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Finance Indicators: Local Authority Finance
(FIN_07_61U)



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Overview

Indicator title

Local Authority Finance: Cultural, Environmental, Regulatory and Planning Services individual spending lines (R05), Upper Tier (FIN_07_61U)

Indicator family name

Local Authority Finance

Summary

This dataset describes individual spending lines (i.e., sub-categories of spending) for all Cultural, Environmental, Regulatory and Planning Services (known as R05 revenue outturn datasets). Figures are provided for every Upper Tier Local Authority in England for each financial year between 2008-09 to 2020-21. The dataset contains both Gross and Net spending figures.

Technical description

The Cultural, Environmental, Regulatory and Planning Services individual spending lines (R05) were compiled from annual revenue outturn estimates of Local Authority (LA) revenue expenditure and financing. This includes 104 variables describing spending lines, from Library services to Food Safety. During the time period, there have been some changes in reported spending lines. In more detail:

- Spending lines "Sports development and community recreation" and "Allotments" were introduced in 2019-20.
- Spending lines "Economic research" and "Business support" were introduced in 2011-12.
- Within the single year of 2008-09, 12 spending lines were not reported.

When there is no reported spending line, values for that financial year are described as `NA`.

Some spending lines seem to have changed names slightly, and for convenience, older names have been revised to the latest data. These are:

- Spending line "Open spaces" has been renamed to "Parks Open Spaces including play areas Net".
- Spending line "Sports and recreation facilities including golf courses" has been renamed to "Sports and leisure facilities including golf courses".
- Spending line "Environmental protection" has been renamed to "Environmental protection noise and nuisance".
- Spending line "Private rented housing standards" has been renamed to "Housing standards".

The following spending lines have been aggregated to establish a common reference across the years:

- “Land drainage and related work” from “Land drainage and related work excluding levy Special levies” and “Land drainage and related work Levy Special levies”.
- “Port health” from “Port health excluding levies” and “Port health levies”.

Values are expressed in thousands (£) and presented on the basis of financial years, i.e. from April 1st to March 31st. However, annual figures were not adjusted for inflation. Figures are provided in both Gross and Net values, as in:

$$\textit{Gross spending} - \textit{Total Income} = \textit{Net spending}$$

Total Income is the sum of Sales, Fees & Charges and Other Income. As such, total income levels per spending line can be derived from the dataset with simple calculations.

Figures for Upper Tier LAs have been constructed by aggregating individual spending figures from Lower Tier LAs to Upper Tier LAs. (see section “Construction of LA-level data” for a detailed description). Figures from historic LA geography have been referenced to the 2020 LA geography. This includes changes in name/codes, merges, or splits of old LAs to new LAs based on population ratios for that year.

Unique Identifier

FIN_07_61U

Construction

Data sources

Outturn revenue data of LAs in England are published annually by the *Local Government Finance - Data Collection Analysis and Accountancy* division of the *Department for Communities and Local Government*. The Local Authority Net Current Expenditure figures were extracted from the *Revenue Outturn Summary* datasets. The collection of datasets and additional information about LA revenue outturn data estimates can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-revenue-expenditure-and-financing>. Data on annual population estimates have been provided by the UK Office for National statistics.

Construction of LA-level data

Some services are provided in Lower and some in Upper tier local authorities (e.g. at County level). LA spending figures thus includes both Upper Tier (UTLA) and Lower Tier (LTLA)

authorities (i.e. 151 and 314 respectively in England as of April 2020). In order to provide a common denominator for direct comparisons with other types of data, LA expenditures were distributed from Lower to Upper and from Upper to Lower. Further expenditures on specific services also includes spending from “other” authorities. In particular, these are:

- The Greater London Authority
- Combined Authorities
- Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Authorities
- Fire and Rescue Authorities
- Waste Authorities
- Transport Authorities

All spending by all of the above types of authorities has been included in the calculations of the total LA-level service expenditure, and has been referenced either to LTLAs or UTLAs. Note that the only type of authority for which expenditures have not been taken into account are Park Authorities (however, these show generally low levels of expenditure, mainly within the Cultural and Related services and Central Services). Also note that many of these special local authorities have been abolished and their services incorporated (in part or in whole) into other administrations (for instance Transport Authorities’ services have been transferred to Combined Authorities).

The specific methodology by which the total levels of expenditure per service category are calculated for each Local Authority is as follows:

- **LTLA Methodology:** Shire Counties’ expenditures were disaggregated to Shire Districts by means of population-based ratios, i.e. annual expenditure was distributed to LTLAs based on their share of population, derived from their total population estimates for that particular year (Source: ONS).

The Greater London Authority expenditure was distributed to London Boroughs by means of distributing expenditure according to population. Expenditures from Combined Authorities, Police Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities, Waste Authorities and Transport Authorities were also attributed to LTLAs by means of distributing expenditure according to population for that year. All the above expenditures are aggregated and added to the recorded LTLA service expenditure in order to produce the estimated total service expenditure for that LA.

For the construction of LTLA measures, all expenditure values from historic LA geography have been referenced to the 2020 LA geography. This includes changes in name/codes, merges, or splits of old LAs to new LAs based on population ratios for that year. For instance, after 2009 the (upper tier) Cheshire County Council and the (lower tier) 6 Cheshire Local Authority Districts were abolished and replaced by two new unitary authorities, Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester. In order to calculate the “would-be” Cheshire East’s spending figures in 2008, values for the 3 of the 6 historic districts that formed Cheshire East as well as 47.28% of the historical Cheshire County spending were aggregated.

- UTLA Methodology: Shire Districts' expenditures are attributed to Shire Counties by means of aggregating. Expenditures from the Greater London Authority, Combined Authorities, Police Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities, Waste Authorities and Transport Authorities have been disaggregated to UTLAs by means of population ratios, and referenced to the 2020 Local Authority geography, similarly to the LTLA methodology.

Note that spending categories are not consistent throughout the time period, with the introduction of new services (and removal of others). This also suggests that total expenditure values may not be directly comparable between all years. For instance, Public Health was introduced in 2013, while Court services were removed in 2009.

Presentation

Breakdowns

Time period

Financial year (April 1st to March 31st) data: 2008-09 to 2020-21.

Geography

Upper Tier Local Authorities (2020 reference).

Coverage

England.

Disclosure control

This indicator has been produced using only publicly available datasets.

Output FIN_07_61U.csv

Column name	Description
Year	Start of financial year, i.e. "2015" refers to the financial year "2015-16".
UTLA20CD	Upper Tier Local Authority Code.
UTLA20NM	Upper Tier Local Authority Name.
Pop_Est_Total	The total mid-year population estimate of

	that local authority in that year.
Archives_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Archives_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Arts_development_and_support_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Arts_development_and_support_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Heritage_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Heritage_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Museums_and_galleries_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Museums_and_galleries_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Theatres_and_public_entertainment_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Theatres_and_public_entertainment_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Community_centres_and_public_halls_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Community_centres_and_public_halls_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Foreshore_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Foreshore_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Sports_development_and_community_recreation_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Sports_development_and_community_recreation_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Sports_and_leisure_facilities_including_golf_courses_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Sports_and_leisure_facilities_including_golf_courses_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Parks_Open_Spaces_including_play_areas_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Parks_Open_Spaces_including_play_areas_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Allotments_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Allotments_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Tourism_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Tourism_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Library_service_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Library_service_Net	Net value in £1000's.
TOTAL_CULTURAL_AND_RELATED_SERVICES_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
TOTAL_CULTURAL_AND_RELATED_SERVICES_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Cemetery_cremation_and_mortuary_services_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Cemetery_cremation_and_mortuary_services_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Trading_standards_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Trading_standards_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Water_safety_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Water_safety_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Food_safety_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Food_safety_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Environmental_protection_noise_and_nuisance_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Environmental_protection_noise_and_nuisance_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Housing_standards_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Housing_standards_Net	Net value in £1000's.

Health_and_safety_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Health_and_safety_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Port_health_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Port_health_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Pest_control_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Pest_control_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Public_conveniences_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Public_conveniences_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Animal_and_public_health_infectious_disease_control_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Animal_and_public_health_infectious_disease_control_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Licensing_Alcohol_and_entertainment_licensing_taxi_licensing_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Licensing_Alcohol_and_entertainment_licensing_taxi_licensing_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Crime_Reduction_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Crime_Reduction_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Safety_Services_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Safety_Services_Net	Net value in £1000's.
CCTV_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
CCTV_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Defences_against_flooding_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Defences_against_flooding_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Land_drainage_and_related_work_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Land_drainage_and_related_work_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Coast_protection_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Coast_protection_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Agricultural_and_fisheries_services_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Agricultural_and_fisheries_services_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Street_cleansing_not_chargeable_to_Highways_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Street_cleansing_not_chargeable_to_Highways_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Waste_collection_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Waste_collection_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Waste_disposal_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Waste_disposal_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Trade_waste_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Trade_waste_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Recycling_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Recycling_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Waste_minimisation_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Waste_minimisation_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Climate_change_costs_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Climate_change_costs_Net	Net value in £1000's.
TOTAL_ENVIRONMENTAL_AND_REGULATORY_SERVICES_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.

TOTAL_ENVIRONMENTAL_AND_REGULATORY_SERVICES_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Building_control_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Building_control_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Development_control_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Development_control_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Conservation_and_listed_buildings_planning_policy_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Conservation_and_listed_buildings_planning_policy_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Other_planning_policy_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Other_planning_policy_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Environmental_initiatives_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Environmental_initiatives_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Economic_development_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Economic_development_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Economic_research_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Economic_research_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Business_support_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Business_support_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Community_development_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
Community_development_Net	Net value in £1000's.
TOTAL_PLANNING_AND_DEVELOPMENT_SERVICES_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
TOTAL_PLANNING_AND_DEVELOPMENT_SERVICES_Net	Net value in £1000's.
TOTAL_CULTURAL_ENVIRONMENTAL_REGULATORY_AND_PLANNING_SERVICES_Gross	Gross value in £1000's.
TOTAL_CULTURAL_ENVIRONMENTAL_REGULATORY_AND_PLANNING_SERVICES_Net	Net value in £1000's.
Council_Tax_Requirement_PerCap	Value in £1000's.

Revision history

Version	Date	Summary of changes
1.00	Dec 2022	First release