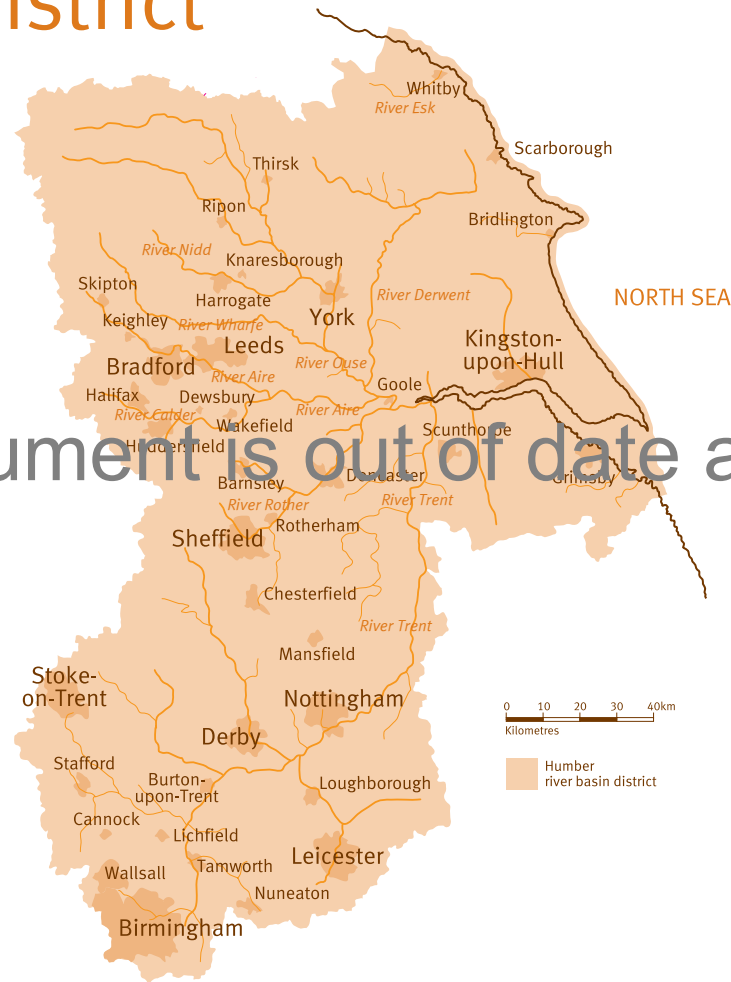


# Humber river basin district

There are **11 river basin districts** across England and Wales. The **Humber** river basin district is the second largest and covers an area of **26,109 square kilometres**.

This includes:

- Yorkshire and large areas across the East and West Midlands
- a population of 10.8 million people
- the rivers Hull, Trent and Ouse
- large urban areas including Birmingham, Hull, Nottingham, Leeds and Sheffield
- North York Moors National Park, Yorkshire Dales National Park, Peak District National Park and four Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



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## What will happen?

We are collecting information about the Humber river basin district which will be used to plan and carry out a long term programme of environmental improvements. Key milestones include:

**2006** Establishing a river basin district liaison panel and ways of working with others

**2007** Identifying the key water management issues facing the Humber river basin and the actions needed to make improvements.

**2008** Producing a draft plan of action to tackle the issues and collecting feedback through public consultation.

**2009** Finalising the plan of action and producing a Humber river basin district management plan.

**2010-2012** Carrying out the actions outlined in the river basin management plan.

**2013-2015** Continue carrying out the actions and begin reviewing the progress of the river basin management plan.

**2015** The Humber river basin district will be improved through achieving and maintaining good water quality.



## Working with others

The Environment Agency is responsible for ensuring the Water Framework Directive is delivered across England and Wales, but we can't do this alone.

We are developing existing partnerships with leading organisations in the river basin district to ensure they understand their role and help contribute to the programme of environmental work.

A Humber river basin district liaison panel has also been appointed to represent sectors with an interest or impact on the water environment, for example the water industry, agriculture, business and environment groups. Members will help develop the Humber river basin management plan and communicate information to promote action across their sector.

## Find out more

For more information about the Water Framework Directive, Humber river basin district and liaison panel visit

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A guide to the Water Framework Directive  
in the Humber river basin district

# Introduction

The Water Framework Directive has provided a new opportunity to improve the water environment and make it a better place for people and wildlife.

It has introduced the concept of integrated river basin management. This looks at the whole river basin area and will have an impact on groundwater, rivers, lakes and coastal waters (up to one nautical mile from the coastline).



Managing our water environment in this way will help to:

- improve and protect inland and coastal waters
- reduce pollution
- promote sustainable water use
- create better habitats for wildlife
- reduce the effects of floods and droughts.