

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 November 2019 Statistical Alert produced by LGA Research and Information shows Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) decreased to 1.5 per cent in October 2019 from 1.7 per cent in September 2019. Retail Price Index (RPI) annual inflation decreased to 2.1 per cent in October 2019 from 2.4 per cent in September 2019.

The number of people in employment in Great Britain was 31,875,000 for the three months to September 2019; this has decreased by 62,000 compared to the previous quarter to June 2019, from 31,937,000. Unemployment in Great Britain for the same periods was 1,283,000 for the quarter to September 2019, a decrease of 18,000 from 1,301,000 in the previous quarter to June 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 2.8 per cent to the three months ending October 2019, an increase from 2.5 per cent in September 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 October 2019, a fall from 2.9 per cent in September 2019.

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

Working and workless households in the UK: July to September 2019

This data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) provides details of the economic status of households in the UK and the people living in them, where at least one person is aged 16 to 64 years. It covers the period July to September 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/workingandworklesshouseholds/apriltojune2019>

Transport

Reported road casualties in Great Britain, provisional estimates: year ending June 2019

These Department for Transport (DfT) statistics provide provisional estimates for reported road casualties by road user type and severity:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/834585/reported-road-casualties-annual-report-2018.pdf

Road goods vehicles travelling to Europe: October 2018 to September 2019

These DfT quarterly statistics provide information on the number of powered vehicles and unaccompanied trailers carried on each route to Europe between October 2018 and September 2019:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/road-goods-vehicles-travelling-to-europe-october-2018-to-september-2019>

Education and young people:

Fostering in England 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

These Ofsted statistics provide information on the numbers of foster carers and foster places and placements, in both local authority and independent fostering agencies (IFA). They also include data relating to foster children, types of foster care, registrations and de-registrations for the period 1 April to 31 March 2019, in England: <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 providers survey: March to July 2019 - England

These Department for Education (DfE) statistics provide information on the characteristics of early years providers in England between March and July 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/845080/SCEYP_2019_Main_Report_Nov19.pdf

Child and maternal health: 2019 update - England

This Public Health England (PHE) update provides information on child and maternal health profile indicators covering: educational outcomes, school readiness for communication, language and literacy and homelessness for families and young people: <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/child-health-profiles>

Education and training statistics for the UK: 2018 to 2019

These DfE statistics provide information on schools, post compulsory education, training, qualifications and spending in the UK between 2018 and 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/847318/UKETS_2019_Main_text.pdf

Characteristics of children in need – England, year ending March 2019

These DfE statistics provide information on children in England referred to and assessed by children's social services for the year ending 31 March 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/843046/Characteristics_of_children_in_need_2018_to_2019_main_text.pdf

Young people and self-employment - UK

This ONS article explores the barriers to self-employment for young people in the UK (aged 22 to 30 years):

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/youngpeopleexpecthighpayandleisuretimefromselfemployment/2019-11-18>

Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), UK: November 2019

These ONS statistics provide estimates of young people in the UK (aged 16 to 24 years) who are NEET, by age and sex as at November 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortrainingneetuknovember2019>

Student support for higher education in England – academic year 2018 to 2019

These Student Loans company figures provide details of financial support for students in the 2018/19 academic year and the early in year figures for the 2019/20 academic year:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/847674/SLCSP052019.pdf

Vocational and other qualifications quarterly: July to September 2019, England

These Ofqual statistics provide information on vocational and other qualifications (excluding GCSEs, AS levels and A levels) between July and September 2019:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/vocational-and-other-qualifications-quarterly-july-to-september-2019>

Environment:

Greenhouse gas intensity, provisional estimates, UK: 1990 to 2018

These ONS statistics provide information on greenhouse gas emissions (including intensity) for the UK between 1990 and 2018 along with emissions of acid rain precursors and other pollutants:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts/bulletins/greenhousegasintensityprovisionalestimatesuk/2018provisionalestimates>

Fly-tipping statistics for England, April 2018 to March 2019

These statistics from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) provide information on fly-tipping incidents recorded by local authorities in England, between April 2018 and March 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/845171/FlyTipping_201819_Statistical_Release_FINAL_Accessible.pdf

Health and social care:

Improve analytical capability in health and care services

The Health Foundation has launched the fourth round of its Advancing Applied Analytics programme.

The Health Foundation are looking to support teams who are working on local innovative and ambitious projects that can demonstrate how these teams will improve analytical capability in support of health and care services.

The Health Foundation have funding to support up to 12 good quality projects across the UK that:

- are led by a local/regional NHS or social care provider or commissioning organisation including local authorities, though partnerships with other groups and sectors are welcome
- could benefit from funding of up to a maximum of £75,000 per project
- start no later than October 2020 for a maximum duration of 15 months.

For this round the Health Foundation are particularly interested in:

1. Projects that help senior managers and clinicians understand the value of better analytics.
2. Projects that demonstrate a clear path from the initial project to longer-term and sustainable change beyond the life of the individual project.

The deadline for applications is noon on Monday 13 January 2020.

For more information visit: https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/advancing-applied-analytics?dm_i=4Y2%2C6LK22%2CR24OYT%2CQ9DL3%2C1

Personal and economic well-being in the UK: April to June 2019

These ONS statistics provide estimates looking across both personal well-being and economic well-being (April to June 2019) in the UK. This publication is part of a new series on "people and prosperity" introduced in February 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/bulletins/personalandeconomicwellbeingintheuk/november2019>

Families and households in the UK: 2019

This ONS publication provides information on trends in living arrangements in the UK, including families (with and without dependent children), people living alone and people in shared accommodation, broken down by size and type of household:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/families/bulletins/familiesandhouseholds/2019>

Mortality and life expectancy trends in the UK: stalling progress

This report from The Health Foundation suggests that mortality rates continued to improve during the 2000s, but since 2011 they have stalled, and for certain groups of the population, gone into reverse. This research looks at the reasons behind stalling life expectancy improvements and uncovers trends affecting groups of the UK population, including a rising number of avoidable deaths among the under 50s: https://www.health.org.uk/sites/default/files/upload/publications/2019/HL04_Mortality-trends-in-the-UK.pdf

Domestic abuse in England and Wales – year ending March 2019

This ONS publication reports on the prevalence, long-term trends and types of domestic abuse experienced by adults for the year ending March 2019, based on findings from the Crime Survey for England and Wales, and police recorded crime:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/articles/domesticabuseprevalenceandtrendsenglandandwales/yearendingmarch2019>

Local Government

Metrics added to LG Inform:

Personal well-being in the UK – 2018/19

For England in 2018/19 the proportion of respondents scoring 9-10 to the question "Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?" was 30.56 per cent, an increase from 29.70 per cent in 2017/18.

This measure is the proportion of respondents scoring 9-10 to the question "Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?".

Data is derived by ONS from the Annual Population Survey (APS). People are asked to respond on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'not at all' and 10 is 'completely'.

Available Geographies: Council Area - Country – County – District – Local Government District - London borough – Metropolitan District - Region – Unitary – United Kingdom

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=9096&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

Mortgage and Landlord Possession Statistics – Q2 2019/20

For quarter two 2019/20 the number of possession claim orders issued by mortgage lenders in England was 6,984, an increase of 2080 from quarter two 2018/19 when there were 4904 possession claim orders. A mortgage or landlord possession action starts when a mortgage lender or landlord completes and submits a claim to the courts to repossess a property. The most common reason for repossession is arrears of mortgage or rent.

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

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=3499&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

Early years foundation stage profile attainment by pupil characteristics – 2018/19

In 2018/19 458,847 children achieved 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, compared to 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=E07000026&mod-group=AllDistrictInRegion_NorthWest&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

Updated population estimates now available

The ONS published updated population estimate metrics for small areas in October 2019, and these have now been loaded into LG Inform Plus, including breakdowns into various demographics and aggregations to custom areas from Natural Neighbourhoods.

[Click here to see links to a few sample reports for subscribers](#), which can be altered to show the data for any area.

This includes links to samples for certain areas that anyone can see, including a demographic summary of [Bedford broken down by Neighbourhood Plan Area](#). This data is also available broken down into demographics such as gender, population density and many different permutations of age. [Click here to see our collection of available reports and metrics](#).

Creating more meaningful names for MSOAs

The House of Commons Library have been crowdsourcing names for the medium level super output areas (MSOAs) used by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to describe statistical areas. The [House of Commons Library MSOA Names page](#) provides more details. The result is a new list of names which are more meaningful to residents rather than the numbers used by ONS. For example, "Wychavon 012" now has the more familiar name of "Persnore". These names are now available as "alternative labels" in the LG Inform Plus application programmer interface (API) and are shown on maps in the reports. Alternate labels for lower level super-output areas (LSOAs) have been given the same names suffixed by A, B, C etc. In coming months they will become available for wider use in reporting.

Understanding migration at the local level – where integration takes place

The Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford have launched a new interactive resource to help users understand the size, composition and outcomes of local migrant populations in local authority areas across the UK. It brings together a wide range of different official statistics including information on short-term and long-term immigration, the size of the foreign-born population, places of origin, asylum status, international students, and outcomes such as language skills and employment rates. The guide explains when and how to use different local data sources, what information is available, and the limitations of and gaps in the current data.

Data is presented in an easily navigable and user friendly way and explanations and interactive visualisations are available. It can also be explored in more detail by downloading tables in .csv or .xls files and charts can be downloaded as images to use in presentations or to share in other ways.

For more information visit: <https://dataguide.migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/>

Local Government's Transformation & Innovation Exchange from the LGA

The LGA has recently launched the new online Transformation & Innovation Exchange (TIEx). Its purpose is to help councils come together to share learning and support each other. Central to this is a self-assessment tool to give councils the information they need to understand their ambition for change and identify opportunities. Researchers and data and business analysts will likely find the information content hub that links to the self-assessment tool of real use.

The content hub delivers materials – blogs, reports, tools, training, data sources, case studies – to users interested in examining what resources and learning is available to support evidence-based improvement. The initial version of the hub has been populated with materials known by the LGA team to be useful. However, it is intended that organisations can upload their own contributions to keep the resource timely and pertinent. Each item is carefully tagged against defined criteria and characteristics for easy search. Comments and feedback are welcomed to programme manager, Tim Adams at transparency@local.gov.uk

Our Futures: by the people, for the people

This Nesta guide explores how mass involvement with shaping the future can solve complex problems and examines the use of participatory futures techniques to help people to develop a collective image of the future they want, so that they can make better, more informed decisions:

<https://www.nesta.org.uk/report/our-futures-people-people/>

Economy

UK trade: September 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 September 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/uktradeseptember2019>

UK overseas trade in goods statistics: September 2019

This HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) publication provides details of the overseas trade in goods statistics (OTS) of the UK for September 2019. 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://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/845272/OTS_Release_092019.pdf

UK productivity flash estimate: July to September 2019

This ONS data provides a comparison of developments in gross domestic product and the labour market in the UK between July and September 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/economicoutputandproductivity/productivitymeasures/articles/gdpanthelabourmarket/julytoseptember2019>

Labour market economic commentary: November 2019, UK

This ONS additional economic analysis of the latest UK labour market provides headline statistics and long-term trends for November 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/labourmarketeconomiccommentary/november2019>

UK labour market statistics: July to September 2019

These ONS statistics provide regional, local authority and parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in UK employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/regionallabourmarket/november2019>

Regional labour market statistics in the UK: July to September 2019

This ONS publication provides regional, local authority and parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in UK employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics between July and September 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/regionallabourmarket/november2019>

Retail sales, Great Britain: October 2019

These ONS statistics provide a first estimate of retail sales in volume and value terms, seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted in Great Britain during October 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/retailindustry/bulletins/retailsales/october2019>

Sickness absence in the UK labour market: 2018

These ONS statistics provide sickness absence rates of workers in the UK labour market, including number of days lost and reasons for absence during 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/labourproductivity/articles/sicknessabsenceinthelabourmarket/2018>

Housing:

Social housing lettings in England, April 2018 to March 2019

These Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) statistics provide information on new social housing lettings in England between April 2018 and March 2019 provided by local authorities and private registered providers and include details of tenant characteristics, tenancy type and length, rents and rent burden:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/759738/Social_Housing_Lettings_April2017_to_March2018_England.pdf

Supported housing manifesto briefing

Support Solutions UK have published a briefing which considers the future funding of supported housing and related issues in the UK:

https://www.supportsolutions.co.uk/briefing/issue_12/a_supported_housing_manifesto.html

Affordable housing supply: England, April 2018 to March 2019

These MHCLG statistics provide information on gross additional affordable housing supply in England, between April 2018 and March 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/847215/Affordable_Housing_Supply_2018-19.pdf

Comparing affordable housing in the UK - April 2008 to March 2018

This ONS publication draws together published data from across the UK to present an overall thematic picture of affordable housing - focusing on the size, supply, sales and characteristics of affordable housing between April 2008 and March 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/articles/comparingaffordablehousingintheuk/april2008tomarch2018>

Crime

Criminal court statistics: April to June 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 decisions, and offender histories in England and Wales between April and June 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/834217/ccsq-bulletin-q2-2019.pdf

Regular publications and events:

January to March 2020 LG Inform and LG Inform Plus webinar schedule published

To discover what LG Inform and LG Inform Plus are all about, why not sign up to an on-line webinars? Covering LG inform and LG inform Plus, they feature everything from personalisation to report building and creating your own maps and charts.

There is no limit to how many sessions you can join or how many times you attend, they're all designed to help you navigate the two sites.

[Find out about upcoming online training sessions here.](#) Just click on any subject names to download a comprehensive PDF guide to the session topic.

To book onto a session please email: LGInform@local.gov.uk

Masterclass discussion days on data and digital transformation for councillors

The LGA is running another series of its successful masterclass days on data and digital transformation in local government next year. These events are for elected members who are working on, and keen to maximise, the opportunities of digital approaches and data exploitation in their authorities. A sequence of speakers from local authorities will talk about their own experiences as a reference point for questions and a discussion within the group. Please can you draw attention to this opportunity to elected members with an interest in this area?

The programme includes sessions on the benefits of digital approaches for councils, the importance of attention and better use of data, overcoming and understanding cultural issues and how as councillors we can create the conditions and scrutiny in which suitable innovations are able to succeed.

The events take place in Manchester (24 January), Bristol (31 January), Newcastle (7 February), London (14 February). Bookings on the LGA events' pages here: <http://e-sd.org/3B7Uc/>

Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) national conference 2020

28 April 2020, at etc.venues, County Hall, Riverside Building, Belvedere Road, Lambeth, SE1 7PB, London

EIF's major national conference brings together people and voices from across the early intervention sector and all levels of government, commissioning and delivery for a day of learning and knowledge sharing: <https://www.eif.org.uk/event/national-conference-2020>

Social Research Association (SRA) training courses

The SRA has a full range of research training courses taking place in Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh and London in 2019. They include qualitative, quantitative, evaluation and other research skills training courses.

Please visit the [website](#)

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

SRA - Social Research Practice journal

The latest issue of the SRA's free e-journal is now available: <https://the-sra.org.uk/SRA/Publications/Social-Research-Practice.aspx>

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://www.education.ox.ac.uk/rees-centre/publications-resources/newsletters/>

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.lshtm.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/>

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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