

Receipts of Council Taxes metadata

1. This live table provides the latest data available on receipts of council taxes collected during a financial year in England. The table is updated as soon as new or revised data becomes available. Local authority level data will be made available once a financial year is complete.
2. A set of terms relating to local government finance is given in the glossary at *Annex G to Local Government Financial Statistics England No. 20 2010*. This is accessible at:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/financialstatistics202010>
3. The most relevant terms for this release are explained below.

Receipts of council taxes by financial quarter - total receipts of council taxes collected during the financial year, broken down by quarter, irrespective of the financial year (previous, current or future years) to which the receipts relate.

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Receipts of council taxes in respect of the billing year - receipts of council taxes in respect of the billing year, collected in the year to which the bill refers, net of refunds granted in that billing year only.

Receipts of previous years council taxes - receipts of previous years council taxes received in the billing year shown, net of refunds made in respect of those years.

Receipts of council taxes in respect of the subsequent billing year - Receipts of subsequent year council taxes received in the billing year shown including credits carried forward.

Receipts do not include Council tax benefit, paid for by Central government.

Data quality

4. Council tax statistics are produced to a high professional standard. The information in this table is derived from Quarterly Return of Council Taxes and National Non-Domestic Rates Returns (QRC1-4) submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) by English local authorities.
5. Figures are subjected to rigorous pre-defined validation tests both within the forms themselves, while the forms are being completed by the authority and also in DCLG itself as the data are received and stored.
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Uses made of the data

7. It enables DCLG to calculate each local authority's council tax in-year collection rates. This is accessible at:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localregional/localgovernmentfinance/statistics/counciltax/collectionrates/>
8. It also provides DCLG with information about the amount of council taxes collected during a financial year (broken down by quarters), irrespective of the year to which the receipts relate. The quarterly information is used in the local authority components of the National Accounts compiled by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Background notes

9. For information on this dataset please telephone Sheela Vyas on 0303 444 2120 or email qrc4.statistics@communities.gsi.gov.uk
10. Further local government finance statistics can be found at:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localregional/localgovernmentfinance/statistics/>
11. For a fuller picture of recent trends in local government finance readers are directed to *Local Government Financial Statistics England No. 20 2010* which is available in hard copy from the Department for Communities and Local Government Publications at product@communities.gsi.gov.uk and electronically in PDF format via the Department's web site:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/financialstatistics202010>
12. Symbols and conventions used in this live table:

(p) = Provisional
.. = Not available
: = Not applicable

Rounding - Totals may not sum due to rounding.

13. Key – Class of authority

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| London boroughs | L |
| Metropolitan districts | MD |
| Shire districts | SD |
| Unitary authorities | UA |

Key – Region

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| North East | NE |
| North West | NW |
| Yorkshire & The Humber | YH |
| East Midlands | EM |
| West Midlands | WM |
| East of England | EE |
| London | L |
| South East | SE |
| South West | SW |
