

# Analysis and Research Bulletin

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Welcome to the Local Government Association (LGA) Analysis and Research Bulletin which also incorporates the Employment Digest.

This comprehensive monthly publication keeps you informed about key issues and developments in research impacting on local government.

The bulletin brings together the work of the LGA and also features relevant publications from the wider research community. The information in this bulletin is grouped under themed areas. This publication is produced by LGA Research and Information and we provide high quality analysis and research across all aspects of local government.

## How to register

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## New research and statistics

### Employment, pay and workforce:

#### LGA Statistical Alert

The February 2020 Statistical Alert produced by LGA Research and Information shows Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) increased to 1.8 per cent in January 2020 from 1.4 per cent in December 2019. Retail Price Index (RPI) annual inflation increased to 2.7 per cent in January 2020 from 2.2 per cent in December 2019.

The number of people in employment in Great Britain was 32,057,000 for the three months to December 2019; this has increased by 182,000 compared to the previous quarter to September 2019, from 31,875,000. Unemployment in Great Britain for the same periods was 1,268,000 for the quarter to December 2019, a decrease of 15,000 from 1,283,000 in the previous quarter to September 2019.

Figures provided by XpertHR, an online resource for employment law HR good practice and benchmarking, showed the median whole economy pay settlement level of 2.1 per cent to the three months ending January 2020, a decrease from 2.2 per cent in December 2019.

Results from the Labour Research Department (LRD) survey provided by XpertHR showed the median level of union-negotiated awards for the whole economy was 2.8 per cent for the three months ending January 2020, an increase from 2.6 per cent in December 2019.

For more information visit: <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/research/statistical-alert>

#### Regional labour market statistics in the UK: October to December 2019

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) data provide regional, local authority and Parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in UK employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics between October and December 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/regionallabourmarket/february2020>

#### UK labour market: October to December 2019

These ONS statistics provide estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for the UK between October and December 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/february2020>

## **Labour market economic commentary: February 2020 - UK**

This ONS economic analysis provides information on the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends for February 2020:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/labourmarketeconomiccommentary/february2020>

# **Transport**

## **Monitoring and evaluation case study: Transport**

Working with the Department for Transport (DfT) between late 2017 and early 2018, the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth (WWCLEG) reviewed housing delivery for schemes approved under the dependent development framework:

[See the short note outlining the findings and lessons learned](#)

## **Reported road casualties in Great Britain, provisional estimates involving illegal alcohol levels: 2018**

These DfT statistics provide provisional estimates on personal injury drink drive related accidents in Great Britain during 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/864835/drink-drive-provisional-estimates-2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/864835/drink-drive-provisional-estimates-2018.pdf)

## **Reported road casualties in Great Britain, annual report: 2018**

These DfT statistics provide personal injury accident and casualty statistics on public roads in Great Britain during 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/834585/reported-road-casualties-annual-report-2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/834585/reported-road-casualties-annual-report-2018.pdf)

# **Education and young people:**

## **Teacher autonomy: how does it relate to job satisfaction and retention?**

This National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) report suggests that teachers' perceived influence over their professional development goal setting is the area most associated with higher job satisfaction and a greater intention to stay in teaching:

<https://www.nfer.ac.uk/teacher-autonomy-how-does-it-relate-to-job-satisfaction-and-retention/>

## **How depression relates to academic achievement in adolescence and early adulthood: identifying high risk points**

This report from The University of Bristol considers how depression and poor educational achievement are connected: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/policybristol/briefings--reports-images/images-2020/PolicyBristol-PolicyReport53-education-mentalhealth.pdf>

### **UK Higher Education student data: 2018 to 2019 academic year**

These statistics from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) provide details of students at HE providers in the UK for the academic year 2018 to 2019: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/students>

### **Fostering in England 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019**

These Ofsted statistics provide information on fostering in England for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fostering-in-england-1-april-2018-to-31-march-2019/fostering-in-england-2018-to-2019-main-findings>

### **Childcare and early years survey of parents 2018: follow-up survey report**

This Department for Education (DfE) report provides the main findings from a follow-up survey with respondents to the 2018 Childcare and early years survey of parents (CEYSP): [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/866868/Childcare\\_and\\_early\\_years\\_survey\\_of\\_parents\\_2018\\_follow-up\\_survey.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866868/Childcare_and_early_years_survey_of_parents_2018_follow-up_survey.pdf)

### **Early education and outcomes to age two and five - England**

This DfE research provides information on the impact of early education at ages two to five on child outcomes at the start of school, and the early years home environment: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/867140/SEED\\_AGE\\_5\\_REPORT\\_FEB.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/867140/SEED_AGE_5_REPORT_FEB.pdf)

## **Health and social care:**

### **NIHR Research Funding**

The National Institute for Health Research's (NIHR's) Health Service and Delivery Research Programme is accepting applications to the commissioned workstream call on Family Group Conferencing (FGC). The scope of this call includes the use of FGC in both adult and children's services such as children's welfare, safeguarding, elderly abuse and preventative services in any appropriate setting: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/2010-family-group-conferencing/23954>

### **NIHR Public Health Research Programme**

The [NIHR](#) needs your expertise. It is looking for senior local authority officers, and elected members, to sit on its [Prioritisation Committee](#). The committee advises on research subjects that should be funded and on the subsequent applications for that funding. It meets three times a year, in London, for one day. Applications can be made by completing the form found [here](#).

### **Better health and care for all - UK**

This NIHR themed review looks at research evidence on health and social care services for people with learning disabilities: <https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/content/themedreview-04326/better-health-and-care-for-all>

### **Health equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 years on**

This report was produced by the Institute of Health Equity and commissioned by the Health Foundation to mark 10 years on from the landmark study *Fair Society, Healthy Lives (The Marmot Review)*:

[https://www.health.org.uk/sites/default/files/upload/publications/2020/Health%20Equity%20in%20England\\_The%20Marmot%20Review%2010%20Years%20On\\_full%20report.pdf](https://www.health.org.uk/sites/default/files/upload/publications/2020/Health%20Equity%20in%20England_The%20Marmot%20Review%2010%20Years%20On_full%20report.pdf)

### **Social capital in the UK: 2020**

This ONS release considers how the UK is faring in four domains of social capital: civic engagement, personal relationships, social network support, and trust and cooperative norms:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/socialcapitalintheuk2020>

### **Public service productivity: adult social care, England: financial year ending 2019**

These ONS data provide information on trends in the inputs, output and productivity of publicly-funded adult social care in England for the financial year ending 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/economicoutputandproductivity/publicservicesproductivity/articles/publicserviceproductivityadultsocialcareengland/financialyearending2019>

### **Personal and economic well-being in the UK: July to September 2019**

These ONS statistics provide estimates looking across personal well-being and economic well-being in the UK for quarter three (July to September) 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/bulletins/personalandeconomicwellbeingintheuk/february2020>

### **Thinking differently about commissioning**

This report from The King's Fund explores how some clinical commissioning groups are reimagining how they commission services: <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-02/TBAC%20report%20%28web%29.pdf>

### **Families of schools database**

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF's) Families of Schools database has been fully updated to include the latest 2019 data for both primary and secondary schools. This free online tool:

- provides key data on the attainment of your school's disadvantaged pupils;
- shows a school's position within a 'family' of 50 schools which have pupils with similar characteristics; and
- highlights schools to collaborate with and key EEF resources to support a school's improvement journey. For more information visit:

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/families-of-schools-database?mc\\_cid=4814a19728&mc\\_eid=0c012336de](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/families-of-schools-database?mc_cid=4814a19728&mc_eid=0c012336de)

# Local Government

## **Fly-tipping incidents report updated for 2018/19 data**

Fly-tipping incidents have dramatically increased since 2012, and this [LG Inform report](#) is now updated for 2018/19 data to show these trends. [Click here to view the report](#), and then focus it on your area and appropriate comparison group using the modifiers at the top of the report. For further information contact: [lginform@local.gov.uk](mailto:lginform@local.gov.uk)

## **Police recorded crime report updated for 2018/19 data**

[This report](#) provides an overview of the different types of police recorded crime in any area for the year ending 2019 quarter three (12 months ending) in the **Police Recorded Crime Survey**. Users may wish to use the report in its entirety or select individual elements to download or reuse in their own LG Inform reports.

[Click here to view the report](#), and then focus it on your area and appropriate comparison group using the modifiers at the top of the report. For further information, contact: [lginform@local.gov.uk](mailto:lginform@local.gov.uk)

Data in this report is updated quarterly (March, July, October and January).

## **Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:**

### **Early years foundation stage profile attainment by pupil characteristics – 2018/19, England**

The total number of children achieving at least the expected level in the prime areas of learning and in the specific areas of literacy and mathematics at foundation stage in England in 2018/19 was 458,847 a decrease from 466,703 in 2017/18. This is the number of children in the area achieving an 'expected' or 'exceeded' level in the prime areas of learning and in the specific areas of literacy and mathematics in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) teacher assessment.

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

[https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=3646&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=3646&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

### **Breastfeeding initiation and prevalence at six to eight weeks – 2018/19**

In England in 2018/19 the percentage of infants totally or partially breastfed was 46.2 per cent, an increase from 43.1 per cent in 2017/18. Totally breastfed is defined as infants who are exclusively receiving breast milk (this may be expressed breast milk) at six weeks of age - that is, they are not receiving formula milk, any other liquids or food.

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

[https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=890&mod-area=E92000001&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLaInCountry\\_England](https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=890&mod-area=E92000001&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLaInCountry_England)

## **Fire statistics UK, annual data – 2018/19, England**

The number of primary dwelling fires in England in 2018/19 was 29,586, this compares to 30,813 in 2017/18 and 30,346 in 2016/17. Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances.

### **Available Geographies: County – Fire Authority**

[https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=311&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLalnCountry\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=311&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLalnCountry_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

# Economy

## **UK trade: December 2019**

These ONS statistics provide information on the total value of UK exports and imports of goods and services by current price, chained volume measures and implied deflators in December 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/bulletins/uktrade/december2019>

## **Retail sales, Great Britain: January 2020**

These ONS statistics provide a first estimate of retail sales in volume and value terms, seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted in Great Britain in January 2020:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/retailsalesgreatbritainjanuary2020>

# Housing

## **House building: new build dwellings, England: July to September 2019**

This Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) release presents figures on house building starts and completions by tenure between July and September 2019 in England:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/861444/House\\_Building\\_Release\\_September\\_2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/861444/House_Building_Release_September_2019.pdf)

## **UK house building data: July to September 2019**

This ONS time-series data provides information on starts and completions of new build dwellings in the UK, on a quarterly and annual basis (formerly produced by MHCLG). This release also includes data for the UK's constituent countries and English regions between July and September 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/articles/ukhousebuildingdata/julytoseptember2019>

# Environment

## **Final UK greenhouse gas emissions national statistics: 1990 to 2018**

These Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) statistics provide final estimates of UK territorial greenhouse gas emissions in the UK between 1990 and 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/863325/2018-final-emissions-statistics-summary.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/863325/2018-final-emissions-statistics-summary.pdf)

## **Emissions of air pollutants in the UK – Summary – 1970 to 2018**

These Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) statistics provide a selection of information from the full publication of 'Emissions of air pollutants in the UK', covering the levels and trends in emissions of six air pollutants. It contains statistics on annual emissions for the period 1970 to 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/emissions-of-air-pollutants/emissions-of-air-pollutants-in-the-uk-1970-to-2018-summary>

## **Agricultural facts: England regional profiles 2018 to 2019**

Defra have produced a collection of factsheets providing an overview of agriculture for each of the regions of England between 2018 and 2019:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/866807/regionalstatistics\\_overview\\_20feb20.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866807/regionalstatistics_overview_20feb20.pdf)

# **Crime**

## **Criminal Justice System statistics quarterly: October 2018 to September 2019, England and Wales**

These Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistics provide an overview of trends in the use of out of court disposals, defendants prosecuted, offenders convicted, remand and sentencing in England and Wales between October 2018 and September 2019:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/867102/criminal-justice-statistics-quarterly-september-2019.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/867102/criminal-justice-statistics-quarterly-september-2019.pdf)

# **Regular publications and events:**

## **London LG Inform/LG Inform Plus training events**

What to get the most out of LG Inform or LG Inform Plus? You can meet the LGA team and learn all about these two data services at our next LG Inform/LG Inform Plus training events scheduled for:

- **27 April London**: LG Inform & LG Inform Plus

Just click on the link to book your free place. At these events, you can learn what's available, how to use the tools, and ask any questions you may have. If you wish to host a training event in your region, just contact: [lginform@local.gov.uk](mailto:lginform@local.gov.uk)

The LGA Inform team also run online training sessions as LG Inform and LG Inform Plus can be a bit daunting for first time users, and regular users can often benefit from some refresher training.

If you want to learn more, or if you think that you need a little more guidance, then please sign up to any one of the online sessions. There is no limit to how many sessions you join or how many times you attend a session, they're all designed to help you navigate the two sites.

[Find out about upcoming online training sessions here](#), and click on any subject name to download a comprehensive PDF guide. To book onto a session please email [LGInform@local.gov.uk](mailto:LGInform@local.gov.uk)

### **Social Research Association (SRA) training courses**

Full details of all SRA courses can be seen at: [www.the-sra.org.uk/training](http://www.the-sra.org.uk/training)

For questions please email [Lindsay.adams@the-sra.org.uk](mailto:Lindsay.adams@the-sra.org.uk) or telephone 0207 998 0304

### **Social Research Association (SRA) - Social Research Practice journal**

The fourth issue of the SRA's free e-journal is now available:

<http://the-sra.org.uk/journal-social-research-practice/>

### **University of Bristol – policy newsletter**

This policy newsletter from the University of Bristol includes the latest policy research briefings and information on how their research relates to current affairs and legislation:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/policybristol/communications/>

### **Project Oracle children and youth evidence hub**

Project Oracle is a children and youth evidence hub. The latest newsletter provides a round-up of Project Oracle news, and headlines from across the sector. To receive the regular Project Oracle newsletter

visit: <http://project-oracle.com/login/register/>

### **The Rees Centre newsletter**

The Rees Centre publish a newsletter every two months giving an update on their fostering related research activities and events along with a book review and a section on young voices:

<http://reescentre.education.ox.ac.uk/about-us/2018/01/>

### **Child Welfare Inequalities Project (CWIP) news**

The CWIP at Coventry University studies the links between deprivation and children's chances of being unable to live safely within their birth families and also aims to establish child welfare inequalities as a core concept in policy making, practice and research:

<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-directories/current-projects/2014/child-welfare-inequality-uk/latest-news/>

### **Centre for Evaluation newsletter**

The Centre for Evaluation develops interventions, systems and strategies to improve public health using rigorous evaluation methods. Their latest newsletter is now available:

<http://evaluation.lshhtm.ac.uk/newsletter-archive/>

### **The Centre for youth impact newsletter**

The Centre for Youth Impact is a community of organisations that work together to progress thinking and practice around impact measurement in youth work and services for young people. Their latest newsletter is now available:

<https://us16.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=ee9a9e8ff13d58c48dd46f202&id=1575e2807b>

### **Youth Justice E- bulletin**

The Association of Panel Members (AOPM) is the professional association for up to 6,000 volunteers supporting young offenders in the community. Their latest bulletin is now available:

<http://www.aopm.co.uk/index.php?page=newsletter-access>

### **Weekly Nesta newsletter**

This weekly newsletter from Nesta provides information on latest publications, events and funding opportunities: <http://www.nesta.org.uk/news>

### **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) society now**

This regular magazine, provides the latest social science research for key opinion formers in business, government and the voluntary sector: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/news-events-and-publications/publications/magazines-and-newsletters/society-now-magazine/>

### **Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) news alert**

EEF news alerts provide information about teaching and learning toolkits, project evaluation reports, grant funding rounds and news and events:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/index.php?/news/>

### **Early Intervention Foundation (EiF) newsletter**

This regular newsletter from the EiF brings together research, evidence and implementation guidance to champion effective early intervention for children and young people:

<http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=c50045dae15bca50ed86d8908&id=79cd2f3c21&e=f2724c3bf8>

### **The Health Foundation Newsletter**

This monthly newsletter from The Health Foundation provides details about funding opportunities, latest publications and blogs, and the latest news from the world of UK health care:

<https://www.health.org.uk/news-and-comment/newsletter-features>

### **Team around the child (TAC) bulletin**

This monthly bulletin is for everyone involved with childhood disability:

<http://www.tacinterconnections.com/index.php/allnews/tacbulletins/3294-tac-bulletin-update-issue-number-258-mid-february-2020>

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