

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.

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New research and statistics

Employment, pay and workforce:

LGA Statistical Alert

The December 2018 Statistical Alert produced by LGA Research and Information shows Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) remained at 2.2 per cent in November 2018 unchanged from October 2018. Retail Price Index (RPI) annual inflation decreased to 3.2 per cent in November 2018 from 3.3 per cent in October 2018.

The number of people in employment in Great Britain was 31,643,000 for the three months to October 2018; this has increased by 94,000 compared to the previous quarter to July 2018, from 31,549,000. Unemployment in Great Britain for the same periods was 1,347,000 for the quarter to October 2018, an increase of 22,000 from 1,325,000 in the previous quarter to July 2018.

Figures provided by XpertHR, an online resource for employment law HR good practice and benchmarking, showed the median whole economy pay settlement level of 2.0 per cent to the three months ending November 2018, reduced from 2.3 per cent for the three months ending October 2018.

Results from the Labour Research Department (LRD) survey provided by XpertHR showed the median level of union-negotiated awards for the whole economy was 3.5 per cent in the three months ending November 2018 an increase from 3.2 per cent for the previous three months ending October 2018.

The Engineering Employers Federation mean (EEF, manufacturing) was 2.6 per cent in the three months ending November 2018, unchanged from the three months ending October 2018.

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

Public sector employment, UK: September 2018

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) data provide estimates of people employed in the public and private sectors in the UK as at September 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/bulletins/publicsectoremployment/september2018>

The impact of undergraduate degrees on early-career earnings - UK

This Department for Education (DfE) report provides an analysis of the estimated absolute economic value of degrees, comparing higher education students and graduates' earnings with similar individuals at age 29 in the UK:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/759278/The_impact_of_undergraduate_degrees_on_early-career_earnings.pdf

UK labour market statistics: August to October 2018

These ONS statistics provide information on employment, unemployment, economic inactivity, average earnings, vacancies and labour disputes statistics between August and October 2018 in the UK:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/december2018>

Regional labour market statistics in the UK: August to October 2018

These ONS statistics provide information on employment, unemployment, inactivity, jobs and the Claimant Count for regions, local authorities and parliamentary constituencies between August and October 2018 in the UK:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/regionallabourmarket/december2018>

Soulbury pay and workforce survey 2018

This LGA survey was conducted between February and May 2018 in order to gather pay and workforce information about educational improvement professionals, educational psychologists and young people's/community service managers: <https://www.local.gov.uk/soulbury-pay-and-workforce-survey-2018>

Transport

Quarterly bus statistics: July to September 2018 - England

These Department for Transport (DfT) statistics provide information on local bus passenger journeys and fares in England between July and September 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/762973/quarterly-bus-statistics-july-to-september-2018.pdf

Transport statistics Great Britain: 2018

This DfT report shows statistical trends in the British transport sector for the 2018 calendar year:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/762011/tsqb-2018-report-summaries.pdf

Provisional road traffic estimates Great Britain: October 2017 to September 2018

These DfT statistics provide provisional estimates of road traffic by vehicle type and road class in Great Britain, for the year ending September 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/763413/prov-road-traffic-estimates-oct-2017-to-sep-2018.pdf

Travel time measures for the Strategic Road Network and local 'A' roads: October 2017 to September 2018 - England

These DfT statistics provide information on travel time on the Strategic Road Network and on locally managed 'A' roads for the year ending September 2018 in England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/travel-time-measures-for-the-strategic-road-network-and-local-a-roads-october-2017-to-september-2018>

Education and young people:

Approaches to supporting disadvantaged pupils - England

This DfE research considered how secondary schools across England have supported the most academically able disadvantaged pupils:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/760385/Research_to_understand_successful_approaches_to_supporting_the_most_academically_able_disadvantaged_pupils.pdf

It just grinds you down

This report from the Policy Exchange has found that almost two thirds of teachers are considering, or have previously considered, leaving the profession because of poor pupil behaviour:

<https://policyexchange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/It-Just-Grinds-You-Down-Joanna-Williams-Policy-Exchange-December-2018.pdf>

A place to grow - UK

This report from The Health Foundation is the second from their Young people's Future Health inquiry.

They worked with young people from five locations across the UK to explore some of the key issues impacting on young people's health:

https://www.health.org.uk/publications/a-place-to-grow?dm_i=4Y2,60GNK,R24OYT,NKHB9,1

Vocational and other qualifications quarterly: July to September 2018, UK

These Ofqual statistics provide information on vocational and other qualifications awarded between July and September 2018 in the UK (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and Diploma and its components):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/vocational-and-other-qualifications-quarterly-july-to-september-2018>

Childcare and early years survey of parents: January to August 2018, England

These DfE statistics provide findings from January to August 2018 of a survey of parents on childcare and early years provision in England:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/766498/Childcare_and_Early_Years_Survey_of_Parents_in_England_2018.pdf

Local authority and school expenditure: 2017 to 2018 financial year - England

These DfE statistics show how schools and local authorities in England spent their funding on education, children's services and social care in the 2017/18 financial year:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/765908/LA_and_school_expenditure_2017-18_Text.pdf

Incentive programmes for the recruitment and retention of teachers in Further Education (FE) - England

This DfE research considers strategies and incentives for the recruitment or retention of good FE teachers:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/762441/Incentive_Programmes_for_the_Recruitment_and_Retention_of_Teachers.pdf

Approaches to assessment without levels in schools, England

This DfE report explores the ways that teachers assess their pupils in primary and secondary schools in England following the removal of national curriculum levels:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/764174/NFER_AWL_report.pdf

Environment:

Rural economic bulletin for England

This Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) bulletin provides a 'dashboard' of indicators designed to provide evidence on the rural economy in England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/quarterly-rural-economic-bulletin/rural-economic-bulletin-for-england-december-2018>

Health and social care:

Unfinished business

This report from The Health Foundation provides an assessment of the national approach to improving cancer services in England 1995–2015: [https://www.health.org.uk/publications/unfinished-](https://www.health.org.uk/publications/unfinished-business?dm_i=4Y2,5ZVY3,R24OYT,NI0BL,1)

[business?dm_i=4Y2,5ZVY3,R24OYT,NI0BL,1](https://www.health.org.uk/publications/unfinished-business?dm_i=4Y2,5ZVY3,R24OYT,NI0BL,1)

UK poverty 2018

This annual Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) report examines how UK poverty rates have changed over the last few years, as well as over the longer term. The research focuses particularly on changes to poverty among children and workers, as well as giving an overview of trends among pensioners and other groups: <https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/uk-poverty-2018>

National measurement of loneliness: 2018 - England

This Office for National Statistics (ONS) compendium provides comprehensive information on the loneliness measurement landscape in England, the recommended national indicators of loneliness and the question testing underpinning their recommendations:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/compendium/nationalmeasurementofloneliness/2018>

Children's and young people's experiences of loneliness: 2018

This ONS article analyses children and young people's views, experiences and suggestions to overcome loneliness, using in-depth interviews, the Community Life Survey 2016 to 2017 and the Good Childhood Index Survey, 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/articles/childrensandyoungpeoplesexperiencesofloneliness/2018>

Homecare in England: views from commissioners and providers

Between 2016 and 2018, The King's Fund carried out three pieces of research exploring: the factors driving commissioning adult social care; the mechanisms of purchasing and delivery of home care and the alternatives to traditional models of delivering care at home. This report draws together the findings of those research projects, which record the stated opinions of commissioners, providers and other stakeholders:

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-12/Home-care-in-England-report.pdf>

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) themed review: help at home

This themed review of NIHR research into assistive technology for older people brings together recent NIHR and other government funded research with a focus on the use of technology in the home and designing better environments for older people: [https://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/themed-reviews/research-on-assistive-](https://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/themed-reviews/research-on-assistive-technology.htm?utm_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm_campaign=59ff30a21e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_11_27_02_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_286155606c-59ff30a21e-167873737)

[technology.htm?utm_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm_campaign=59ff30a21e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_11_27_02_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_286155606c-59ff30a21e-167873737](https://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/themed-reviews/research-on-assistive-technology.htm?utm_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm_campaign=59ff30a21e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_11_27_02_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_286155606c-59ff30a21e-167873737)

Local Government

Permitted Development Order survey 2018

This LGA survey was conducted between June and July 2018 in order to develop an accurate evidence base on the impact of new permitted development rights: <https://www.local.gov.uk/permitted-development-order-survey-2018>

Survey of local authorities' role in the administration of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

This LGA survey was conducted between March and August 2018 in order to inform ongoing discussions between Teachers' Pensions stakeholders and Teachers' Pensions (TP) about the flow of pensions data between pensions administrators and TP: <https://www.local.gov.uk/survey-local-authorities-role-administration-teachers-pension-scheme>

Winter weather survey 2018

The LGA Winter Weather Survey 2018 was conducted in October 2018 to gather information about local authorities' plans and preparations in case of severe weather, to help the LGA's lobbying of central government and to highlight the scale of authorities' efforts: <https://www.local.gov.uk/winter-weather-survey-2018>

Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:

NEET data by local authority – 2017

The proportion of 16 and 17 year olds who were not in education, employment or training (NEET) in England in 2017 was 2.7 per cent, a decrease from 2.8 per cent in 2016. This is the number of 16 and 17-year olds who are NEET, expressed as a proportion of the number of 16 and 17-year-olds known to the local authority (i.e. those who were educated in government-funded schools). Refugees, asylum seekers and young adult offenders are excluded.

Available Geographies: England – County – Region – Unitary

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=9613&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics – Q2 2018/19

Across England there were 32,726 possession claims issued by landlords in quarter 2 2018/19 a decrease of 2,824 from 35,210 claims in quarter 2 2017/18. These statistics are a leading indicator of the number of properties to be repossessed and the only source of sub-national possession information.

Available Geographies: England – County – Region – Unitary - District

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=3497&mod-area=E92000001&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLalnCountry_England

Early years foundation stage profile attainment by pupil characteristics – 2017/18

The percentage of pupils with eligibility for free school meals (FSM) achieving at least the expected level of learning and in the specific areas of literacy and mathematics at foundation stage in England in 2017/18 was 57 per cent, an increase of 1 per cent from 56 per cent in 2016/17 in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) teacher assessment:

Available Geographies: England – County – Region – Unitary

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=5649&mod-area=E92000001&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLalnCountry_England

Economy

UK trade: October 2018

These ONS statistics provide details of the total value of UK imports and exports of goods together with indices of volume and price, including an early monthly estimate of the value of trade in services during the three Months to October 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/bulletins/uktrade/october2018>

Labour market economic commentary: December 2018

This ONS article provides additional economic analysis of the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends for December 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/labourmarketeconomiccommentarydecember2018>

UK overseas trade in goods statistics: October 2018

This HM Revenue and Customs publication provides details of the overseas trade in goods statistics (OTS) of the UK for October 2018. They are a detailed dataset covering the UK's trade in goods at country and product level providing both aggregated and detailed data for over 9,000 commodities and 250 partner countries: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-overseas-trade-in-goods-statistics-october-2018>

Retail sales in Great Britain: November 2018

These ONS statistics provide first estimate of retail sales in Great Britain, including quantity bought, store prices, average spend and internet sales, seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted for November 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/retailindustry/bulletins/retailsales/november2018>

Consumer trends, UK: July to September 2018

These ONS statistics provide information on Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HHFCE) for the UK between July and September 2018. The main tables include all expenditure on goods and services by members of UK households:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/consumertrendsukquarter3julytosept2018>

Housing:

Social housing sales in England: up to 2017 to 2018

These Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) statistics provide information on the number of sales of existing social housing stock in England up to 2017 to 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/759590/Social_Housing_Sales_2017-18.pdf

Housing statistics 1 April 2018 to 30 September 2018, England

These statistics from Homes England provide information on housing starts on site and housing completions delivered by Homes England in England between 1 April and 30 September 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/760193/Housing_Statistics_November_2018.pdf

Statutory homelessness, England: April to June 2018 (Experimental Statistics)

These MHCLG statistics provide data on households found to be homeless by local authorities under homelessness legislation between April and June 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/764301/Statutory_Homelessness_Statistical_Release_April_-_June_2018.pdf

Quarterly Right to Buy sales in England: July to September 2018

These MHCLG statistics provide information on the number of sales of dwellings under the Right to Buy scheme in England between July and September 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/765922/Right to Buy sales in England 2018 to 2019 Q2.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/765922/Right_to_Buy_sales_in_England_2018_to_2019_Q2.pdf)

Crime

Women and the criminal justice system 2017 – England and Wales

This Ministry of Justice (MoJ) report contains statistics from data sources across the Criminal Justice System, to provide a combined perspective on the typical experiences of men and women in England and Wales during 2017:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/759770/women-criminal-justice-system-2017..pdf

Police use of force statistics, England and Wales: April 2017 to March 2018

These Home Office statistics provide information on incidents where police officers used force; including type of force, reason, outcome, injuries, and subject information (such as age and gender) in England and Wales between April 2017 and March 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/764894/police-use-of-force-apr2017-mar2018-hosb3018.pdf

Civil justice statistics quarterly: July to September 2018 – England and Wales

These MoJ statistics provide details of civil and judicial review cases dealt with by the courts over time and the overall timeliness of these cases in England and Wales between July and September 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/761869/civil-justice-statistics-quarterly-Jul-Sep-2018.pdf

Knife and offensive weapon sentencing quarterly: July to September 2018 – England and Wales

These MoJ statistics provide information on trends in cautioning, sentencing, and the prison population of knife or offensive weapon possession offences in England and Wales between July and September 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/764034/Knife and Offensive Weapon Sentencing Pub Q3 2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/764034/Knife_and_Offensive_Weapon_Sentencing_Pub_Q3_2018.pdf)

Criminal court statistics: July to September 2018 - England and Wales

These MoJ statistics provide information on the type and volume of cases received and processed through the criminal court system of England and Wales, including statistics on case timeliness, between July and September 2018:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/764070/ccsq-bulletin-q3-2018.pdf

Regular publications and events:

LARIA annual conference 2019: 'Better Together! Research and Intelligence in collaboration'

Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 May 2019

Conference Aston, Aston University, Birmingham

This event is for local area researchers, analysts and intelligence officers working in local areas who want to continue their professional development. LARIA are looking for keynote speakers and workshops.

The conference aims to equip delegates with ideas, tools and techniques for influencing decision-makers and helping them to deliver improved outcomes based on robust data, evidence and research.

The focus is on collaboration and LARIA would like to hear from local area researchers, analysts, academic researchers and policy-makers about collaborative work they are doing to provide evidence or influence service delivery.

Visit the [conference website](#) to book your place, early bird rates apply until **Friday 15 February**

Social Research Association (SRA) training courses

The SRA has two courses running in London in January. They are:

18 January - Narratives and Storytelling in Qualitative Research with Dr Karen Lumsden

<http://the-sra.org.uk/event-registration/?ee=723> (only 4 places remaining)

31 January - Introduction to Data Visualisation and Infographic Design with Lulu Pinney

<http://the-sra.org.uk/event-registration/?ee=710>

Full details of all SRA courses (including their Programme for 2019) can be seen at www.the-sra.org.uk/training

For questions please email Lindsay.adams@the-sra.org.uk or telephone 0207 998 0304

BASPCAN have planned several events for the forthcoming 12 months:

Responding to and effecting change through training:

Joint BASPCAN and National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) Child Protection Trainers Conference and Award Ceremony 2019

15 January 2019 – Wesley Hotel, Euston Road, London

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/child-protection-trainer-of-the-year-award-and-conference/>

Community Approaches to Preventing Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation - Issues, Challenges and Opportunities

1 March 2019 - Edinburgh Quaker Meeting Room, Edinburgh

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/community-approaches-preventing-safeguarding-children-child-sexual-abuse-exploitation-issues-challenges-opportunities/>

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/>

Local Digital Coalition newsletter

The Local Digital Coalition helps the local public sector unlock the benefits of collaborative digital service transformation. In this newsletter, find out about a series of events on the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the next LocalGov Digital London Peer Group meeting, and about the first Data & Insight Authority Forum Summit. To register for the newsletter visit:

<https://www.localdigitalcoalition.uk/>

House of Lords Library Current Affairs Digest (CAD)

The CAD provides a digest of articles from the Library's journal subscriptions, blogs and magazines, plus speeches and think tanks: <http://lordsdigest.digiminster.com/>

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/>

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/>

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>

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