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DATA SUMMARY 2018-19

COUNTRY STATISTICS

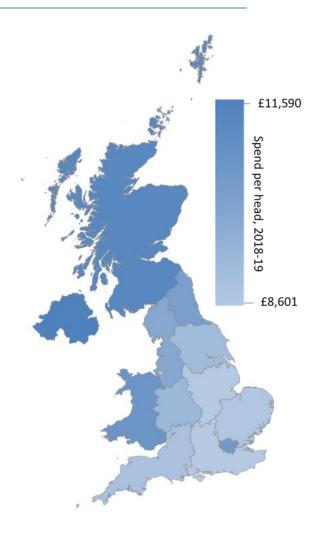
In 2018-19 England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have approximately the same percentage of identifiable expenditure as in 2017-18. UK identifiable spend was almost £637 billion in 2018-19, with England accounting for £520 billion, Scotland £61 billion, Wales £33 billion and Northern Ireland just under £22 billion.

The UK average spend per head is £9,584. The highest spend per head is in Northern Ireland at £11,590, this is followed by Scotland at £11,247, Wales at £10,656 and then England at £9,296. The profile of the spending by country is influenced by the Barnett Formula. The Barnett formula is designed to provide the devolved administrations with a population share of any increases in comparable spending by UK departments.

REGIONAL STATISTICS

In 2018-19 English regions showed a similar percentage of identifiable expenditure as in 2017-18. London accounted for £93 billion of identifiable spend, the highest in England at 14% of the total. This is followed by the South East at 12% and the North West at 11%.

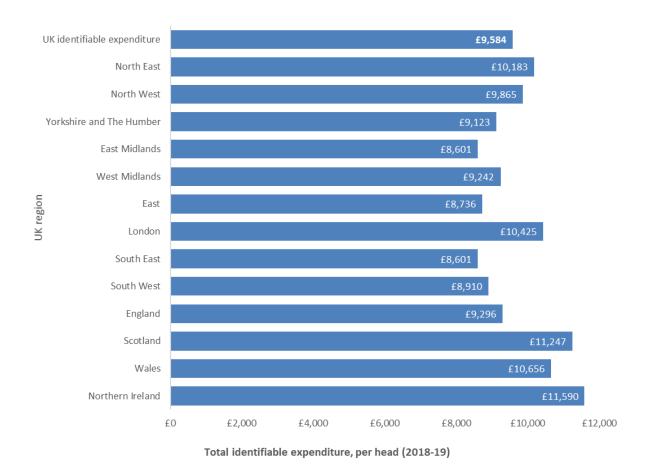
London continues to have the highest total identifiable expenditure per head in England at £10,425. The higher spend in London compared to other English regions is at least partly explained by the fact that for many functions it is more expensive to provide services in the capital, due to higher staff and infrastructure costs. In addition, London has historically had high capital expenditure, including spend by Transport for London (TfL). TfL spend will also benefit commuters who live outside London but use TfL services while commuting. The lowest spend per head is in the South East and the East Midlands, at £8,601 per head for both regions. Expenditure in the South East has risen over recent years, in part due to significant increases in capital spending on trading services by a small number of councils^{1,2}.



²https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/748292/Local_Authority_Capital_Expenditure_and_R_eceipts_England_2017-18_Final_Outturn.pdf



FIGURE 1: TOTAL IDENTIFIABLE EXPENDITURE PER HEAD1, 2018-19



- L. Per head figures calculated using the latest mid-year population estimates from the ONS. See page 15 release for details.
- 2. Data in this chart is taken from table A.1b of the main CRA release.

OVERVIEW

This release presents analyses of public expenditure by country, region and function. Data in this release are National Statistics for all years.

Users should note that the Country and Regional Analysis is a purely statistical exercise and plays no part in resource allocation or the operation of the Barnett Formula. The regional analyses and judgments about statistical methodology presented in this release do not constitute statements of government policy.

Most public spending is planned to benefit categories of individuals and enterprises irrespective of location. The regional analyses presented in this release show where the individuals and enterprises that benefited from public spending were located. It does not mean that all such spending was planned to benefit a particular region, because only a minority of public spending is planned on a regional basis.



NATIONAL STATISTICS

In January 2013³ the United Kingdom Statistics Authority (UKSA) designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed. In May 2019 the UKSA published an assessment report⁴ on the Country and Regional analysis in order to reaffirm its national statistics designation. The assessment and resulting outcomes and/or requirements are still ongoing. For more information please see the 'Work programme' section in the CRA guidance and information document accompanying this release.

NEW IN THIS RELEASE

For CRA 2019, the publication layout has changed to separate the main text and commentary from the guidance and information about the CRA. The main text has also been updated to include new maps and charts and to display selected tables. Please note that all tables are published on the main release page in an excel format.

In addition, four new tables (A.3a, A.3b, A.4a, and A.4b) have been introduced to provide a breakdown of capital and current expenditure in nominal, real terms, and per head variations.

Alongside the other enhancements made to the CRA following the UKSA's assessment, improvements have also been made to the Local Government expenditure data. Rather than using Budget data, used in previous editions of CRA, more up to date aggregates from the provisional outturn data from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have now successfully been incorporated into the release for the most recent outturn year.

³ https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/images-letterofconfirmationasnationalstatisticsassessmentreport145_tcm97-42525.pdf

⁴ https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/assessment-of-public-expenditure-statistical-analysis-country-and-regional-analysis-statistics/



Table A.1a Total identifiable expenditure on services by country and region, 2014-15 to 2018-19

					£ million		as	a per cent of	identifiable e	xpenditure
		Nat	tional Statistic	:s			Nat	ional Statistic	:s	
	2014-15 outturn	2015-16 outturn	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn	2014-15 outturn	2015-16 outturn	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn
North East	24,844	25,344	25,566	25,743	27,064	4	4	4	4	4
North West	66,271	67,577	68,278	70,862	71,933	11	11	11	11	11
Yorkshire and The Humber	46,806	47,699	48,068	48,513	49,992	8	8	8	8	7
East Midlands	38,219	38,620	39,140	39,890	41,321	6	6	6	6	6
West Midlands	50,275	50,193	51,452	52,197	54,533	8	8	8	8	8
East	48,342	49,525	49,753	51,489	54,171	8	8	8	8	8
London	84,515	87,642	88,565	90,854	92,867	14	14	14	14	14
South East	69,334	71,112	73,529	75,127	78,559	11	12	12	12	12
South West	45,263	45,896	46,906	48,005	49,895	7	7	7	7	7
Total England	473,869	483,608	491,256	502,681	520,336	78	78	78	78	78
Scotland	54,931	56,184	57,356	58,669	61,160	9	9	9	9	9
Wales	30,608	30,959	31,401	32,409	33,447	5	5	5	5	5
Northern Ireland	20,327	20,210	20,491	20,782	21,808	3	3	3	3	3
UK identifiable expenditure	579,736	590,960	600,504	614,541	636,750	96	96	96	96	95
Outside UK	27,080	25,762	25,411	26,658	30,202	4	4	4	4	5
Total identifiable expenditure	606,816	616,722	625,915	641,199	666,952	100	100	100	100	100
					£ million		as a p	er cent of Tot	al Managed E	xpenditure
		Nat	tional Statistic	:s			Nat	ional Statistic	:s	
	2014-15 outturn	2015-16	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn
	outturn									
Identifiable expenditure	606,816	616,722	625,915	641,199	666,952	77	78	77	77	78
Non-identifiable expenditure	96,439	101,144	102,874	109,317	106,110	12	13	13	13	12
Public sector expenditure on	703,255	717,866	728,789	750,516	773,062	90	90	90	90	91
services		•	· ·	· ·						
Accounting adjustments	81,811	75,553	83,759	83,459	79,761	10	10	10	10	9
Total Managed Expenditure	785,066	793,419	812,548	833,975	852,823	100	100	100	100	100

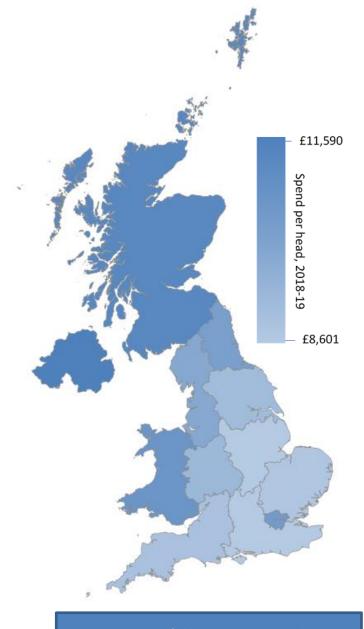


Table A.1b Total identifiable expenditure on services by country and region, per head 2014-15 to 2018-19⁽¹⁾

£ per head

	National Statistics							
	2014-15 outturn	2015-16 outturn	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn			
North East	9,487	9,656	9,696	9,734	10,183			
North West	9,291	9,418	9,452	9,762	9,865			
Yorkshire and The Humber	8,732	8,849	8,860	8,901	9,123			
East Midlands	8,242	8,257	8,283	8,360	8,601			
West Midlands	8,799	8,722	8,855	8,906	9,242			
East	8,034	8,151	8,118	8,347	8,736			
London	9,897	10,112	10,099	10,295	10,425			
South East	7,813	7,946	8,142	8,273	8,601			
South West	8,346	8,388	8,502	8,635	8,910			
England	8,724	8,827	8,889	9,038	9,296			
Scotland	10,272	10,457	10,612	10,815	11,247			
Wales	9,899	9,990	10,087	10,370	10,656			
Northern Ireland	11,044	10,915	11,004	11,108	11,590			
UK identifiable expenditure	8,975	9,076	9,147	9,306	9,584			

(1) Per head figures calculated using the latest mid-year population estimates from the ONS. See page 15 for details.



Map: Total UK identifiable expenditure per head, 2018-19



Table A.2a Total identifiable expenditure on services by country and region in real terms ⁽¹⁾, 2014-15 to 2018-19

£ million

		Nat	tional Statistics		
_	2014-15 outturn	2015-16 outturn	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn
North East	26,579	26,882	26,490	26,231	27,064
North West	70,899	71,678	70,748	72,206	71,933
Yorkshire and The Humber	50,075	50,595	49,806	49,433	49,992
East Midlands	40,888	40,965	40,555	40,647	41,321
West Midlands	53,786	53,239	53,313	53,186	54,533
East	51,718	52,531	51,552	52,466	54,171
London	90,417	92,962	91,768	92,577	92,867
South East	74,176	75,429	76,188	76,552	78,559
South West	48,424	48,681	48,603	48,915	49,895
England	506,961	512,962	509,023	512,213	520,336
Scotland	58,768	59,594	59,431	59,781	61,160
Wales	32,746	32,838	32,537	33,024	33,447
Northern Ireland	21,747	21,436	21,232	21,176	21,808
UK identifiable expenditure	620,221	626,831	622,223	626,194	636,750
Outside UK	28,971	27,325	26,330	27,164	30,202
Total identifiable expenditure	649,192	654,156	648,552	653,358	666,952
Non-identifiable expenditure	103,174	107,283	106,595	111,390	106,110
Total Expenditure on Services	752,366	761,440	755,147	764,748	773,062
Accounting adjustments	87,525	80,140	86,789	85,042	79,761
Total Managed Expenditure	839,891	841,579	841,936	849,790	852,823

⁽¹⁾ Real terms figures are the nominal figures adjusted to 2018-19 price levels using GDP deflators from the Office for National Statistics (released 30 September 2019). See page 15 for details.

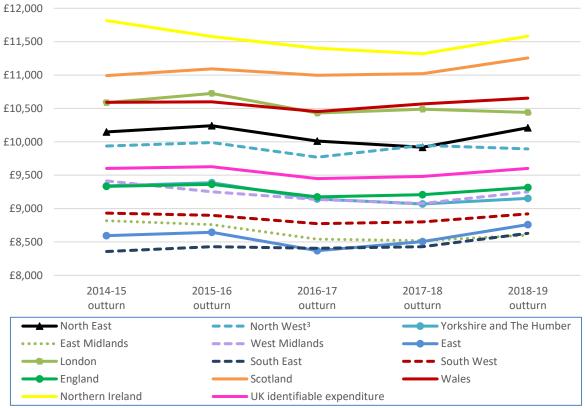


Table A.2b Total identifiable expenditure on services by country and region per head ⁽¹⁾ in real terms ⁽²⁾, 2014-15 to 2018-19

£ per head

	National Statistics							
	2014-15 outturn	2015-16 outturn	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn			
North East	10,150	10,242	10,047	9,918	10,183			
North West ⁽³⁾	9,939	9,990	9,793	9,948	9,865			
Yorkshire and The Humber	9,342	9,386	9,180	9,070	9,123			
East Midlands	8,817	8,758	8,582	8,518	8,601			
West Midlands	9,414	9,251	9,175	9,075	9,242			
East	8,595	8,646	8,411	8,506	8,736			
London	10,588	10,726	10,464	10,490	10,425			
South East	8,359	8,428	8,437	8,430	8,601			
South West	8,929	8,897	8,810	8,799	8,910			
England	9,333	9,363	9,210	9,209	9,296			
Scotland	10,990	11,091	10,996	11,020	11,247			
Wales	10,590	10,596	10,452	10,567	10,656			
Northern Ireland	11,816	11,577	11,402	11,319	11,590			
UK identifiable expenditure	9,601	9,627	9,478	9,482	9,584			





⁽¹⁾ Per head figures calculated using the latest mid-year population estimates from the ONS. See page 15 for details.

⁽²⁾ Real terms figures are the nominal figures adjusted to 2018-19 price levels using GDP deflators from the Office for National Statistics (released 30 September 2019). See page 15 for details.

⁽³⁾ The increase in the North West in 2017-18 is in part due to local authority capital expenditure on the Mersey Gateway Bridge.



Table A.3b Total current and capital identifiable expenditure by country and region, per head 2014-15 to 2018-19 $^{(1)}$

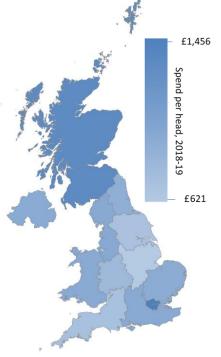
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	of which: current							
	National Statistics							
	2014-15 outturn	2015-16 outturn	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn			
North East	8,771	8,972	9,010	9,048	9,277			
North West	8,483	8,586	8,590	8,679	8,910			
Yorkshire and The Humber	8,063	8,134	8,166	8,228	8,429			
East Midlands	7,591	7,663	7,715	7,748	7,980			
West Midlands	8,136	8,153	8,200	8,253	8,443			
East	7,310	7,417	7,420	7,563	7,812			
London	8,680	8,825	8,773	8,808	8,969			
South East	7,176	7,250	7,356	7,431	7,657			
South West	7,745	7,785	7,858	7,953	8,187			
England	7,957	8,046	8,077	8,148	8,362			
Scotland	9,229	9,395	9,394	9,527	9,922			
Wales	9,137	9,225	9,302	9,491	9,701			
Northern Ireland	10,160	10,237	10,220	10,355	10,640			
UK identifiable expenditure	8,181	8,275	8,304	8,387	8,618			



Map above: Current expenditure per head, 2018-19

£ per head

	of which: capital							
	National Statistics							
	2014-15 outturn	2015-16 outturn	2016-17 outturn	2017-18 outturn	2018-19 outturn			
North East	716	684	686	685	906			
North West	808	832	861	1,083	954			
Yorkshire and The Humber	669	715	694	673	694			
East Midlands	650	594	568	611	621			
West Midlands	663	568	655	654	799			
East	724	734	698	784	924			
London	1,217	1,287	1,326	1,487	1,456			
South East	637	696	786	842	944			
South West	601	603	644	682	723			
England	768	781	811	890	933			
Scotland	1,043	1,062	1,218	1,288	1,325			
Wales	762	764	785	879	955			
Northern Ireland	885	678	784	753	949			
UK identifiable expenditure	793	801	843	918	967			



Map above: Capital expenditure per head, 2018-19

⁽¹⁾ Per head figures calculated using the latest mid-year population estimates from the ONS. See page 15 for details.



Table A.15 UK identifiable expenditure on services by function, country and region, per head ⁽¹⁾, 2018-19

National Statistics	_																	£ per head
2040.40	1. General public services	of which: public and common services	of which: international services	2. Defence	3. Public order and safety	4. Economic affairs	of which: enterprise and economic development	of which: science and technology	of which: employment policies	of which: agriculture, fisheries and forestry	of which: transport	5. Environment protection	6. Housing and community amenities	7. Health	8. Recreation, culture and religion	9. Education	10. Social protection	Total Expenditure on Services
2018-19 North East	95	94	2	1	489	840	120	81	66	87	486	112	159	2 445	95	1 222	4.612	40 402
North West	95 81	94 79	2	1	469 451	724	120 130	81	66 49	52	400 412	113 362	103	2,445 2,460	95 101	1,333 1,239	4,612 4,343	10,183 9,865
Yorkshire and The Humber	71	69	2	0	441	624	130 117	88	55	<i>89</i>	276	115	164	2,203	99	1,325	4,082	9,123
East Midlands	76	74	2	1	399	618	126	<i>89</i>	44	91	268	106	104	2,203	86	1,245	3,941	8,601
West Midlands	98	96	2	1	405	763	110	82	50	54	467	99	123	2,244	87	1,325	4,098	9,242
East	107	105	2	1	373	830	137	94	27	<i>78</i>	493	150	129	2,031	83	1,266	3,767	8,736
London	77	<i>75</i>	2	1	693	1,280	222	101	42	11	903	124	272	2,773	126	1,473	3,606	10,425
South East	117	115	2	1	359	861	261	95	25	59	422	119	133	2,021	86	1,226	3,678	8,601
South West	92	90	2	1	360	708	156	99	20	125	308	156	102	2,109	87	1,165	4,131	8,910
England	91	89	2	1	448	836	165	91	40	66	474	155	149	2,269	96	1,292	3,959	9,296
Scotland	235	233	2	1	521	1,269	287	128	49	164	642	231	409	2,396	187	1,558	4,439	11,247
Wales	171	169	2	1	453	892	205	84	42	166	395	198	260	2,402	165	1,365	4,749	10,656
Northern Ireland	209	208	2	-	662	959	212	48	<i>53</i>	291	354	135	411	2,436	281	1,476	5,020	11,590
UK identifiable expenditure	110	108	2	1	460	877	178	93	41	<i>85</i>	481	163	182	2,291	112	1,323	4,066	9,584

⁽¹⁾ Per head figures calculated using the latest mid-year population estimates from the ONS. See page 15 for details.



Table A.16 UK identifiable expenditure on services by function, country and region, per head indexed, 2018-19

National Statistics														Index	(UK Ide	ntifiab	le expe	nditure = 100)
	1. General public services	of which: public and common services	of which: international services	2. Defence	3. Public order and safety	4. Economic affairs	of which: enterprise and economic development	of which: science and technology	of which: employment policies	of which: agriculture, fisheries and forestry	of which: transport	5. Environment protection	6. Housing and community amenities	7. Health	8. Recreation, culture and religion	9. Education	10. Social protection	Total Expenditure on Services
2018-19 North East	87	87	99	104	106	96	68	87	161	102	101	70	87	107	85	101	113	106
North West	74	73	99	104	98	82	73	87	121	61	86	223	56	107	90	94	107	103
Yorkshire and The Humber	64	64	99	71	96	71	66	95	134	105	<i>57</i>	71	90	96	89	100	100	95
East Midlands	69	68	99	105	87	70	71	96	107	108	56	65	59	88	77	94	97	90
West Midlands	89	89	99	83	88	87	61	89	123	64	97	61	67	98	77	100	101	96
East	97	97	99	121	81	95	<i>77</i>	102	66	93	103	92	70	89	74	96	93	91
London	70	69	99	103	151	146	125	109	103	13	188	77	149	121	112	111	89	109
South East	106	106	99	124	78	98	146	102	61	69	88	73	73	88	77	93	90	90
South West	83	83	99	94	78	81	88	106	48	148	64	96	56	92	78	88	102	93
England	83	<i>83</i>	99	103	97	95	93	98	97	<i>77</i>	99	95	81	99	86	98	97	97
Scotland	214	215	110	93	113	145	161	138	119	193	134	142	224	105	167	118	109	117
Wales	156	<i>157</i>	99	115	98	102	115	91	102	195	<i>82</i>	122	142	105	148	103	117	111
Northern Ireland	190	192	99	-	144	109	119	52	129	343	74	83	225	106	251	112	123	121
UK identifiable expenditure	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Pages 12 and 13 contain maps based on table A.16 (above). For reference, each map has been labelled with the lowest and highest index value and also provides the figure for the total UK spend per head based on data from table A.15 (on page 10). More information about maps and index figures is available in the guidance and information document published alongside this release.

Table A.16: UK identifiable expenditure by function, country and region, per head⁽¹⁾ indexed, 2018-19

100 on the index scale = the **total UK** identifiable expenditure for each function.

(!) Per head figures calculated using the latest mid-year population estimates from the ONS. See page 15 for details.

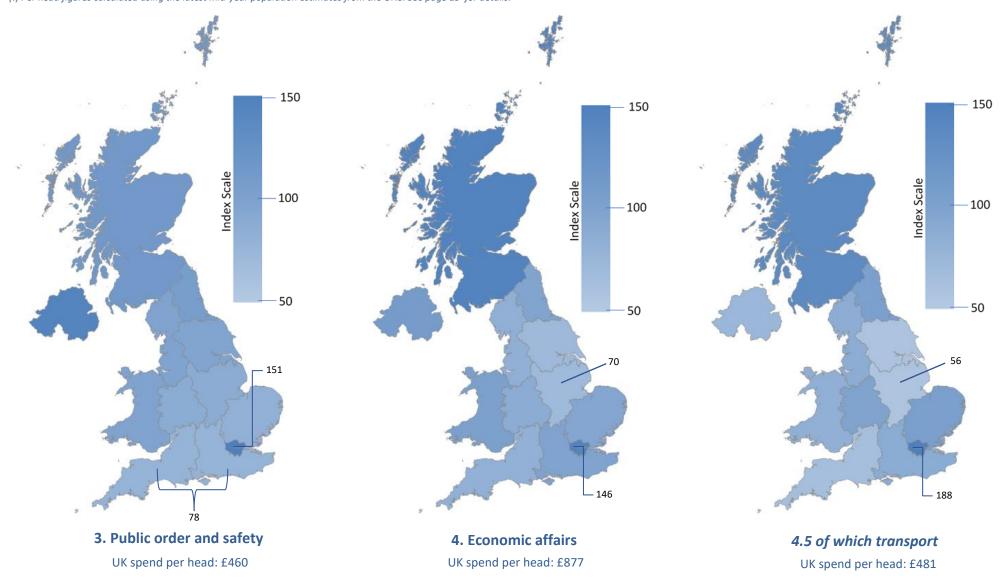
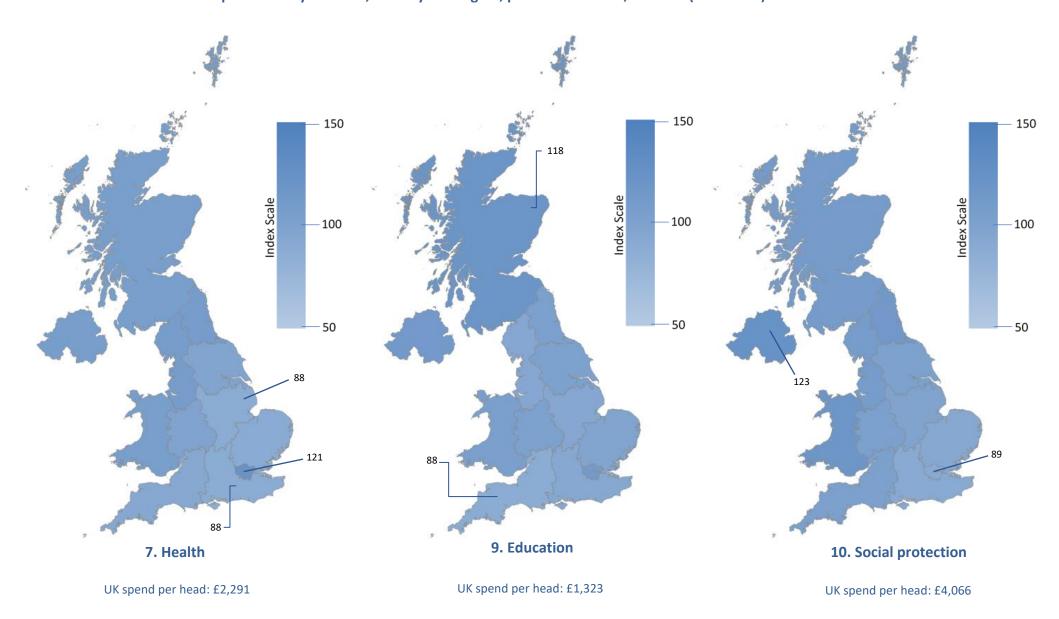




Table A.16: UK identifiable expenditure by function, country and region, per head indexed, 2018-19 (continued)





DATA IN THIS RELEASE

All data in this release are available and accessible online on the country and regional analysis publication page. All data tables are still available in excel format, where separate excel files are published for the A tables, the B tables, the interactive tables and the CRA database.

Most of the tables in this release provide an analysis of spending for the period 2014-15 to 2018-19. The information used to produce the A and B tables was gathered in a separate data collection exercise during the summer of 2019 and was consistent with the Public Spending Statistics (PSS) July 2019⁵ dataset. In addition, further revisions to departmental and local authority outturn have also been taken on. Information on revisions, data tables and methodology can be found in the guidance and information document accompanying this release.

Total Expenditure on Services (TES) in the CRA will not match the TES figures in the November 2019 PSS publication. As stated above, the CRA dataset is based on data used in the July 2019 PSS publication.

KEY REVISIONS IN THIS RELEASE

REVISIONS TO TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON SERVICES (TES) SINCE PSS: JULY 2019

Departments have taken the opportunity, wherever possible, to correct or update their outturn data since the publication of the July 2019 PSS to bring them into line with their published Annual Reports and Accounts. In addition, updated figures for local government expenditure have also been incorporated into this release. Specifically, fixed capital outturn data and provisional revenue expenditure for England local authorities in 2018-19 and final outturn for both capital and revenue for Welsh local authorities in 2018-19 have been included.

Changes to Total Managed Expenditure (TME) and public sector debt interest in all years are due to updated ONS data. More information about these revisions and additional methodology changes are avaible in the ONS public sector finances (PSF) publication for September 2019⁶.

⁵ https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-spending-statistics-release-july-2019

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 $^{{}^{6}\}text{https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/governmentpublicsectorandtaxes/publicsectorfinance/methodologies/publicsectorfinancesandgovernmentdeficit and debtunder the maastricht treatygmi$



ANNEX: POPULATION NUMBERS AND GDP DEFLATORS

POPULATION NUMBERS BY COUNTRY AND REGION

					Thousands
	mid-2014	mid-2015	mid-2016	mid-2017	mid-2018
North East	2,619	2,625	2,637	2,645	2,658
North West	7,133	7,175	7,224	7,259	7,292
Yorkshire and The Humber	5,360	5,390	5,425	5,450	5,480
East Midlands	4,637	4,677	4,725	4,772	4,804
West Midlands	5,713	5,755	5,811	5,861	5,901
East of England	6,017	6,076	6,129	6,168	6,201
London	8,539	8,667	8,770	8,825	8,908
South East	8,874	8,949	9,030	9,081	9,134
South West	5,423	5,472	5,517	5,559	5,600
England	54,317	54,786	55,268	55,619	55 <i>,</i> 977
Scotland	5,348	5,373	5,405	5,425	5,438
Wales	3,092	3,099	3,113	3,125	3,139
Northern Ireland	1,840	1,852	1,862	1,871	1,882
United Kingdom	64,597	65,110	65,648	66,040	66,436

Mid-Year Population Estimates from the ONS for the Countries of the UK and the English Regions (2011 Population Census based). **Web link:** mid-2014 to mid-2018

GDP DEFLATORS AND MONEY GDP

Outturn data are based on the 30 September 2019 National Accounts figures from ONS								
Financial y	ear GDP defla	tor at market prices	Money GDP					
	2018-19 = 100	Per cent change on previous year	£ million					
2014-15	93.472	1.40	1,871,789					
2015-16	94.227	0.86	1,934,600					
2016-17	96.510	2.37	2,019,484					
2017-18	98.139	1.69	2,086,378					
2018-19	100.000	1.90	2,162,822					
GDP	Financial years 2014-15 to	2018-19 taken from ONS series L80	GG in Table N.					
Deflator:	https://www.ons.gov.uk/f	le?uri=/economy/grossdomesticpro	oductgdp/datasets/uksecondestimateofgdpdata					
	tables/quarter2aprtojune2	019 quarter ly national accounts/qua	rterlynationalaccountsdatatables1.xls					
Cash	For years 2014-15 to 2018	-19: ONS data for money GDP (not	seasonally adjusted series BKTL) in Table N					
GDP:	https://www.ons.gov.uk/f	le?uri=/economy/grossdomesticpro	oductgdp/datasets/uksecondestimateofgdpdata					
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