

Performance on climate change by local authority area in England and Wales



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This league table provides a performance score for every local authority in England and Wales (see notes on methodology at end of document).

All local authorities, even the best performing, need to do much more if climate catastrophe is to be averted. The government needs to provide them with the powers and resources to do so, and it needs to do much more itself. **All local authorities should adopt an ambitious [local climate action plan](#)**. And they should join with Friends of the Earth and others in urging more government action. Each local authority should declare a climate emergency as a sign of political intent.

Local authority league table

		Sunderland	80%
		Tunbridge Wells	80%
		Vale of Glamorgan	80%
		Warrington	80%
		Woking	80%
		Bassetlaw	76%
		Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	76%
		Carmarthenshire	76%
		Corby	76%
		Crawley	76%
		Croydon	76%
		Doncaster	76%
		East Suffolk	76%
		Gateshead	76%
		Hackney	76%
		Huntingdonshire	76%
		Kingston upon Hull	76%
		Manchester	76%
		Mendip	76%
		Newcastle-under-Lyme	76%
		Newham	76%
		Newport	76%
		North Somerset	76%
		Oxford	76%
		Peterborough	76%
		Redcar and Cleveland	76%
		South Northamptonshire	76%
		South Tyneside	76%
		Southwark	76%
		Stafford	76%
		Stockport	76%
		Swale	76%
		Swansea	76%
Wiltshire	92%		
Isle of Wight	88%		
Northumberland	88%		
Somerset West and Taunton	88%		
Basingstoke and Deane	84%		
Camden	84%		
Ceredigion	84%		
Cherwell	84%		
Colchester	84%		
Ipswich	84%		
Milton Keynes	84%		
Salford	84%		
West Suffolk	84%		
Ashford	80%		
Bristol	80%		
Carlisle	80%		
Cheshire West and Chester	80%		
Derby	80%		
Dorset	80%		
Exeter	80%		
Greenwich	80%		
Guildford	80%		
Gwynedd	80%		
Hastings	80%		
Merton	80%		
Middlesbrough	80%		
Newark and Sherwood	80%		
North Hertfordshire	80%		
Norwich	80%		
Pembrokeshire	80%		
South Gloucestershire	80%		
Stroud	80%		

Telford and Wrekin	76%	Wealden	72%
Tower Hamlets	76%	Wigan	72%
Vale of White Horse	76%	Arun	68%
Wakefield	76%	Barnet	68%
Aylesbury Vale	72%	Bath and North East Somerset	68%
Barnsley	72%	Bedford	68%
Basildon	72%	Blaenau Gwent	68%
Brent	72%	Bolton	68%
Bury	72%	Broadland	68%
Calderdale	72%	Caerphilly	68%
Charnwood	72%	Cambridge	68%
Cheshire East	72%	Central Bedfordshire	68%
Chesterfield	72%	Cotswold	68%
City of London	72%	Dacorum	68%
Cornwall	72%	Darlington	68%
County Durham	72%	Dartford	68%
Denbighshire	72%	Daventry	68%
East Devon	72%	East Riding of Yorkshire	68%
Flintshire	72%	East Staffordshire	68%
Forest of Dean	72%	Eastleigh	68%
Gedling	72%	Elmbridge	68%
Herefordshire	72%	Hartlepool	68%
Islington	72%	Hertsmere	68%
Kettering	72%	Hillingdon	68%
Lewisham	72%	Hounslow	68%
Lincoln	72%	Leeds	68%
Mid Devon	72%	Lewes	68%
Mid Sussex	72%	Maidstone	68%
Monmouthshire	72%	Mansfield	68%
Newcastle upon Tyne	72%	North East Derbyshire	68%
North Devon	72%	North Tyneside	68%
North West Leicestershire	72%	Nottingham	68%
Reigate and Banstead	72%	Oldham	68%
Rochdale	72%	Plymouth	68%
Runnymede	72%	Powys	68%
Shepway	72%	Rhondda Cynon Taf	68%
South Bucks	72%	Rotherham	68%
South Cambridgeshire	72%	Ryedale	68%
South Lakeland	72%	Scarborough	68%
South Oxfordshire	72%	Shropshire	68%
South Somerset	72%	South Hams	68%
Sutton	72%	Southampton	68%
Teignbridge	72%	St Albans	68%
Tewkesbury	72%	Stevenage	68%
Thanet	72%	Stratford-on-Avon	68%
Waltham Forest	72%	Tameside	68%

Test Valley	68%	Torbay	64%
Three Rivers	68%	Torfaen	64%
Torridge	68%	Warwick	64%
Watford	68%	Welwyn Hatfield	64%
West Berkshire	68%	Windsor and Maidenhead	64%
West Oxfordshire	68%	Wolverhampton	64%
Westminster	68%	Worcester	64%
Winchester	68%	Babergh	60%
Wrexham	68%	Barking and Dagenham	60%
Wychavon	68%	Barrow-in-Furness	60%
York	68%	Birmingham	60%
Ashfield	64%	Blackpool	60%
Bexley	64%	Boston	60%
Bradford	64%	Bracknell Forest	60%
Braintree	64%	Cannock Chase	60%
Breckland	64%	Chiltern	60%
Bridgend	64%	Conwy	60%
Bromsgrove	64%	Copeland	60%
Burnley	64%	Ealing	60%
Canterbury	64%	East Hampshire	60%
Cardiff	64%	East Hertfordshire	60%
Chelmsford	64%	Fenland	60%
Cheltenham	64%	Hambleton	60%
Chichester	64%	High Peak	60%
Chorley	64%	Lambeth	60%
East Northamptonshire	64%	Maldon	60%
Eastbourne	64%	Merthyr Tydfil	60%
Eden	64%	Mole Valley	60%
Epsom and Ewell	64%	New Forest	60%
Gloucester	64%	North Norfolk	60%
Gravesham	64%	North Warwickshire	60%
Haringey	64%	Northampton	60%
Harrogate	64%	Nuneaton and Bedworth	60%
Havant	64%	Portsmouth	60%
Horsham	64%	Rother	60%
Isle of Anglesey	64%	Rugby	60%
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	64%	Sandwell	60%
Kirklees	64%	Sedgemoor	60%
Knowsley	64%	Sefton	60%
Leicester	64%	Sheffield	60%
Medway	64%	Slough	60%
Neath Port Talbot	64%	South Derbyshire	60%
North East Lincolnshire	64%	South Kesteven	60%
North Lincolnshire	64%	South Norfolk	60%
Rutland	64%	South Staffordshire	60%
Tonbridge and Malling	64%	St. Helens	60%

Stockton-on-Tees	60%	Harborough	52%
Swindon	60%	Harrow	52%
Tandridge	60%	Hart	52%
Trafford	60%	Isles of Scilly	52%
Wellingborough	60%	Luton	52%
West Devon	60%	Mid Suffolk	52%
West Lancashire	60%	North Kesteven	52%
Wokingham	60%	Oadby and Wigston	52%
Wycombe	60%	Reading	52%
Adur	56%	Redditch	52%
Allerdale	56%	Richmond upon Thames	52%
Blackburn with Darwen	56%	Rochford	52%
Bolsover	56%	Sevenoaks	52%
Brighton and Hove	56%	South Holland	52%
Broxbourne	56%	Southend-on-Sea	52%
Broxtowe	56%	Staffordshire Moorlands	52%
Castle Point	56%	Stoke-on-Trent	52%
Derbyshire Dales	56%	Tendring	52%
Dover	56%	West Lindsey	52%
East Cambridgeshire	56%	Worthing	52%
Epping Forest	56%	Wyre	52%
Fareham	56%	Amber Valley	48%
Gosport	56%	Brentwood	48%
Great Yarmouth	56%	Enfield	48%
Halton	56%	Erewash	48%
Harlow	56%	Hammersmith and Fulham	48%
Havering	56%	Hyndburn	48%
Hinckley and Bosworth	56%	Kensington and Chelsea	48%
Lancaster	56%	Kingston upon Thames	48%
Lichfield	56%	Malvern Hills	48%
Liverpool	56%	Redbridge	48%
Melton	56%	Richmondshire	48%
Preston	56%	Rushcliffe	48%
Selby	56%	Rushmoor	48%
Solihull	56%	Surrey Heath	48%
South Ribble	56%	Tamworth	48%
Thurrock	56%	Walsall	48%
Uttlesford	56%	Wirral	48%
Wandsworth	56%	Craven	44%
Waverley	56%	Dudley	44%
Wyre Forest	56%	Rossendale	44%
Blaby	52%	Pendle	40%
Bromley	52%	Ribble Valley	40%
Coventry	52%	Spelthorne	40%
East Lindsey	52%		
Fylde	52%		

Notes on methodology

Friends of the Earth has sourced data by local authority area on a range of issues relevant to climate change. The large majority of data sources is from official government sources but where these aren't available other credible datasets have been used. [The longer version of the methodology](#) names all sources.

On these climate related issues local authority area performance is compared to that of other similar local authorities. Similar local authorities are identified and grouped using the Office of National Statistics Residential-Based Area classifications.

Local authority areas are scored according to performance compared to other local authority areas in their ONS group using a league table approach. If they are in the top third of the performance league table for their ONS group they score three points, two points if they are mid-table, and one point if they are in the bottom third. A bonus point is granted if they have declared a climate emergency, as a reward for demonstrating political intent. Their scores across the climate related issues are combined to give each local authority a comparative combined score which is converted into a percentage of the possible highest score. This comparative score identifies performance compared to all local authorities (the top third are identified as better than most, the middle third are identified as average, and the bottom third as poor). Importantly it is not an illustration on how well they are doing compared to what an area should be doing (even the best areas need to do much more).

The issues scored are: household energy efficiency; eco-heating; renewable energy; proportion using public transport, cycling or walking; electric vehicle chargers; lift-sharing; tree cover; and reuse, recycling and composting of household waste.

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