

Surrey County Council: local authority assessment

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About Surrey County Council

Demographics

Surrey is home to nearly 1.2 million people. The county's population grew by over 6% in the decade to 2023. Surrey is more urban than England as a whole, but some areas of the county have large numbers of people living rurally. There are some affluent areas but also areas of inequalities and pockets of deprivation.

Surrey has a slightly older population than average. Just under 1 in 5 people are aged over 65, and this group is expected to increase to over 25% of the population by 2041, largely driven by Surrey's higher than average life expectancy.

The majority of Surrey's population are White British, 85.5%, with 3.36% of Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups, 7.72% Asian/Asian British, 1.73% Black, Black British, Caribbean or African, and 1.68% other.

The council footprint has an index of multiple deprivation score of 1. A local authority with a decile of 1 means it is in the least deprived group (lowest 10%), while a local authority with a decile of 10 means it is in the most deprived group (highest 10%). The 2021 census data shows 42.9% of Surrey households experience some deprivation, with 2.2% facing significant deprivation.

Two integrated care boards operate within the Surrey County Council's footprint, Surrey Heartlands and Frimley. There are 11 district and borough councils, and 7 place-based partnerships. Surrey County Council is a Conservative-led council.

Financial facts

- The local authority estimated that in 2022/23, its total budget would be **£1,585,623,000**. Its actual spend for that year was **£1,743,634,000**, which was **£158,011,000** more than estimated.
- The local authority estimated that it would spend **£433,068,000** of its total budget on adult social care in 2022/23. Its actual spend was **£487,092,000**, which is **£54,024,000** more than estimated.
- In 2022/2023, **28%** 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 ASC precept varies from local authority to local authority.
- Approximately **14545** people were accessing long-term adult social care support, and approximately **3300** 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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