

London Borough of Hounslow: local authority assessment

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About London Borough of Hounslow

Demographics

Hounslow Council is a London borough authority which covers 23 square miles, stretching from Heathrow Airport in the west to Chiswick in the east. Hounslow is made up of 22 wards and combines both urban and rural. It has a population of 290,488.

The council footprint has an index of multiple deprivation score of 6, meaning it was slightly more than midway between the most and least deprived. This overall score consists of some very high-income areas and some very high deprivation areas. In 2019, 12.9% of the population of Hounslow were income deprived.

The population is made up of 50.3% women, and 49.7% men. It has a greater proportion of children and young people at 23.01% (66,828) and people of working age 64.97% (188,724) as compared to the England averages of 20.82% and 60.57% respectively. The population is growing, but most of the population growth is expected to be in adults over 65 predicted to increase from 12.2% to 14.3% by 2031. Hounslow is ethnically very diverse. 52% are from ethnic minority backgrounds including 37.2% of Asian heritage.

Hounslow is in the Northwest London Integrated Care System together with 7 other London boroughs. The local authority has a strong Borough Based Partnership board with other key stakeholders in Hounslow. The London Borough of Hounslow is a Labour led council, with a large majority.

Financial facts

The financial facts for Hounslow are:

- The local authority estimated that in 2022/23, its total budget would be £442,931,000. Its actual spend for that year was £505,313,000, which was £62,382,000 more than estimated.
- The local authority estimated that it would spend £72,568,000 of its total budget on adult social care in 2022/23. Its actual spend for that year was £80,827,000, which was £8,259,000 more than estimated.
- In 2022/2023, 16% of the budget was spent on adult social care.
- The local authority has raised the full ASC precept for 2023/24, with a value of 2%.. Please note that the amount raised through ASC precept varies from local authority to local authority.
- Approximately 3335 people were accessing long-term ASC support, and approximately 1710 people were accessing short-term ASC 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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