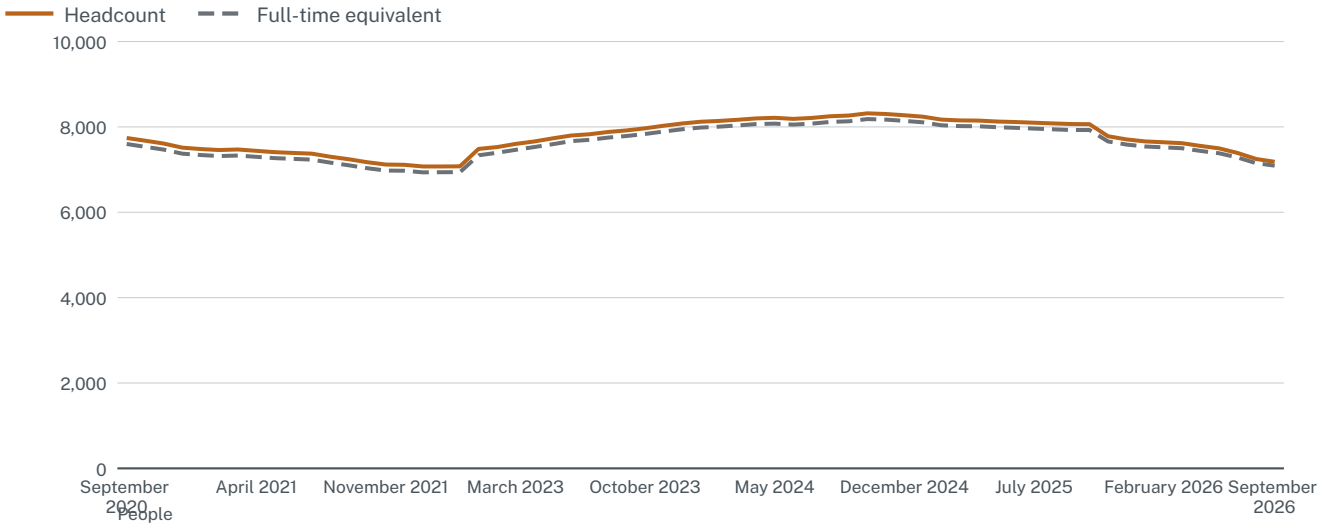
Staff and the overseas network

FCDO staff at 31 March

Date	All staff	UK-based	Country-based	UK-based FTE
31 March 2021	16,732	7,471	9,261	7,329
31 March 2022	16,124	7,076	9,048	6,940
31 March 2023	17,033	7,601	9,432	7,463
31 March 2024	17,532	8,167	9,365	8,034
31 March 2025	17,326	8,152	9,174	8,019
31 March 2026	16,611	7,618	8,993	7,500

UK-based payroll staff numbered 7,183 in September 2026, down 11.0% on a year earlier.

FCDO UK-based staff, monthly payroll headcount



Line chart of FCDO UK-based payroll staff from September 2020 (7,740) to September 2026 (7,183).

The FCDO's overseas posts, 2025-26

Kind of post	Number
Embassies and high commissions	162
Consulates, consulates-general and deputy high commissions	63
Permanent missions to international organisations	11
Overseas Territories posts	12
Resident commissioners	4
Other representation	30
All officially designated posts	280

The report gives the total as 280; the categories it lists add up to 282. Earlier years: 2021-22 282, 2022-23 281, 2023-24 281, 2024-25 282. From the FCDO's annual reports, checked 24 September 2026. Spending by post is not published.

The British Council and the BBC World Service

The British Council is a charity and public corporation sponsored by the FCDO; most of its income is earned from English teaching, exams and contracts, not from the grant. It had 9,446 employees in the year to 31 March 2025. The British Council also relies on a £197 million loan from the FCDO on commercial terms, extended to 30 September 2027.

The British Council: FCDO grant and income, £ million, cash

Year	FCDO grant-in-aid	of which aid	Total income	Earned from its activities	Share earned
2020-21	£149.0m	£135.0m	£925.0m	£762.4m	82.4%
2021-22	£189.0m	£150.0m	£896.7m	£706.1m	78.7%
2022-23	£163.4m	£125.2m	£873.3m	£695.1m	79.6%
2023-24	£161.5m	£126.5m	£989.3m	£786.8m	79.5%
2024-25	£162.5m	£126.5m	£1,010.4m	£826.3m	81.8%
2025-26	£178.1m	£126.9m	—	—	—

Grant-in-aid from the FCDO's annual reports; income from the Charity Commission register (year to 31 March), with the total added up here from its parts. Checked 24 September 2026.

FCDO funding for the BBC World Service, £ million, cash

Year	Total	Aid (ODA)	Not aid	Outturn or plan
2021-22	£94.4m	£76.9m	£17.5m	Outturn
2022-23	£95.8m	£78.3m	£17.5m	Outturn
2023-24	£104.4m	£76.9m	£27.5m	Outturn
2024-25	£104.4m	£76.9m	£27.5m	Outturn
2025-26	£142.0m	£82.5m	£59.5m	Outturn
2026-27	£148.0m	£85.5m	£62.5m	Plan
2027-28	£148.0m	£88.5m	£59.5m	Plan
2028-29	£148.0m	£91.5m	£56.5m	Plan

From the programme annex of the FCDO's annual reports. The licence fee pays for the rest of the World Service; that is in the BBC's own accounts, not here.

Source: Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, FCDO annual report and accounts (staff report, arm's length bodies, programme annex; hand-kept); Charity Commission for England and Wales, Register of charities: The British Council (209131), financial history (hand-kept).

What each figure counts

What each measure counts

- **UK official development assistance (aid)** All UK spending that counts as aid under the OECD's rules, by every department and fund, in the calendar year; cash.
- **Aid as a share of gross national income** UK aid divided by gross national income, the measure the 0.7%, 0.5% and 0.3% targets use. Calendar years; the method for counting some loans and in-donor refugee costs changed in 2018.
- **Aid administration costs** Bilateral aid recorded as "administrative costs of donors": the running costs of managing aid that are not charged to a programme. Calendar years, cash.
- **Aid spent on refugees in the UK** In-donor refugee costs: the first year of support for asylum seekers and refugees in the UK, which the OECD rules let donors count as aid. Calendar years, cash.
- **UK-based staff (payroll headcount)** The FCDO's UK-based payroll staff at the end of the month, in the UK and overseas; excludes country-based staff employed locally by embassies, and contractors.
- **Country-based staff at 31 March** Staff recruited and employed locally by the FCDO's posts overseas, at 31 March. From the annual report (hand-kept).
- **Overseas posts** Officially designated overseas posts: embassies, high commissions, consulates, permanent missions, Overseas Territories posts and other representation, as the annual report counts them (hand-kept).
- **British Council income from its charitable activities** Income the British Council earns from English teaching, exams and contracts (the register's "charitable activities"), year to 31 March.
- **FCDO funding for the BBC World Service** The FCDO's grant to the BBC World Service in the financial year, ODA and non-ODA together, from the FCDO's annual report (hand-kept). The licence fee pays for the rest of the World Service.

What these figures do and don't show

- **Three measures, not one.** HM Treasury's international services (the long-run chart), the FCDO's departmental limits (the drill-down) and aid as the OECD counts it measure different things and do not match.
- **Financial years and calendar years are kept apart.** Spending and budgets are financial years; aid statistics are calendar years and are never added to them.
- **The merger is a break.** The FCO and DFID merged on 2 September 2020. PESA restates the merged department from 2016-17; earlier years add the two departments together here, and their boundaries moved over time.
- **Some figures are worked out here.** External affairs is international services less foreign economic aid; programme spending is total DEL less capital and the administration budget; the British Council's total income is added up from its parts.
- **Not everything is published.** There is no spending by embassy or post, and no nation level: foreign affairs are reserved and spent for the UK as a whole. The FCDO stopped publishing its payments over £25,000 after January 2025.
- **Hand-kept figures come from PDFs.** Staff at 31 March, the overseas network, British Council grant and BBC World Service funding are from the FCDO's annual reports, each checked on the date shown.
- **Nothing here shows cause and effect.** Staff, posts and aid are shown beside the money, not as what it bought.

Figures from data/services/foreign-affairs.json, generated 16 November 2026.

The cost of running the benefits system

Public services · Last updated 16 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/cost-of-running-the-benefits-system/

£9.7bn was spent on running the benefits system in the UK in 2024-25, **£140** per resident. That is +3.1% on a year earlier after inflation (+7.1% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £11.2bn in 2021-22 to £10.0bn. DWP alone spent £9.6bn running the system in 2025-26, beside £309.8bn of benefits and pensions paid: about £3.09 for every £100 paid out.

Key figures

£9.7bn
Spent in 2024-25, cash
+7.1% on a year earlier
As of 9 July 2026

+3.1%
Real-terms change, 2024-25 on a year earlier
£10.0bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 9 July 2026

£140
Per resident, 2024-25
As of 9 July 2026

£3.09
DWP running costs per £100 of benefits paid, 2025-26
£9.6bn beside £309.8bn
As of 9 July 2026

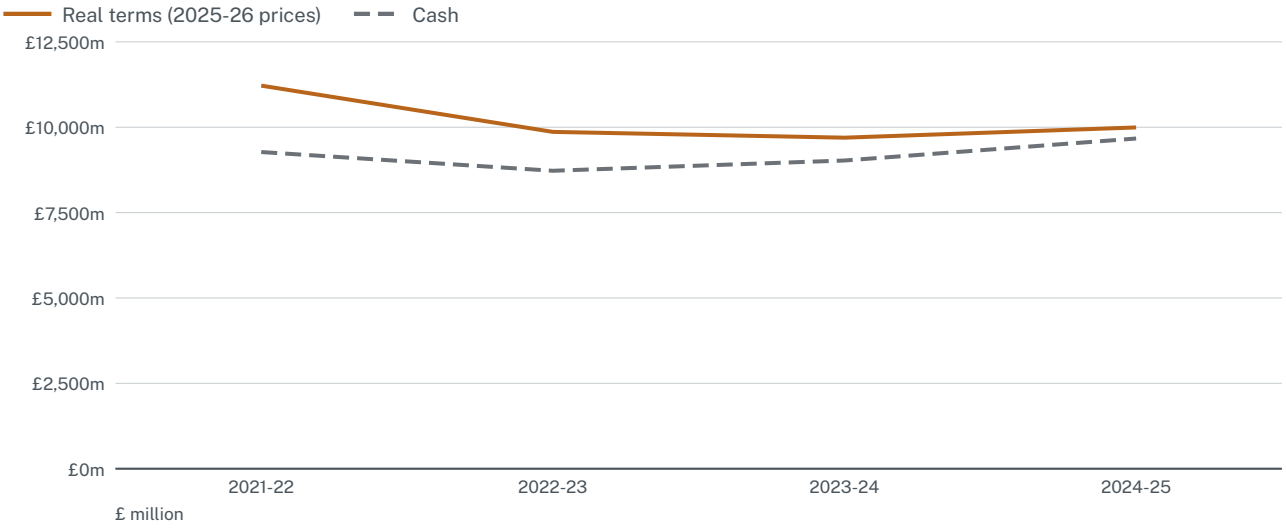
84,110
DWP staff, full-time equivalent, 31 March 2026
As of 29 July 2026

The short version

- **Running costs have fallen as a share of what is paid out:** from £6.39 per £100 of benefits in 2006-07 to £3.09 in 2025-26, mostly because benefits and pensions grew faster.
- **DWP is one of the largest employers in government:** 84,110 full-time equivalent staff at the end of 2025-26.
- **Two budgets, never added:** benefits are demand-led (AME); running the system comes from a fixed departmental limit (DEL).
- **Scotland and Northern Ireland run their own:** Social Security Scotland for devolved benefits, and Northern Ireland's Department for Communities for all of social security there.

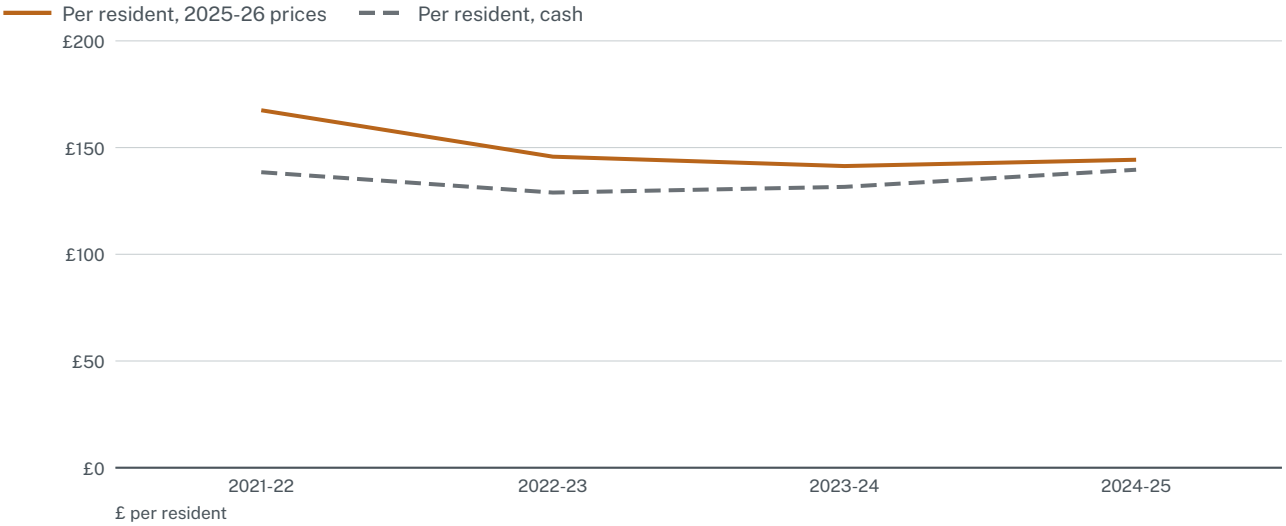
Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

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



Line chart of United Kingdom spending from 2021-22 to 2024-25: £9.3bn to £9.7bn in cash; £11.2bn to £10.0bn in 2025-26 prices.

United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



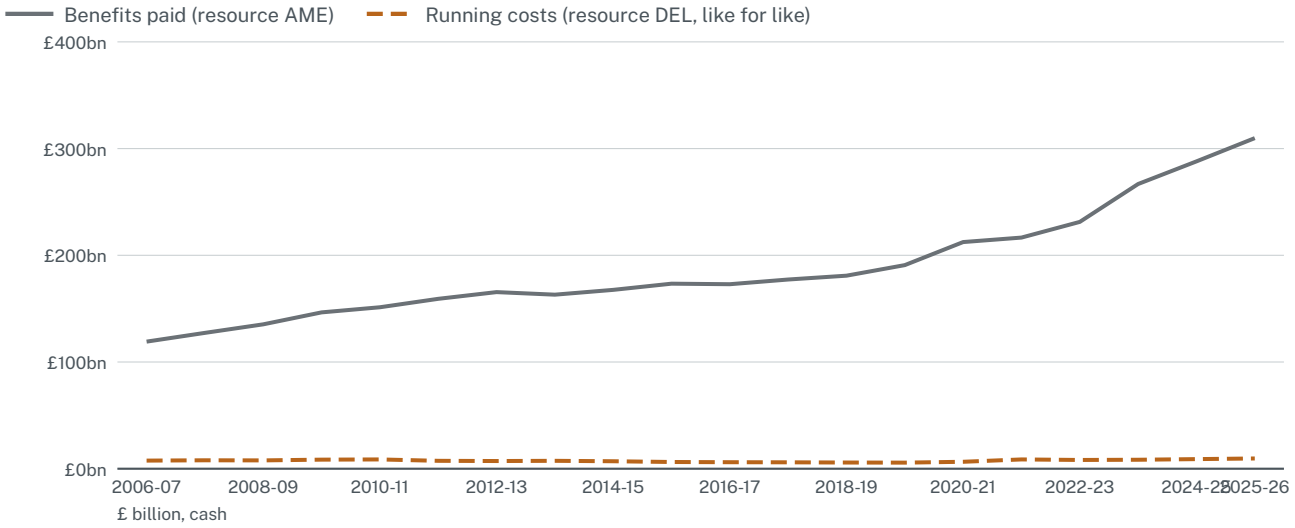
Line chart of United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2021-22 (£167) to 2024-25 (£144).

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, DWP annual report and accounts 2025-26: core tables (public spending and administration budget), published 9 July 2026; HM Treasury, PESA 2021: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 20 July 2021; HM Treasury, PESA 2016: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 21 July 2016; HM Treasury, PESA 2011: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 13 July 2011; Social Security Scotland, Social Security Scotland: annual report and accounts ; Department for Communities, Department for Communities (Northern Ireland): annual report and accounts.

Running costs beside the benefits they pay

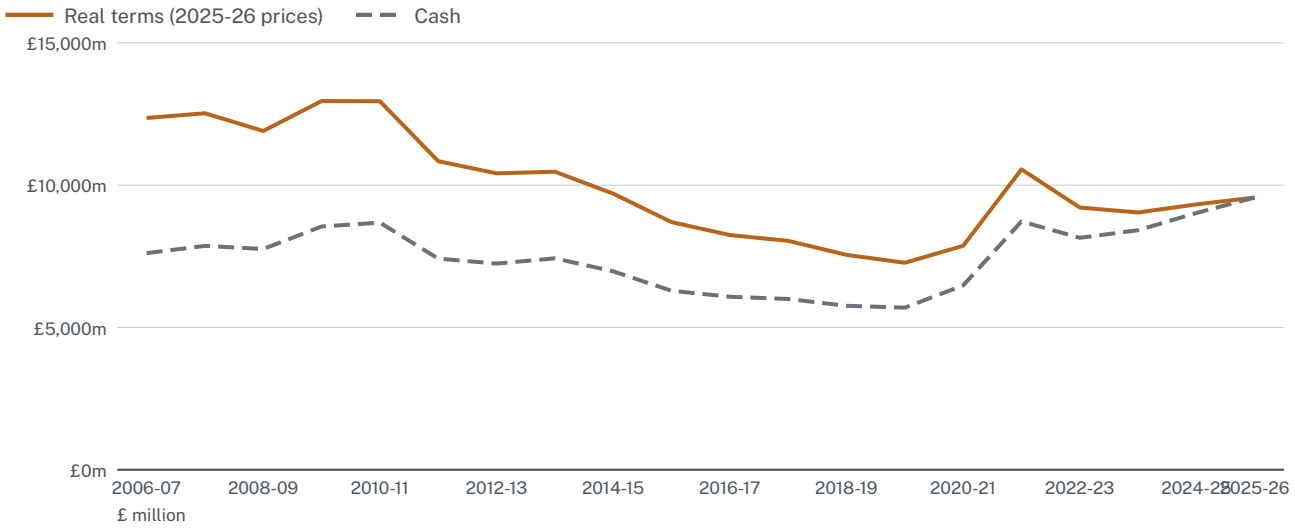
DWP has two budgets. Benefits and the state pension are annually managed expenditure, set by demand. Running the system (staff, jobcentres, service centres, IT, contracted assessments and employment programmes) comes out of its departmental expenditure limit, set in spending reviews. They are shown here side by side and never added.

DWP: running costs and benefits paid, cash, £ billion



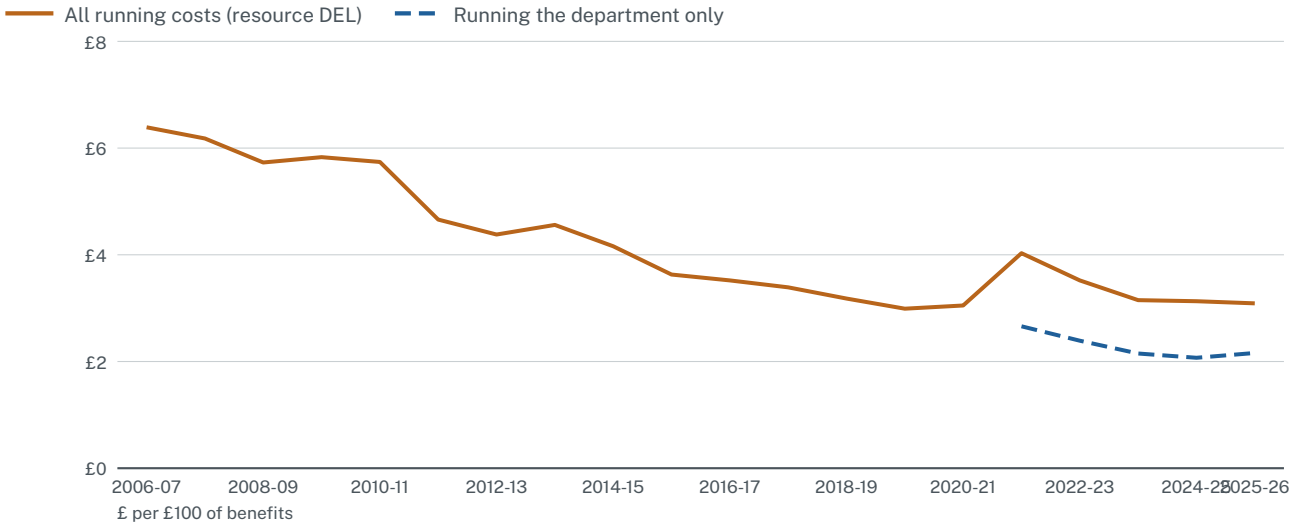
Line chart from 2006-07 to 2025-26: DWP's running costs went from £7.6bn to £9.6bn; the benefits it paid from £119.1bn to £309.8bn.

Department for Work and Pensions (Great Britain): spending in cash and in 2025-26 prices, £ million



Line chart of Department for Work and Pensions (Great Britain) spending from 2006-07 to 2025-26: £7.6bn to £9.6bn in cash; £12.4bn to £9.6bn in 2025-26 prices.

DWP: running costs for every £100 of benefits paid



Line chart of DWP's running costs for every £100 of benefits paid, from £6.39 in 2006-07 to £3.09 in 2025-26.

DWP running costs beside the benefits it paid, cash

Year	Running costs	Benefits paid	Per £100 of benefits	Running the department	Administration budget
2025-26	£9.6bn	£309.8bn	£3.09	£6.7bn	£1.1bn
2024-25	£9.0bn	£288.0bn	£3.13	£6.0bn	£1.0bn
2023-24	£8.4bn	£266.8bn	£3.15	£5.7bn	£976m
2022-23	£8.2bn	£231.3bn	£3.52	£5.5bn	£859m
2021-22	£8.7bn	£216.6bn	£4.03	£5.8bn	£906m
2020-21	£6.5bn	£212.4bn	£3.05	—	£911m

What each measure counts

- **Running costs** What the body spends on running the benefits it administers, cash. DWP: resource DEL excluding depreciation and the skills lines; Social Security Scotland: administration costs in its accounts, including payments to DWP for benefits it still delivers under agency agreements; Northern Ireland: the Department for Communities' "operational delivery" line (net of what DWP and others pay it for work done for them).
- **Benefits paid** Benefit spending by the body, cash. DWP: resource annually managed expenditure (almost all of it benefits, including the state pension). Social Security Scotland: benefit expenditure in its accounts.
- **Running costs as a share of benefits paid** The body's running costs divided by the benefits it paid in the same year. For DWP: resource DEL (excluding the skills lines moved in 2025) over resource AME. For Social Security Scotland: administration costs over benefit expenditure in its accounts. The two cover different benefits and definitions, so they are not a like-for-like comparison.
- **Administration budget (HM Treasury definition)** The part of DWP's resource DEL that HM Treasury classes as administration: head-office and back-office costs. Frontline staff in jobcentres and service centres count as programme spending, not administration. The definition was narrowed in 2011-12, so earlier years are left out.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, DWP annual report and accounts 2025-26: core tables (public spending and administration budget), published 9 July 2026; HM Treasury, PESA 2026: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 16 July 2026; HM Treasury, PESA 2025: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 17 July 2025; HM Treasury, PESA 2021: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 20 July 2021; HM Treasury, PESA 2016: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 21 July 2016; HM Treasury, PESA 2011: chapter 1 tables (departmental budgets), published 13 July 2011.

What the running costs are spent on

What DWP's resource DEL was spent on, cash (DWP core tables, 2025-26)

Year	Staff costs	Goods and services	Running costs in all	Staff share
2025-26	£4.9bn	£3.3bn	£9.6bn	51.6%
2024-25	£4.5bn	£3.0bn	£9.0bn	49.8%
2023-24	£4.1bn	£2.7bn	£8.4bn	49.1%
2022-23	£3.8bn	£2.5bn	£8.2bn	46.5%
2021-22	£3.9bn	£2.6bn	£8.7bn	44.6%

Staff costs and goods and services are the two biggest parts; the rest is grants (to councils for running Housing Benefit, and the Household Support Fund) net of income. These are DWP's "of which" lines for its whole resource DEL, which includes small staff costs of the skills bodies transferred in 2025.

DWP departmental spending by business group, 2025-26 (£ billion, as DWP rounds it)

Business group	£ billion
Jobs and Careers Service (jobcentres and work coaches)	£2.3bn
Contract Management and Partner Delivery (contracted services, including health assessments and employment programmes)	£2.2bn
Digital and Transformation Group	£1.9bn
DWP Service and Fraud (benefit processing, service centres, counter-fraud)	£1.6bn
Corporate Transformation	£1.4bn
Policy Group (excluding the Money and Pensions Service)	£0.4bn
Health and Safety Executive	£0.2bn
People and Capability	£0.2bn
Money and Pensions Service	£0.2bn
Finance Group (excluding contract management)	£0.2bn
Other corporate (communications and private office)	£0.0bn
All departmental spending	£10.6bn

DWP's own chart of departmental (DEL) spending by business group; the groups are its internal directorates and are rounded to £0.1 billion, so they do not add exactly. From DWP Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26 (HC 262), Chief Finance Officer overview: departmental spend in 2025-26, checked 24 September 2026. This total includes capital spending and the Health and Safety Executive.

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

United Kingdom

DWP's running costs for Great Britain, Social Security Scotland's administration costs and Northern Ireland's social security operational delivery, added together only for years all three are published. Benefit payments are not included: they are shown beside it.

£9.7bn in 2024-25 (cash); £10.0bn in 2025-26 prices; £140 per resident; +7.1% on a year earlier in cash, +3.1% in real terms.

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
Department for Work and Pensions (Great Britain)	£9.0bn	£9.3bn	£134	+3.2%	Department for Work and Pensions	Broken down below
Department for Communities, Northern Ireland: social security operational delivery	£349m	£360m	£181	−1.0%	Department for Communities	Local body not published: The department's accounts give this line split only into administration and programme costs and income (in the table below); not by office or benefit.
Social Security Scotland	£298m	£308m	£53.81	+6.1%	Social Security Scotland	Broken down below

Department for Work and Pensions (Great Britain)

Resource DEL: day-to-day departmental spending, excluding depreciation and the skills programmes moved from the Department for Education in 2025. It includes employment programmes, grants to councils for running Housing Benefit and the Household Support Fund, and DWP's arm's-length bodies. DWP runs benefits for England, Scotland and Wales together; per head divides by the population of Great Britain. The split by section covers 2021-22 to 2025-26 (the latest core tables); earlier years are the total only, from PESA.

£9.6bn in 2025-26 (cash); £9.6bn in 2025-26 prices; £142 per resident; +6.0% on a year earlier in cash, +2.6% in real terms.

Department for Work and Pensions (Great Britain): 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
Running the department	£6.7bn	£6.7bn	£99.07	+8.6%	Department for Work and Pensions	Line or transaction not published: DWP does not publish its running costs by jobcentre, service centre or benefit. Its accounts split them by type (staff costs, goods and services: shown below) and its annual report by business group for the latest year; the contracted health assessments are not a separate line in the tables.
Household Support Fund and other DEL grants	£875m	£875m	£12.95	−13.3%	Department for Work and Pensions	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in DWP's core tables.
Employment programmes	£854m	£854m	£12.64	+8.0%	Department for Work and Pensions	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in DWP's core tables.
Arm's-length bodies and other lines	£474m	£474m	£7.02	−0.3%	Department for Work and Pensions	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in DWP's core tables.
National Insurance Fund: DWP costs	£462m	£462m	£6.84	−30.9%	Department for Work and Pensions	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in DWP's core tables.
Support for local authorities	£206m	£206m	£3.05	−6.0%	Department for Work and Pensions	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in DWP's core tables.

Social Security Scotland

Administration costs in the agency's accounts, including what it pays DWP to deliver benefits on its behalf. The Scottish Government's own social security programme costs (building the systems) are in the Scottish Government's accounts, not here. The agency began in September 2018; its accounts are read from 2019-20.

£298m in 2024-25 (cash); £308m in 2025-26 prices; £53.81 per resident; +10.2% on a year earlier in cash, +6.1% in real terms.

Social Security Scotland: 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
Staff costs	£218m	£225m	£39.33	+6.7%	Social Security Scotland	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in the accounts.
Other administration costs (IT, accommodation, shared services, depreciation)	£63m	£65m	£11.42	+26.8%	Social Security Scotland	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in the accounts.
Paid to DWP for benefits it still delivers in Scotland (agency agreements)	£17m	£18m	£3.07	−37.3%	Social Security Scotland	Line or transaction not published: Not broken down further in the accounts.

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 for Work and Pensions published **116,658 payments** worth **£3.03bn** to 399 suppliers and recipients from July 2025 to June 2026 (12 of 12 months published). Payments to suppliers and grants. Benefit payments to claimants are not in this data.

- 89% of rows are under £25,000: the department lists individual lines of larger payments, or publishes some smaller ones. They are kept as published.
- 2,299 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £47,317,984 in all) are included, so totals are net.

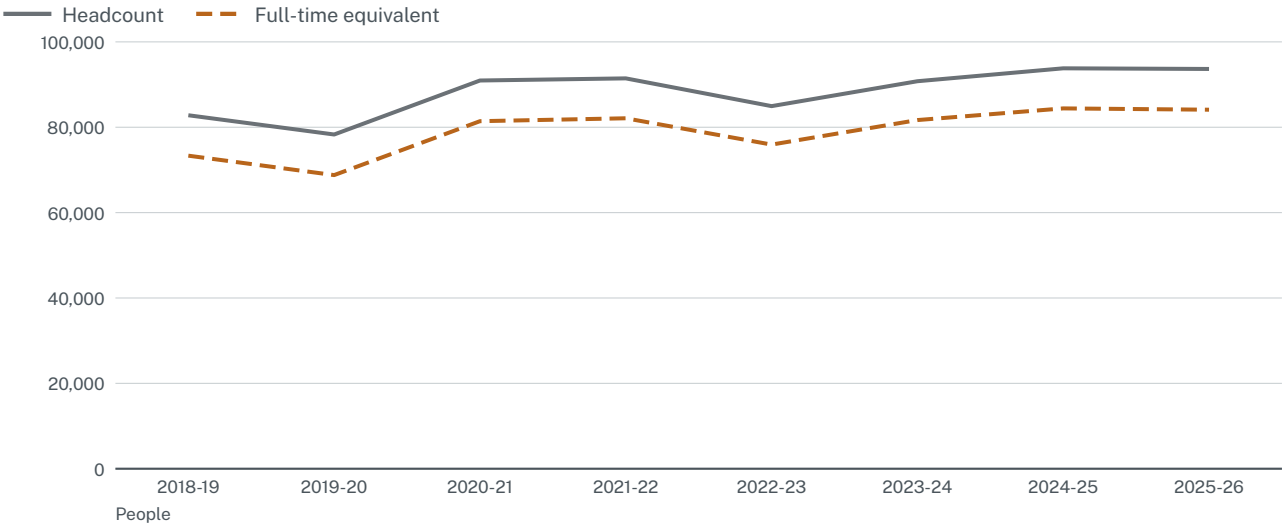
Searching needs JavaScript. Every payment is in one JSON file.

Source: Department for Work and Pensions, spending over £25,000 on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2026-07-31; every payment kept is in one JSON file.

- DWP spending over £25,000, June 2026 (2026-06): 12,087 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, May 2026 (2026-05): 10,100 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, April 2026 (2026-04): 6,728 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, March 2026 (2026-03): 11,673 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, February 2026 (2026-02): 9,304 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, January 2026 (2026-01): 8,487 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, December 2025 (2025-12): 10,279 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
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- DWP spending over £25,000, October 2025 (2025-10): 9,906 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, September 2025 (2025-09): 10,144 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, August 2025 (2025-08): 8,447 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- DWP spending over £25,000, July 2025 (2025-07): 10,699 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

Staff

DWP staff at 31 March, excluding the Health and Safety Executive



Line chart of DWP staff from 2018-19 (73,340 full-time equivalent) to 2025-26 (84,110).

Where DWP's staff work, headcount at 31 March 2026

Nation	Headcount	Share
England	78,535	83.9%
Wales	6,585	7.0%
Scotland	8,455	9.0%

DWP staff in Northern Ireland are too few to publish and are suppressed; staff overseas or with no recorded location are left out. DWP runs benefits for Great Britain as one, so staff in one nation also serve claimants in others.

Social Security Scotland had a headcount of 4,249 at the end of 2024-25, from its accounts.

Source: Cabinet Office, Civil Service Statistics 2019 to 2026: statistical tables, published 29 July 2026; Social Security Scotland, Social Security Scotland: annual report and accounts.

Scotland and Northern Ireland

Social Security Scotland runs the benefits devolved to Scotland (Adult Disability Payment, Child Disability Payment, the Scottish Child Payment and others) and pays DWP to keep delivering some of them until they move across. Early years are small because the agency was being built up. In Northern Ireland, social security is devolved and run by the Department for Communities, which also does work for DWP and is paid for it; the net figure takes that income off.

Social Security Scotland: running costs beside benefits, cash

Year	Running costs	Benefits paid	Per £100 of benefits	Paid to DWP	Headcount
2024-25	£298m	£5.9bn	£5.03	£17m	4,249
2023-24	£271m	£5.2bn	£5.22	£26m	3,955
2022-23	£267m	£4.0bn	£6.60	£59m	4,027
2021-22	£195m	£3.5bn	£5.59	£77m	2,445
2020-21	£130m	£3.4bn	£3.88	—	—
2019-20	£36m	£347m	£10.38	—	—

Northern Ireland: Department for Communities, social security operational delivery, cash

Year	Net cost	Administration	Programme costs, gross	Income for work done for others
2025-26	£363m	£29m	£519m	−£185m
2024-25	£349m	£17m	£481m	−£149m
2023-24	£339m	£35m	£407m	−£102m
2022-23	£309m	£25m	£366m	−£83m
2021-22	£354m	—	—	—

The two are not comparable with DWP or with each other: they run different benefits and their accounts draw the line between running costs and other spending differently. Northern Ireland's benefits are paid partly from its National Insurance Fund, so no single benefits total is set beside its running costs here.

Source: Social Security Scotland, Social Security Scotland: annual report and accounts; Department for Communities, Department for Communities (Northern Ireland): annual report and accounts.

Offices, and what is not published

- DWP opened 194 temporary jobcentres during the pandemic; by March 2026 all but one had closed, and it is being converted into a permanent jobcentre. In 2025-26 DWP also left 4 established jobcentres and 4 service and support centres. DWP Annual Report and Accounts 2025-26, estates section, checked 24 September 2026.
- In Northern Ireland, Universal Credit was run from three service centres, two satellite service centres, 35 Jobs & Benefits offices and an operational control centre in Belfast (2021-22). Department for Communities: Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22, checked 24 September 2026.

Figures asked for that are not published, and why

- **Cost per claim for each benefit** DWP does not publish a regular unit cost per claim or per benefit. Its accounts give running costs by type and by section, not by benefit.
- **The cost of the contracted health assessments for PIP and the Work Capability Assessment (the Functional Assessment Service)** Not a separate line in DWP's core tables or accounts notes; it sits inside "running the department". National Audit Office reports give contract values for particular years.
- **Running costs by jobcentre or service centre** Not published. DWP does not publish a count of its jobcentres in its accounts either; what it says about its estate is shown above.
- **England, Wales and Scotland separately for DWP** DWP runs benefits for Great Britain as one and does not split its running costs by nation. Its staff are split by nation (Civil Service Statistics), shown here.
- **HMRC's cost of running tax credits and Child Benefit** Part of HMRC's costs, on the cost-of-collection page.

Benefit money lost to fraud and error, and appeals, are on benefit fraud, error and appeals. What benefits are forecast to cost is on the welfare spending forecast.

What these figures do and don't show

- **Running costs and benefits are kept apart.** The running cost is never added to the benefits it pays; the share of benefits is worked out from the two, year by year.
- **"Running costs" is DWP's resource DEL, which is wider than administration.** It includes employment programmes, grants to councils for running Housing Benefit, the Household Support Fund and the Health and Safety Executive. The "running the department" line and HM Treasury's administration budget are narrower measures, shown alongside.
- **Like for like across years.** The skills programmes moved to DWP from the Department for Education in 2025 are taken out of every year, and depreciation is left out throughout. Budgeting rules changed in 2011-12, and the source changes from PESA to DWP's core tables in 2021-22.
- **Cash and real terms.** Tables and the side-by-side chart are cash; the long-run chart also shows real terms in the dataset's price base (HM Treasury GDP deflator).
- **The UK total covers only years all three bodies publish.** DWP (Great Britain), Social Security Scotland and Northern Ireland's Department for Communities are added up only where all three have figures; DWP alone goes back to 2006-07.
- **No figure for your area.** Running costs are not published by jobcentre, service centre or local authority, so this page has no local breakdown.
- **Nothing here measures how well the system runs.** A lower share of benefits can mean efficiency, more pensioners (cheap to administer) or less support; see the fraud and error page for one measure of accuracy.

Figures from data/services/welfare-admin.json, generated 16 November 2026.

Running government: the Cabinet Office, Treasury, HMRC, Parliament and the Sovereign Grant

Public services · Last updated 16 November 2026 · https://whereyourmoneygoes.co.uk/running-government/

£19.9bn was spent on running government, Parliament, the tax system and diplomacy (the "executive and legislative organs" heading) in the UK in 2025-26, **£286** per resident. That is +6.5% on a year earlier after inflation (+10.0% in cash). In 2025-26 prices it has gone from £18.3bn in 2006-07 to £19.9bn. HMRC spent 0.51p to collect each £1 of tax in 2025-26. The Sovereign Grant was £132.1m in 2025-26.

Key figures

£19.9bn
Spent in 2025-26, cash
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As of 16 July 2026

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Real-terms change, 2025-26 on a year earlier
£19.9bn in 2025-26 prices
As of 16 July 2026

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Per resident, 2025-26
As of 16 July 2026

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HMRC's cost of collecting each £1 of tax, 2025-26
As of 9 July 2026

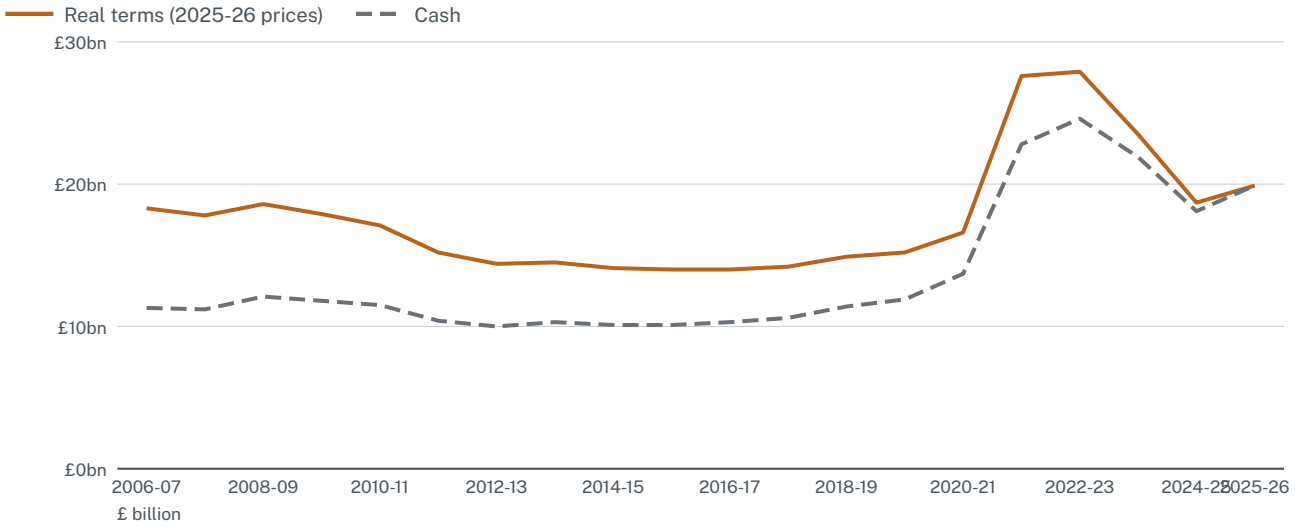
£132.1m
The Sovereign Grant, 2025-26

The short version

- **From 2021-22 the figure includes EU withdrawal payments** (£7.8bn that year), which inflate it; they are shown apart.
- **The departments that run the money cost little beside it:** HMRC's budget is well under 1% of the tax it collects.
- **71,210 civil servants in HMRC** at 31 March 2026, 2,140 in the Treasury.
- **The Sovereign Grant follows Crown Estate profits:** a fixed share of profit two years earlier, never lower than the year before.

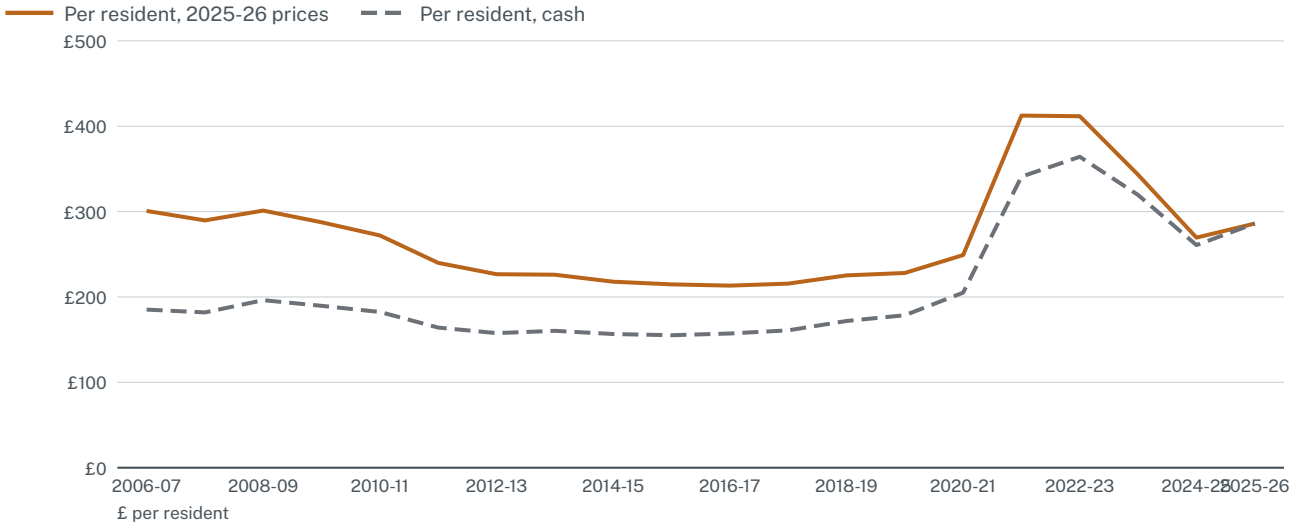
Over the longest run published: cash, real terms and per head

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



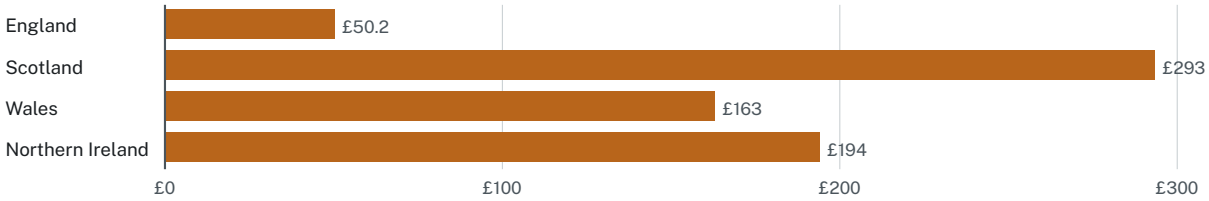
Line chart of United Kingdom spending from 2006-07 to 2025-26: £11.3bn to £19.9bn in cash; £18.3bn to £19.9bn in 2025-26 prices.

United Kingdom: spending per resident, 2025-26 prices



Line chart of United Kingdom spending per resident in 2025-26 prices from 2006-07 (£301) to 2025-26 (£286).

Spending per resident by nation, 2024-25



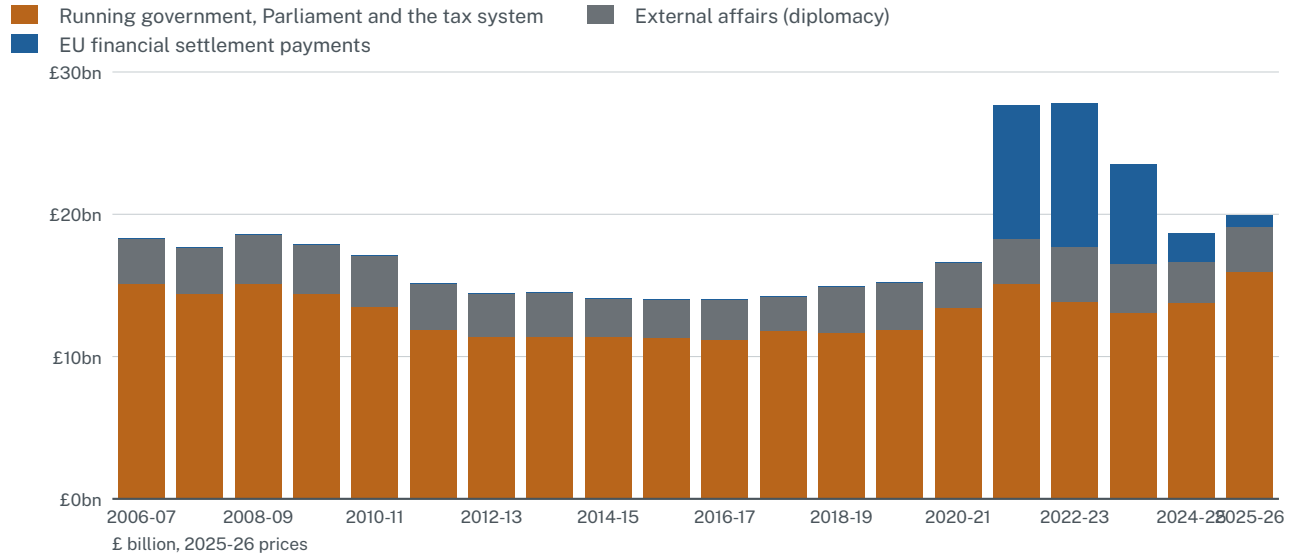
Bar chart of spending per resident by nation in 2024-25: England £50.20, Scotland £293, Wales £163, Northern Ireland £194.

Source: HM Treasury, PESA 2026: chapter 1, 5 and 10 tables and annex C, published 16 July 2026; HM Treasury, PESA 2021: chapter 1, 5 and 10 tables, published 20 July 2021; HM Treasury, PESA 2016: chapter 1, 5 and 10 tables, published 21 July 2016; HM Treasury, PESA 2011: chapter 1, 5 and 10 tables, published 13 July 2011.

What the UK figure holds

HM Treasury counts spending on “executive and legislative organs, financial and fiscal affairs, external affairs” together. In 2025-26, £16.0bn of the £19.9bn was running government, Parliament and the tax system, £3.1bn was diplomacy (on the foreign affairs page) and £771m was payments under the EU withdrawal agreement, which HM Treasury has counted here since 2021-22.

What the UK line holds: running government, diplomacy and EU settlement payments, 2025-26 prices, £ billion

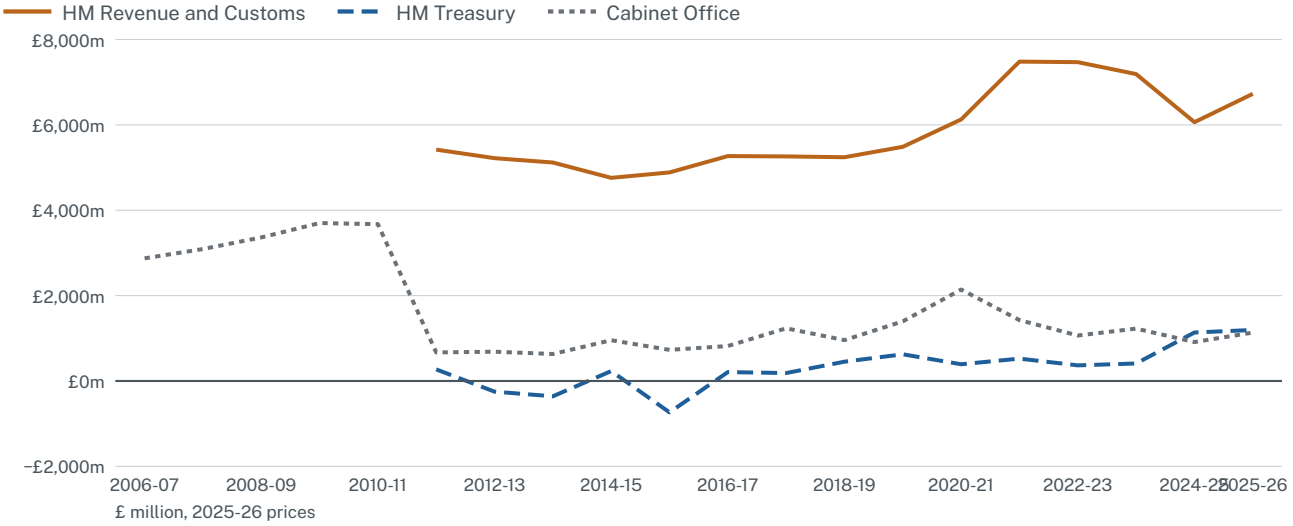


Stacked bar chart from 2006-07 to 2025-26 in 2025-26 prices: in 2025-26, running government, Parliament and the tax system £16.0bn, external affairs £3.1bn and EU settlement payments £771m.

The three central departments

Their budgets are small beside the sums they manage. In 2025-26 HMRC's was £6.7bn against about £966.4bn of tax collected.

HMRC, the Treasury and the Cabinet Office: total departmental expenditure limits, 2025-26 prices, £ million



Line chart from 2006-07 to 2025-26 in 2025-26 prices: in 2025-26, HMRC £6.7bn, the Treasury £1.2bn and the Cabinet Office £1.1bn.

Where each department's budget goes, 2025-26, £ million, cash

Department	Administration	Programme	Capital	Total DEL
HM Revenue and Customs	£1.1bn	£4.7bn	£876m	£6.7bn
HM Treasury	£288m	£94m	£813m	£1.2bn
Cabinet Office	£484m	£231m	£419m	£1.1bn

Total DEL plans, PESA 2026, £ million, cash

Year	HMRC	HM Treasury	Cabinet Office
2026-27	£7.6bn	£1.3bn	£1.8bn
2027-28	£7.4bn	£503m	£2.0bn
2028-29	£6.9bn	£483m	£1.7bn

Plans, not spending, shown apart from the outturn above.

Before 2011-12 PESA showed HMRC and the Treasury together as “Chancellor’s Departments”: 2006-07 £4.7bn, 2007-08 £4.5bn, 2008-09 £4.6bn, 2009-10 £4.5bn, 2010-11 £4.1bn (total DEL, cash).

Where the money goes, level by level

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

United Kingdom

HM Treasury’s public spending on “executive and legislative organs, financial and fiscal affairs, external affairs” (COFOG 1.1, PESA table 5.2): running government, Parliament and the tax system, diplomacy, and from 2021-22 the EU financial settlement payments. Current and capital, every part of the public sector, each year from the newest PESA edition that has it.

£19.9bn in 2025-26 (cash); £19.9bn in 2025-26 prices; £286 per resident; +10.0% on a year earlier in cash, +6.5% in real terms.

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
HM Revenue and Customs	£5.9bn	£6.1bn	£84.70	−15.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
England	£2.9bn	£3.0bn	£50.20	−0.3%	HM Treasury	Department or service body not published: England has no devolved legislature or government: its executive and legislative organs are the UK government and Parliament, shown beside the nations. The country and regional analysis does not break England’s identifiable spending under 1.1 down by body; councils’ own central services are on the local government page.
Scotland	£1.6bn	£1.7bn	£293	−5.1%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
HM Treasury	£1.1bn	£1.1bn	£15.87	+176.8%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Parliament (Westminster)	£1.2bn	£1.2bn	£16.90	+5.1%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Cabinet Office	£882m	£912m	£12.74	−25.7%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Wales	£518m	£535m	£163	+4.9%	HM Treasury	Broken down below
Northern Ireland	£374m	£387m	£194	+20.0%	HM Treasury	Department or service body not published: The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission and the Northern Ireland Civil Service departments publish their running costs in their own accounts and in the Northern Ireland budget documents, as PDFs; HM Treasury’s database does not show them apart from the rest of the Northern Ireland Executive, and they are not hand-kept here yet.
The Sovereign Grant (the monarchy)	£86m	£89m	£1.25	−3.8%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: The Royal Household’s accounts split spending into staff, property maintenance, travel and other costs in PDF; the main lines are in the Sovereign Grant section below.

HM Revenue and Customs

Total departmental expenditure limits (resource excluding depreciation, plus capital): what HMRC spends running the tax system, customs, Child Benefit and the remaining tax credits. The benefits and credits themselves are counted elsewhere. Shown on its own from 2011-12; before that PESA added it to the Treasury as “Chancellor’s Departments”.

£6.7bn in 2025-26 (cash); £6.7bn in 2025-26 prices; £96.81 per resident; +14.7% on a year earlier in cash, +11.0% in real terms.

HM Revenue and Customs: 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
Programme spending (resource)	£4.7bn	£4.7bn	£68.35	+10.9%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: PESA does not break programme spending down. The department’s annual report and its spending over £25,000 go further.
Administration budget (back-office running costs)	£1.1bn	£1.1bn	£15.86	+7.4%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: The administration budget is published as one figure in PESA. The department’s annual report breaks its costs down further in PDF tables.
Capital	£876m	£876m	£12.61	+16.4%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: Capital is published as one figure in PESA.

Scotland

Identifiable spending under 1.1 in the nation (PESA chapter 10, the country and regional analysis): the devolved legislature and government where there is one, councils’ democratic and tax-collection costs, and UK bodies’ spending that can be traced to the nation. Most of the UK line (HMRC, the Treasury, the Cabinet Office, Parliament, diplomacy) is spent for the UK as a whole and is not in any nation’s figure. HM Treasury warns that splits between countries below the function level are less accurate.

£1.6bn in 2024-25 (cash); £1.7bn in 2025-26 prices; £293 per resident; −1.4% on a year earlier in cash, −5.1% 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 Government operating costs	£757m	£782m	£137	−8.1%	Scottish Government	Local body not published: The Scottish Budget gives operating costs by portfolio (in the extra table below); outturn is published only for the year before the budget.
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	£143m	£148m	£25.81	—	Scottish Government	Local body not published: The Corporate Body’s accounts (on parliament.scot, which does not allow automated reading) give outturn by type; the Scottish Budget gives only these budget figures.

HM Treasury

Total departmental expenditure limits for the Treasury group, including the Debt Management Office, the Government Internal Audit Agency and the Office for Budget Responsibility. Sums the Treasury handles outside its limits, such as the EU settlement payments, are annually managed expenditure and are not here.

£1.2bn in 2025-26 (cash); £1.2bn in 2025-26 prices; £17.20 per resident; +8.7% on a year earlier in cash, +5.2% in real terms.

HM Treasury: 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
Capital	£813m	£813m	£11.70	+2.8%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: Capital is published as one figure in PESA.
Administration budget (back-office running costs)	£288m	£288m	£4.14	−13.5%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: The administration budget is published as one figure in PESA. The department's annual report breaks its costs down further in PDF tables.
Programme spending (resource)	£94m	£94m	£1.35	+658.1%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: PESA does not break programme spending down. The department's annual report and its spending over £25,000 go further.

Parliament (Westminster)

Resource spending (departmental limits and managed expenditure) plus capital for the House of Commons, the House of Lords, IPSA and the Parliamentary Works Grant, added up here from HM Treasury's OSCAR outturn database. It can differ by a percent or so from the bodies' own accounts. OSCAR's annual workbooks start in 2018-19; earlier years are only in 1.6 GB CSV extracts, not read here.

£1.2bn in 2024-25 (cash); £1.2bn in 2025-26 prices; £16.90 per resident; +9.2% on a year earlier in cash, +5.1% in real terms.

Parliament (Westminster): 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
House of Commons	£574m	£594m	£8.29	+0.6%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: The houses' annual accounts break spending down by type in PDF on parliament.uk, which does not allow automated reading; they are not hand-kept here.
Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (MPs' pay, staff and office costs)	£313m	£324m	£4.52	+24.0%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: Every MP's costs, by heading, are on the MPs' pay and expenses page (mps-pay-and-expenses), from IPSA's annual publication.
House of Lords	£204m	£211m	£2.95	−3.6%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: The houses' annual accounts break spending down by type in PDF on parliament.uk, which does not allow automated reading; they are not hand-kept here.
Parliamentary Works Grant	£79m	£82m	£1.14	+0.9%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: The houses' annual accounts break spending down by type in PDF on parliament.uk, which does not allow automated reading; they are not hand-kept here.

Cabinet Office

Total departmental expenditure limits for the Cabinet Office group. Its boundaries have moved often as functions come and go; PESA restates each edition's years to the boundaries of the day, so years from different editions are not strictly comparable.

£1.1bn in 2025-26 (cash); £1.1bn in 2025-26 prices; £16.32 per resident; +28.6% on a year earlier in cash, +24.4% in real terms.

Cabinet Office: 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
Administration budget (back-office running costs)	£484m	£484m	£6.97	+19.2%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: The administration budget is published as one figure in PESA. The department's annual report breaks its costs down further in PDF tables.
Capital	£419m	£419m	£6.03	+50.7%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: Capital is published as one figure in PESA.
Programme spending (resource)	£231m	£231m	£3.32	+1.6%	HM Treasury	Line or transaction not published: PESA does not break programme spending down. The department's annual report and its spending over £25,000 go further.

Wales

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£518m in 2024-25 (cash); £535m in 2025-26 prices; £163 per resident; +9.1% on a year earlier in cash, +4.9% in real terms.

Wales: 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
Welsh Government staff and running costs	not published	not published	—	—	Welsh Government	Local body not published: The Welsh budget tables go no further than these lines; outturn is in the Welsh Government's consolidated accounts (PDF).
Senedd Commission (the Welsh Parliament)	£72m	£75m	£22.69	+7.4%	HM Treasury	Local body not published: The Commission's accounts break its costs down in PDF only.

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 departments published for the latest year, as published. See every department's spending over £25,000 for what each covers.

Cabinet Office

Cabinet Office published **6,988 payments** worth **£1.90bn** to 578 suppliers and recipients from September 2025 to August 2026 (12 of 12 months published).

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Source: Cabinet Office, spending over £25,000 on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2026-09-24; every payment kept is in one JSON file.

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- Expenditure Over £25,000 - June 2026 (Cabinet Office Core) (2026-06): 637 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- Expenditure Over £25,000 - May 2026 (Cabinet Office Core) (2026-05): 562 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- Expenditure Over £25,000 - April 2026 (Cabinet Office Core) (2026-04): 503 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
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- Expenditure Over £25,000 - November 2025 (Cabinet Office Core) (2025-11): 534 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- Expenditure Over £25,000 - October 2025 (Cabinet Office Core) (2025-10): 524 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- Expenditure Over £25,000 - September 2025 (Cabinet Office Core) (2025-09): 499 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

HM Treasury

HM Treasury published **1,189 payments** worth **£217.1m** to 130 suppliers and recipients from April 2025 to March 2026 (12 of 12 months published). Includes the Debt Management Office and other bodies in the Treasury group, named in the Entity column.

- The newest payment published is from 2026-03, 6 months before this was read.
- 36% of rows are under £25,000: the department lists individual lines of larger payments, or publishes some smaller ones. They are kept as published.
- 14 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £380,359 in all) are included, so totals are net.

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

Source: HM Treasury, spending over £25,000 on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2026-04-30; every payment kept is in one JSON file.

- HM Treasury: spending over £25,000, March 2026 (2026-03): 136 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HM Treasury: spending over £25,000, February 2026 (2026-02): 70 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HM Treasury: spending over £25,000, January 2026 (2026-01): 60 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HM Treasury: spending over £25,000, December 2025 (2025-12): 149 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HM Treasury: spending over £25,000, November 2025 (2025-11): 100 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HM Treasury: spending over £25,000, October 2025 (2025-10): 114 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMT spend greater than £25,000: September 2025 (2025-09): 84 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMT spend greater than £25,000: August 2025 (2025-08): 93 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMT spend greater than £25,000: July 2025 (2025-07): 94 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMT spend greater than £25,000: June 2025 (2025-06): 79 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMT spend greater than £25,000: May 2025 (2025-05): 105 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMT spend greater than £25,000: April 2025 (2025-04): 105 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

HM Revenue and Customs

HM Revenue and Customs published **14,137 payments** worth **£2.73bn** to 495 suppliers and recipients from July 2025 to June 2026 (12 of 12 months published).

- 14% of rows are under £25,000: the department lists individual lines of larger payments, or publishes some smaller ones. They are kept as published.
- 306 credits and refunds (negative amounts, £31,963,300 in all) are included, so totals are net.

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

Source: HM Revenue and Customs, spending over £25,000 on GOV.UK, Open Government Licence v3.0. 12 files read, newest updated 2026-07-30; every payment kept is in one JSON file.

- HMRC's spending over £25,000, June 2026 (2026-06): 1,397 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 May 2026 (2026-05): 1,100 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for April 2026 (2026-04): 1,691 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for March 2026 (2026-03): 1,583 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for February 2026 (2026-02): 1,117 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for January 2026 (2026-01): 1,022 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for December 2025 (2025-12): 1,197 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for November 2025 (2025-11): 1,015 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for October 2025 (2025-10): 1,038 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for September 2025 (2025-09): 1,057 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for August 2025 (2025-08): 907 rows. Read 2026-09-24.
- HMRC's spending over £25,000 for July 2025 (2025-07): 1,013 rows. Read 2026-09-24.

Staff

At 31 March 2026 HMRC employed 71,210 civil servants (75,500 with the Valuation Office Agency), against 90,960 in 2008. The Treasury had 2,140 and the Cabinet Office 5,385; the Cabinet Office's count moves with the functions it gains and loses.

Civil servants at 31 March, core department (headcount)

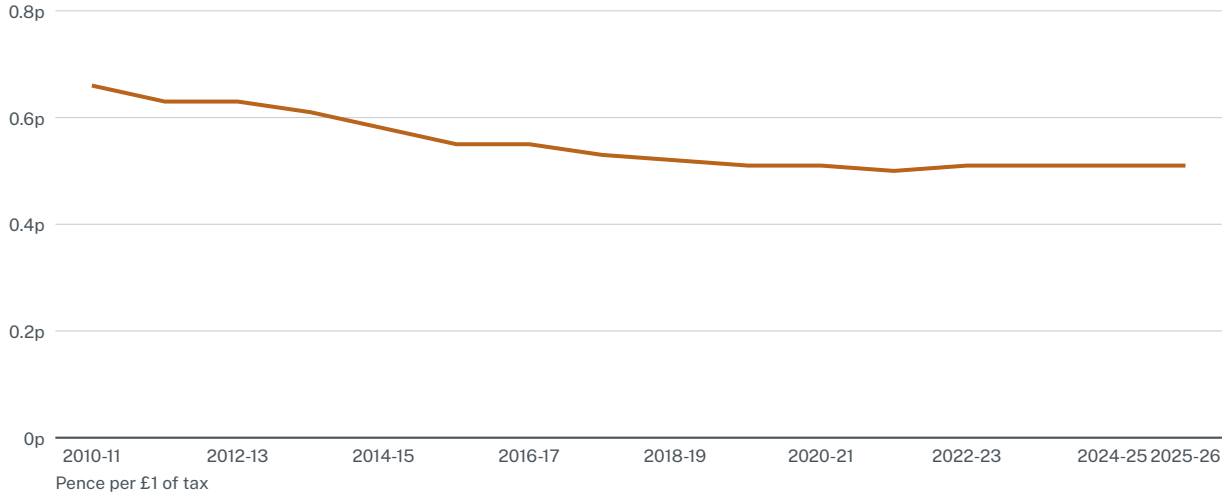
Year	HMRC	HM Treasury	Cabinet Office	Published by
2026	71,210	2,140	5,385	Cabinet Office
2025	66,945	2,015	6,890	Cabinet Office
2024	65,780	1,980	6,495	Cabinet Office
2023	68,395	2,005	5,915	Cabinet Office
2022	67,510	2,110	9,930	Cabinet Office
2021	62,940	2,020	9,460	Cabinet Office
2020	63,840	1,630	7,890	Cabinet Office
2019	63,950	1,480	6,170	Cabinet Office
2018	64,780	1,360	5,180	Office for National Statistics
2017	68,710	1,250	2,580	Office for National Statistics
2016	66,630	1,330	2,110	Office for National Statistics
2015	64,310	1,130	2,140	Office for National Statistics
2014	69,310	1,220	2,030	Office for National Statistics
2013	72,740	1,250	1,840	Office for National Statistics
2012	74,970	1,070	1,620	Office for National Statistics
2011	74,380	1,330	1,510	Office for National Statistics
2010	82,960	1,450	1,260	Office for National Statistics
2009	88,870	1,330	1,260	Office for National Statistics
2008	90,960	1,150	1,240	Office for National Statistics

Source: Cabinet Office, Civil Service Statistics: statistical tables (reconciliation table), published 29 July 2026; Office for National Statistics, Civil Service Statistics 2008 to 2018 (reconciliation table).

HMRC: what collecting tax costs

HMRC collected £966.4 billion in 2025-26 at a cost of 0.51p for each £1. What each tax and benefit costs to collect or pay out is on the cost of collection page.

HMRC's cost of collecting each £1 of tax, pence



Line chart of HMRC's overall cost of collection from 2010-11 (0.66p) to 2025-26 (0.51p) per £1 collected.

HMRC: tax collected, cost, staff and calls

Year	Tax collected	Cost per £1	Staff (FTE)	Calls handled
2025-26	£966.4bn	0.51p	66,416	89.9%
2024-25	£875.9bn	0.51p	62,224	80.6%
2023-24	£843.4bn	0.51p	61,186	77.4%
2022-23	£814.0bn	0.51p	63,738	72.5%
2021-22	£731.1bn	0.50p	63,445	82.3%
2020-21	£608.8bn	0.51p	58,553	73.6%
2019-20	£636.7bn	0.51p	58,688	79.4%
2018-19	£627.9bn	0.52p	58,773	84.1%
2017-18	£605.8bn	0.53p	59,332	87.1%
2016-17	£574.9bn	0.55p	61,781	91.7%
2015-16	£536.8bn	0.55p	58,621	71.6%
2014-15	£517.7bn	0.58p	56,330	71.9%
2013-14	£505.8bn	0.61p	61,370	78.8%
2012-13	£475.6bn	0.63p	64,476	75.1%
2011-12	£474.2bn	0.63p	66,467	74.3%
2010-11	£469.7bn	0.66p	66,951	48.0%

Staff are HMRC only, not the Valuation Office Agency, as revised in May 2024. Calls handled counts call attempts to 2020-21 and contacts to all helplines from 2021-22.

Source: HM Revenue and Customs, HMRC annual report and accounts 2025 to 2026: historical data series, published 9 July 2026.

Parliament

Westminster cost £1.2bn in 2024-25, including capital. IPSA pays MPs' salaries and office costs; staff and office costs averaged £275,197 for an MP who served all of 2024-25, and every MP's costs are on MPs' pay and expenses.

Parliament: resource and capital outturn, £ million, cash

Year	House of Commons	House of Lords	IPSA	Works grant	Total
2024-25	£574.3m	£204.2m	£313.0m	£79.1m	£1,170.6m
2023-24	£549.4m	£203.9m	£242.8m	£75.4m	£1,071.5m
2022-23	£464.5m	£252.4m	£231.7m	£80.2m	£1,028.8m
2021-22	£491.6m	£177.9m	£217.9m	£122.2m	£1,009.6m
2020-21	£672.0m	£164.5m	£208.7m	£93.2m	£1,138.4m
2019-20	£723.1m	£192.0m	£199.7m	—	£1,114.8m
2018-19	£419.2m	£205.6m	£196.4m	—	£821.2m

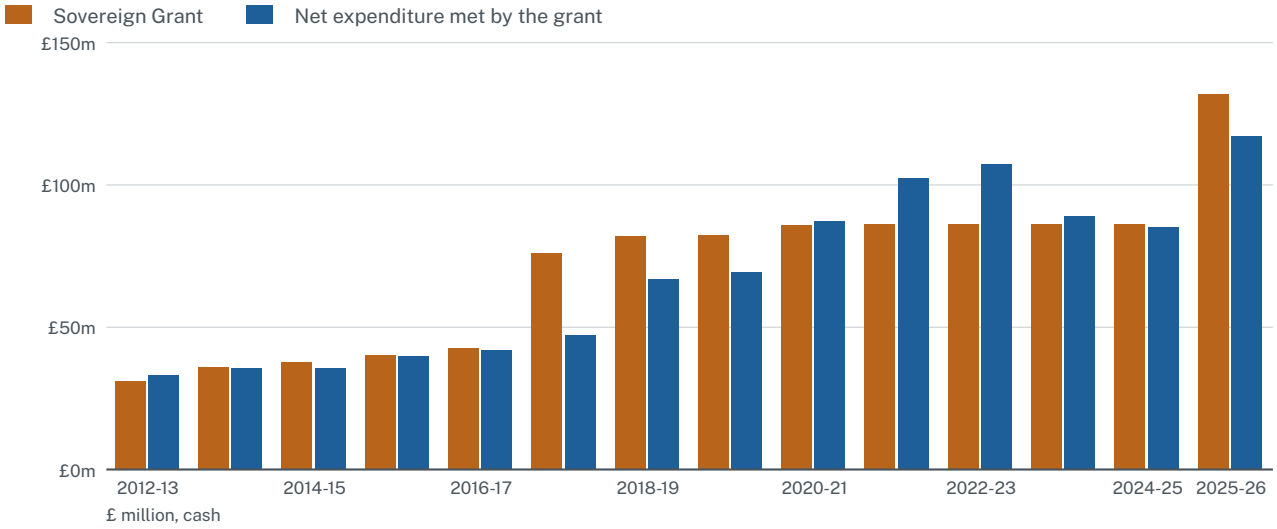
HM Treasury's OSCAR outturn database, added up here; it can differ slightly from each house's own accounts. Capital varies a lot from year to year.

Source: HM Treasury, OSCAR annual outturn data, 2018-19 to 2024-25; Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, MPs' staffing and business costs: annual publications.

The monarchy: the Sovereign Grant

The grant was £132.1m in 2025-26, 12% of the Crown Estate's £1,100.7m profit in 2023-24. The formula takes a share of the profit two years earlier, and the grant can never fall. It is £137.9m in 2026-27.

The Sovereign Grant and what the Royal Household spent from it, £ million, cash



Bar chart of the Sovereign Grant from 2012-13 (£31.0m) to 2025-26 (£132.1m), with net expenditure met by the grant (£117.2m in 2025-26).

The Sovereign Grant, its formula and the reserve, £ million, cash

Year	Grant	Share of profit	Crown Estate profit (base year)	To (from) reserve	Reserve at 31 March	Staff (FTE)
2026-27 (set)	£137.9m	12%	£1,149.0m (2024-25)	—	—	—
2025-26	£132.1m	12%	£1,100.7m (2023-24)	£14.9m	£21.2m	563
2024-25	£86.3m	12%	£442.6m (2022-23)	£1.1m	£8.3m	539
2023-24	£86.3m	25%	£312.7m (2021-22)	£-2.8m	£5.5m	523
2022-23	£86.3m	25%	£269.3m (2020-21)	£-21.2m	£10.1m	517
2021-22	£86.3m	25%	£345.0m (2019-20)	£-16.1m	£30.8m	491
2020-21	£85.9m	25%	£343.5m (2018-19)	£-1.6m	£45.4m	—
2019-20	£82.4m	25%	£329.4m (2017-18)	£13.0m	—	—
2018-19	£82.2m	25%	£328.8m (2016-17)	£15.2m	—	463
2017-18	£76.1m	25%	£304.4m (2015-16)	£28.7m	—	438
2016-17	£42.8m	15%	£285.1m (2014-15)	£0.9m	—	436
2015-16	£40.1m	15%	£267.1m (2013-14)	£0.3m	—	431
2014-15	£37.9m	15%	—	£2.2m	—	—
2013-14	£36.1m	15%	£240.2m (2011-12)	£0.4m	£1.4m	—
2012-13	£31.0m	—	—	£-2.3m	—	—

2012-13: The first year of the Sovereign Grant, which was set at £31.0 million for 2012-13; £2.3 million of spending above the grant was drawn from the reserve. 2017-18: From 2017-18 the grant rose from 15% to 25% of Crown Estate profits for ten years, the extra 10% to pay for reservicing Buckingham Palace. 2022-23: 25% of the Crown Estate's 2020-21 profit came to less than the year before, so the grant stayed at £86.3 million: by law it cannot fall. 2024-25: The 2023 review cut the share of Crown Estate profits from 25% to 12%, in light of the expected increase in those profits from new offshore wind developments; 12% of 2022-23's profit was less than £86.3 million, so the grant stayed there. 2026-27: The final year of reservicing money. The Royal Trustees' 2026 review sets the share for 2027-28 onwards. Checked 24 September 2026.

Source: The Royal Household, The Sovereign Grant and Sovereign Grant Reserve annual report and accounts (hand-kept); HM Treasury, Sovereign Grant Act 2011: reports of the Royal Trustees on the Sovereign Grant (hand-kept).

Devolved parliaments and governments

Each nation's figure in the drill-down is its identifiable spending under the same heading. The running costs below come from the Scottish and Welsh budgets and HM Treasury's database. Budgets are plans, not spending. Northern Ireland's Assembly and civil service running costs are not yet here: they are published only in PDF accounts and budget documents.

Devolved running costs, £ million, cash

Body	Nation	Year	Outturn or budget	Amount
Senedd Commission (Welsh Parliament)	Wales	2024-25	Outturn	£72.1m
Senedd Commission (Welsh Parliament)	Wales	2023-24	Outturn	£64.6m
Senedd Commission (Welsh Parliament)	Wales	2022-23	Outturn	£63.0m
Scottish Government administration budget line (to 2018-19) and corporate running costs (from 2022-23)	Scotland	2023-24	Outturn	£203.7m
Scottish Government administration budget line (to 2018-19) and corporate running costs (from 2022-23)	Scotland	2022-23	Outturn	£190.3m
Scottish Government administration budget line (to 2018-19) and corporate running costs (from 2022-23)	Scotland	2018-19	Outturn	£188.2m
Scottish Government administration budget line (to 2018-19) and corporate running costs (from 2022-23)	Scotland	2017-18	Outturn	£184.3m
Scottish Government administration budget line (to 2018-19) and corporate running costs (from 2022-23)	Scotland	2016-17	Outturn	£181.5m
Scottish Government administration budget line (to 2018-19) and corporate running costs (from 2022-23)	Scotland	2015-16	Outturn	£182.7m
Scottish Government operating costs	Scotland	2025-26	Budget	£801.7m
Scottish Government operating costs	Scotland	2024-25	Budget	£757.0m
Scottish Government operating costs	Scotland	2023-24	Outturn	£792.3m
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	Scotland	2025-26	Budget	£153.1m
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body	Scotland	2024-25	Budget	£143.1m
Welsh Government staff and running costs	Wales	2026-27	Budget	£359.3m

The Scottish Government's administration line stopped in 2018-19, when running costs were spread across portfolios; its corporate running costs line starts in 2022-23, so the two are not one series. Core Scottish Government staff and running costs across every portfolio, plus corporate running costs (digital, estates, procurement, finance, legal, HR). Autumn budget revision.

Source: HM Treasury, OSCAR annual outturn data, 2018-19 to 2024-25; Scottish Government, Scottish Budget 2025-26: Scottish Government operating costs, table 1 (hand-kept); Scottish Government, Scottish Budget 2025-26, table C.05 (hand-kept); Scottish Government, Scottish Budget 2025-26: outturn comparison 2015-16 to 2023-24 (hand-kept); Welsh Government, Welsh Government Final Budget 2026-27: main expenditure group tables (Central Services and Administration) (hand-kept).

Who spends on public and common services

HM Treasury's wider heading "public and common services" adds general services and research to running government, and leaves out diplomacy and debt interest. The largest part in 2025-26 was Local Government.

Public and common services by department, 2025-26, £ million, cash (PESA 2026 table 5.1)

Department or sector	2025-26
Local Government	£7.7bn
HM Revenue and Customs	£6.5bn
Small and Independent Bodies	£2.8bn
HM Treasury	£2.4bn
Cabinet Office	£1.7bn
Scottish Government	£1.3bn
Science, Innovation and Technology	£565m
Northern Ireland Executive	£563m
Housing, Communities and Local Government	£489m
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	£440m
Welsh Government	£360m
Business and Trade	£56m
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	£22m
Work and Pensions	£9m
Justice	£5m
All	£24.9bn

What each figure counts

What each measure counts

- **HMRC's cost of collecting each £1 of tax** HMRC's overall cost of collection: its costs of collecting tax as a share of the tax it collects, in pence per pound, as HMRC's annual report works it out. From 2021-22 the ratio is shown net of customs and international trade, a change of method. Tax by tax, and for every other tax and benefit, on the cost of collection page.
- **Civil servants, core department (headcount)** Civil servants employed by the core department, excluding its agencies, at 31 March, from the annual Civil Service Statistics (Office for National Statistics to 2018, Cabinet Office from 2019). Rounded to the nearest 10 or 5. Departmental boundaries move: the Cabinet Office count rises and falls as functions move in and out (from 2021 it includes Government in Parliament, the statistics note).
- **Civil servants, department and its agencies (headcount)** The whole departmental group at 31 March: for HMRC with the Valuation Office Agency; for the Treasury with the Debt Management Office, the Government Internal Audit Agency and the Office for Budget Responsibility; for the Cabinet Office with its agencies and the Fast Stream. Published this way from 2019.
- **Net expenditure met by the Sovereign Grant** The Royal Household's official expenditure (staff, property maintenance, travel and other costs) less its own income from tours, recharges and rents, met from the grant and the reserve. From the Sovereign Grant accounts (hand-kept).
- **Crown Estate profit (the Sovereign Grant's base)** The Crown Estate's income account net surplus for the base year, two years before the grant year, which the grant is a share of. Keyed by the grant year it set (hand-kept from the Royal Trustees' reports).
- **HMRC call attempts handled** The share of calls to HMRC that were handled. To 2020-21, call attempts to its advertised numbers; from 2021-22, contacts to all its helplines, a change of method.

What these figures do and don't show

- **Several measures, not one.** The UK and nation figures are spending by function across the public sector; the departments are their departmental expenditure limits; Parliament is HM Treasury's outturn database. They do not add up to each other.
- **UK and nation figures are different things.** Most of the UK figure is spent for the UK as a whole and is in no nation's figure; each nation's figure is only what can be traced to it. England-only and UK figures are never added together.
- **Some figures are worked out here.** The split of the UK figure (external affairs, EU settlement payments and the rest), programme spending, Parliament's total and the Sovereign Grant's transfer to or from its reserve.
- **Machinery-of-government changes.** Departments gain and lose functions; each PESA edition restates its years to the boundaries of the day, and staff counts move with them. HMRC and the Treasury are shown apart only from 2011-12.
- **Budgets are marked.** The Scottish and Welsh running costs are mostly budgets, and the plans for the departments are plans; neither is spending.
- **Not everything is published.** There is no spending by place for the UK bodies. The houses of Parliament, the Scottish Parliament and the Northern Ireland bodies publish their detailed accounts only as PDFs, some on sites that block automated reading.
- **Nothing here shows cause and effect.** Staff, calls answered and tax collected are shown beside the money, not as what it bought.

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