

Derby City Council: local authority assessment

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About Derby City Council

Demographics

Derby City Council is a Unitary Authority in the East Midlands region of England. The population of the city is 263,490. The highest population can be found in the Normanton and Arboretum wards within Derby City. Derby has a total of 18 wards. Derby was ranked the 67th most deprived local authority in England (out of 317, 1 being the most deprived) with some pockets of very high levels of deprivation across the city. 34% of neighbourhoods in the city are within the most deprived 20% in England.

Derby has a higher proportion of people under the age of 20 years, and a lower proportion of adults aged 65 years + compared to England averages (as estimated at the 2021 census). 61% of the population was aged between 18 – 64 years old, with the latest census data indicating growth in the older adult population compared to the previous census. Between 2023 and 2043 the proportion of the population aged 65 years and over is projected to increase from 17.0% to 21.3%.

Derby is an ethnically diverse city. At the 2021 census 73.8% of residents identified within the White ethnic group category; 3.7% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups, 15.6% Asian or Asian British, 4.0% Black, Black British, Caribbean or African, and 2.9% as Other ethnic groups.

Derby City works with the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) which works across Derby and Derbyshire. Derby City has been a minority Labour led local authority since May 2023 elections, when it changed from being a minority Conservative led Council. The Care Strategic Director of People Services is a dual role with statutory responsibilities for both adults and children services.

Financial facts

- The Local Authority estimated that in 2022/23, its total budget would be **£382,390,000**. Its actual spend for that year was **£417,494,000**, which was **£35,104,000 more** than estimated.
- The Local Authority estimated that it would spend **£74,372,000** of its total budget on adult social care in 2022/23. Its actual spend was **£76,044,000**, which is **£1,672,000 more** than estimated.
- In 2022/2023, **18%** of the budget was spent on adult social care.
- The Local Authority has raised the full Adult Social Care precept for 2023/24, with a value of **2%**. Please note that the amount raised through Adult Social Care precept varies from Local Authority to Local Authority.
- Approximately **4655** people were accessing long-term Adult Social Care support, and approximately **975** people were accessing short-term Adult Social Care support in 2022/23.
- Local authorities spend money on a range of adult social care services, including supporting individuals. No two care packages are the same and vary significantly in their intensity, duration, and cost.

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