

4 Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles

Key results

- In England, there were around 69,000 licensed taxis at the end of March 2007 (Table 4.1). This represents a rise of about 8% since 2005, the last time this survey was carried out by the Department.
- In London, there were 21,596 licensed taxis and 24,593 taxi drivers licensed at the end of March 2007 (Table 4.1).
- 2,145 Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) operator licences have been granted in London. The Public Carriage Office (PCO) only started licensing of PHV drivers in April 2003 and PHV vehicles in April 2004. By spring 2007 there were 38,040 drivers and 44,363 PHVs registered with the PCO.
- In the South East Region, outside London, there were over 9,000 taxis and nearly 15,000 PHVs. There were many more driver licences than vehicles, at over 32,000 total driver licences issued. Drivers often work in shifts and over 9,000 drivers were dual licensed to drive a taxi and a PHV in the region.
- The North West Region had a fleet of nearly 8,000 taxis and nearly 20,000 PHVs. Two thirds of these were in the major metropolitan areas of Merseyside and Greater Manchester.
- In Wales, over 4,000 taxis and a further 4,000 PHVs were licensed. Dual licensing of drivers was carried out by most of the Welsh local authorities, which had licensed over 7,000 drivers.

Access for disabled people

- Over 35,000 taxis in England were purpose built taxis, which are designed to be wheelchair accessible with assistance from the driver. These accounted for over half of all taxis (Table 4.1). A further 5,000 taxis are of other body types, converted to be accessible for wheelchair users.
- In London all taxis are purpose built, and are specifically designed to be wheelchair accessible. The fleet has nearly 22,000 vehicles.
- The North West Region had the largest wheelchair accessible taxi fleet outside London, of around 5,000 vehicles, while the West Midlands region had around 3,000. District authorities in the West Midlands metropolitan county, along with some other urban licensing authorities, specify that taxis must have a purpose-built, wheelchair-accessible body type.
- Around 29,000 taxis in England were saloon or estate cars unsuitable for wheelchair access.

Taxi and PHV use

Taxis and PHVs are an important mode of local transport, particularly at times when local buses run infrequently or in areas poorly served by other public transport. The National Travel Survey provides data on the users of taxis and PHVs combined (Chart 4.1).

- Taxis and PHVs together account for just over 1 per cent of all trip stages per person per year in Great Britain. This is about 600 million trip stages or around 3 million miles a year.
- Taxis and PHVs are commonly used by younger people and by those on lower incomes who do not have access to a household car.
- Women aged 16-20 make the greatest number of trip stages in taxis and PHVs (Chart 4.1).

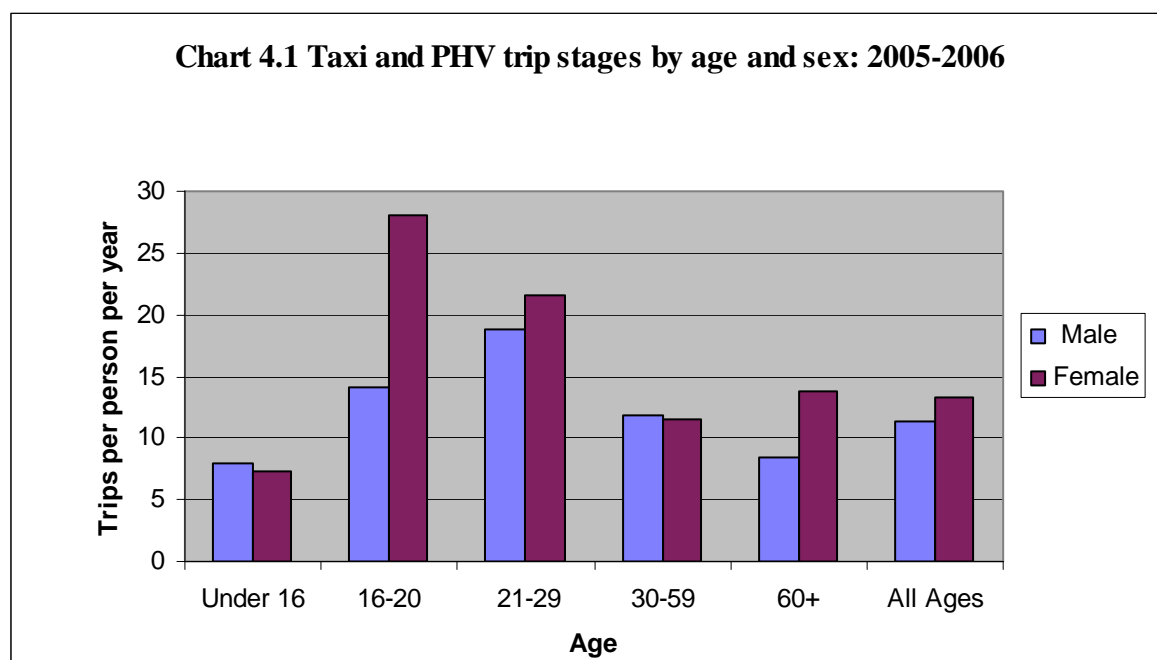


Table 4.1
Taxis, PHVs and their drivers in England & Wales by licensing area: 31 March 2007

number

Licensing Authority (District Region or Unitary Authority)	Licenced Taxis					PHV				Dual Taxi/PHV Driver Licences	Total Driver Licences Issued
	Total number of Taxis	Purpose Built Taxi Body	Converted Body Type	Other Body Type	Taxi Only Licenced Drivers	Vehicle Licences Issued	Operator Licences Issued	PHV Only Licenced Drivers			
Total England & Wales	73,328	35,624	5,467	32,237	71,506	132,505	15,803	128,204	64,934	264,644	
Total England	68,906	35,026	5,157	28,723	69,433	128,802	15,016	126,400	57,684	253,517	
London	21,596	21,596	0	0	24,593	44,363	2,145	38,040	0	62,633	
English regions outside London	47,310	13,430	5,157	28,723	44,840	84,439	12,871	88,360	57,684	190,884	
North East	4,563	197	1,161	3,205	4,007	4,961	509	5,191	4,360	13,558	
of which Tyne & Wear PTE	1,870	134	924	812	1,636	3,248	126	2,744	1,360	5,740	
North West	7,924	4,638	489	2,797	12,980	19,922	1,576	22,833	5,695	41,508	
of which Merseyside PTE	2,283	2,216	7	60	4,042	5,799	152	5,675	741	10,458	
Greater Manchester PTE	1,998	1,642	115	241	4,171	8,367	414	10,426	224	14,821	
Yorkshire & the Humber	3,801	1,075	643	2,083	3,735	14,063	1,662	12,672	7,458	23,865	
of which West Yorkshire PTE	1,147	189	207	751	1,950	8,390	599	9,168	2,045	13,163	
South Yorkshire PTE	1,066	770	196	100	692	2,629	352	687	3,656	5,035	
East Midlands	4,323	1,500	271	2,552	1,658	6,686	1,279	3,723	10,029	15,410	
West Midlands	5,061	2,919	582	1,560	4,875	9,325	1,481	14,263	6,391	25,529	
of which West Midlands PTE	2,602	2,411	191	0	3,418	5,579	809	11,847	889	16,154	
East	6,208	1,047	641	4,520	4,138	9,192	1,839	9,924	7,662	21,724	
South East	9,321	1,244	754	7,323	9,005	14,519	3,113	14,238	9,250	32,493	
South West	6,109	810	616	4,683	4,442	5,771	1,412	5,516	6,839	16,797	
Wales	4,422	598	310	3,514	2,073	3,703	787	1,804	7,250	11,127	

Sources: DfT survey of licensing authorities and Transport for London (TfL).

TfL is the licensing authority in London. PHV driver licensing by TfL began in April 2003, with vehicle licensing in April 2004.

Table 4.2**Trend in licensed taxis and taxi drivers in Great Britain**

thousands

	Taxis ¹			Taxi drivers		
	London ²	Rest of England & Wales ^{3,4}	Scotland	London ²	Rest of England & Wales ^{3,4,5}	Scotland ⁶
1965	7.3	..	..	11.5	..	..
1970	8.7	..	..	13.3	..	..
1971	9.6	..	..	13.8	..	..
1972	10.1	12.4	..	14.5	..	..
1973	10.4	..	..	15.2	..	..
1974	11.0	..	..	15.7	..	..
1975	11.3	..	..	16.0	..	..
1976	11.8	15.2	..	16.2	..	..
1977	12.5	15.5	..	16.5	..	..
1978	12.5	16.0	..	16.7	..	..
1979	12.3	16.7	..	17.1	..	..
1980	12.4	17.0	..	17.4	47.2	..
1981	12.6	17.4	..	17.8	..	..
1982	12.8	17.7	..	18.1	..	..
1983	13.1	18.1	..	18.2	..	..
1984	13.6	18.4	..	18.4	..	..
1985	13.8	18.9	6.4	18.6	45.8	14.4
1986	14.2	21.1	..	19.2	..	..
1987	14.8	..	..	19.7	..	..
1988	15.2	..	..	20.1	..	..
1989	15.6	27.8	..	20.5	..	..
1990	16.2	..	7.5	20.9	..	..
1991	16.5	31.8	..	20.5	80.5	..
1992	17.6	..	8.1	20.5	..	..
1993	17.3	..	..	20.8	..	..
1994	18.3	32.9	8.6	21.6	79.3	..
1995	18.3	..	..	22.0	..	..
1996	18.7	..	..	22.1	..	..
1997	18.9	36.5	8.5	22.3	83.2	..
1998	19.4	..	..	22.7	..	..
1999	19.2	42.1	7.7	23.3	98.2	20.2
2000	20.9	..	..	23.7	..	..
2001	20.5	42.6	9.3	24.5	96.4	24.8
2002	..	..	..	..	..	..
2003	..	..	..	..	..	..
2004	20.8	45.9	..	24.8	96.4	..
2005	20.8	47.1	10.0	24.9	107.8	25.0
2006	..	..	..	..	..	..
2007	21.6	51.7	10.4	24.6	111.8	24.9
<i>Percentage change</i>						
2007 on 2005	4	10	4	-1	4	-1
2007 on 2001	5	22	11	0	16	0
2007 on 1997	14	42	22	11	35	..

1 Survey data are incomplete owing to infrequent surveys of the industry outside London.

Sources: Transport for London, taxi licensing authorities

2 At end December, until 2004, then at 31 March.

outside London, Scottish Executive.

3 At 31 March for 1982 to 1985 and 2004 onwards; otherwise at end December.

4 There was an increase in the numbers of taxis outside London

as more district councils licensed taxis following the Transport Act 1985.

5 Taxi drivers outside London include those who are dual licence holders for taxis and PHVs.

There were just nearly 65,000 dual licence holders at 31 March 2007.

6 Scotland figure for 2007 excludes Fife, for which a breakdown for Taxi and PHV drivers was not available

Table 4.3
Taxis, PHVs and their drivers in England & Wales by licensing area: 31 March 2007

number

Region	Licensing Authority (District or Unitary Authority)	Licenced Taxis				PHV					Total Driver Licences Issued
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	Northumberland	483	21	15	447	516	338	141	355	328	1,199
	Alnwick	10	0	1	9	20	20	12	35	0	55
	Berwick on Tweed	154	0	1	153	185	31	12	36	0	221
	Blyth Valley	45	12	0	33	0	127	9	0	300	300
	Castle Morpeth	86	2	10	74	139	46	12	101	0	240
	Tynedale	158	3	3	152	86	64	81	39	28	153
	Wansbeck	30	4	0	26	86	50	15	144	0	230
	Darlington UA	180	12	0	168	181	47	5	72	80	333
	County Durham	935	10	29	896	611	546	157	350	784	1,745
	Chester-le-Street	92	0	9	83	100	50	15	40	40	180
	Derwentside	151	0	0	151	20	155	42	32	188	240
	Durham	64	0	9	55	76	64	24	68	32	176
	Easington	93	0	5	88	120	160	29	180	150	450
	Sedgefield	340	10	0	330	295	35	15	30	3	328
	Teesdale	23	0	0	23	0	46	11	0	98	98
	Wear Valley	172	0	6	166	0	36	21	0	273	273
	Tyne & Wear PTE	1,870	134	924	812	1,636	3,248	126	2,744	1,360	5,740
	Gateshead	335	7	243	85	390	530	28	470	160	1,020
	Newcastle on Tyne	819	80	500	239	0	900	40	0	1,200	1,200
	North Tyneside	131	25	2	104	124	811	32	903	0	1,027
	South Tyneside	236	0	24	212	312	406	26	511	0	823
	Sunderland	349	22	155	172	810	601	0	860	0	1,670
	Hartlepool UA	153	10	0	143	189	165	5	358	49	596
	Redcar & Cleveland UA	300	0	24	276	480	129	34	720	1,200	2,400
	Middlesborough UA	350	5	155	190	271	270	7	340	284	895
	Stockton-on-Tees UA	292	5	14	273	123	218	34	252	275	650
North West		7,924	4,638	489	2,797	12,980	19,922	1,576	22,833	5,695	41,508
	Cumbria	924	60	75	789	1,316	454	145	594	101	2,011
	Allerdale	135	5	0	130	258	54	31	113	0	371
	Barrow-in-Furness	152	0	8	144	121	221	19	221	72	414
	Carlisle	205	52	44	109	265	56	21	72	0	337
	Copeland	150	3	0	147	285	35	31	48	25	358
	Eden	90	0	6	84	106	50	18	68	4	178
	South Lakeland	192	0	17	175	281	38	25	72	0	353
	Blackburn Darwen UA	68	68	0	0	68	600	29	700	97	865
	Blackpool UA	256	190	30	36	748	450	21	819	2,194	3,761
	Lancashire	1,155	319	41	795	1,927	2,553	386	3,582	187	5,696
	Burnley	42	42	0	0	70	375	37	612	0	682
	Chorley	36	7	0	29	58	133	35	203	0	261
	Fylde	100	3	1	96	191	168	32	265	0	456
	Hyndburn	62	7	1	54	62	268	36	233	97	392
	Lancaster	104	7	10	87	309	286	54	482	0	791
	Pendle	69	4	0	65	133	134	36	295	0	428

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	Preston	187	187	0	0	264	392	27	454	0	718
	Ribble Valley	49	0	0	49	55	120	40	140	0	195
	Rossendale	155	0	1	154	150	30	17	41	40	231
	South Ribble	141	4	22	115	180	198	26	257	0	437
	West Lancashire	50	50	0	0	55	329	12	340	0	395
	Wyre	160	8	6	146	400	120	34	260	50	710
	Merseyside PTE	2,283	2,216	7	60	4,042	5,799	152	5,675	741	10,458
	Knowsley	240	240	0	0	309	1,040	20	1,170	0	1,479
	Liverpool	1,417	1,417	0	0	3,000	1,100	17	1,000	0	4,000
	Sefton	271	204	7	60	422	2,246	38	2,450	0	2,872
	St Helens	63	63	0	0	0	447	62	0	741	741
	Wirral	292	292	0	0	311	966	15	1,055	0	1,366
	Greater Manchester PTE	1,998	1,642	115	241	4,171	8,367	414	10,426	224	14,821
	Bolton	104	104	0	0	150	706	48	1,001	0	1,151
	Bury MBC	125	44	81	0	122	651	39	709	42	873
	Manchester	971	971	0	0	1,800	2,000	38	2,400	0	4,200
	Oldham	85	12	1	72	171	915	30	1,013	0	1,184
	Rochdale	103	35	0	68	250	900	37	1,500	0	1,750
	Salford	78	70	8	0	200	900	40	1,700	0	1,900
	Stockport	114	104	7	3	208	850	62	900	100	1,208
	Tameside	149	149	0	0	221	350	30	478	82	781
	Trafford	133	133	0	0	221	445	23	564	0	785
	Wigan	136	20	18	98	828	650	67	161	0	989
	Cheshire	864	106	135	623	708	1,224	288	1,037	1,028	2,773
	Chester	77	44	33	0	130	530	39	570	0	700
	Congleton	39	13	2	24	0	95	45	0	162	162
	Crewe & Nantwich	114	5	70	39	0	132	43	0	418	418
	Ellesmere P. & Neston	40	40	0	0	100	180	17	190	37	327
	Macclesfield	429	0	0	429	478	115	33	277	0	755
	Vale Royal	165	4	30	131	0	172	111	0	411	411
	Halton UA	267	35	72	160	0	150	32	0	573	573
	Warrington UA	109	2	14	93	0	325	109	0	550	550
Yorkshire & the Humber		3,801	1,075	643	2,083	3,735	14,063	1,662	12,672	7,458	23,865
	North Yorkshire	703	65	30	608	404	726	488	764	841	2,009
	Craven	156	4	12	140	140	10	8	10	6	156
	Hambleton	156	0	15	141	0	48	64	0	213	213
	Harrogate	148	24	0	124	0	287	287	0	567	567
	Richmondshire	65	1	0	64	75	31	32	40	30	145
	Ryedale	37	4	0	33	34	23	16	29	25	88
	Scarborough	97	7	3	87	97	249	32	563	0	660
	Selby	44	25	0	19	58	78	49	122	0	180
	York UA	158	0	20	138	275	600	60	642	0	917
	East Riding UA	170	0	8	162	0	197	44	0	503	503
	Kingston-upon-Hull UA	170	42	128	0	207	917	58	986	0	1,193
	North East Lincs UA	172	5	48	119	207	552	34	425	0	632
	North Lincs UA	215	4	6	205	0	52	27	0	413	413
	West Yorkshire PTE	1,147	189	207	751	1,950	8,390	599	9,168	2,045	13,163
	Bradford	224	15	5	204	290	2,025	186	2,257	0	2,547
	Calderdale	64	6	36	22	309	700	43	922	0	1,231
	Kirklees	217	33	15	169	0	917	150	0	1,700	1,700
	Leeds	537	119	144	274	1,111	3,698	128	4,563	345	6,019
	Wakefield	105	16	7	82	240	1,050	92	1,426	0	1,666

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	South Yorkshire PTE	1,066	770	196	100	692	2,629	352	687	3,656	5,035
	Barnsley	65	2	0	63	200	450	110	600	50	850
	Doncaster	195	195	0	0	492	503	101	87	262	841
	Rotherham	52	7	8	37	0	680	112	0	1,145	1,145
	Sheffield	754	566	188	0	0	996	29	0	2,199	2,199
East Midlands		4,323	1,500	271	2,552	1,658	6,686	1,279	3,723	10,029	15,410
	Derby UA	314	284	30	0	407	646	61	787	0	1,194
	Derbyshire	763	41	128	594	0	1,054	303	243	2,334	2,577
	Amber Valley	145	37	2	106	0	41	41	0	267	267
	Bolsover	34	0	0	34	0	47	24	0	131	131
	Chesterfield	142	2	104	36	0	381	50	0	626	626
	Derbyshire Dales	93	1	4	88	0	57	33	0	239	239
	Erewash	209	0	5	204	0	26	26	0	301	301
	High Peak	130	1	11	118	0	96	30	0	380	380
	North East Derbys	10	0	2	8	0	259	59	0	390	390
	South Derbys	0	0	0	0	0	147	40	243	0	243
	Nottingham UA	415	415	0	0	0	900	18	0	1,800	1,800
	Nottinghamshire	674	92	18	564	0	618	144	0	1,644	1,644
	Ashfield	125	15	0	110	0	65	20	0	265	265
	Bassetlaw	29	2	0	27	0	70	40	0	259	259
	Broxtowe	144	0	5	139	0	40	10	0	200	200
	Gedling	210	20	10	180	0	59	17	0	288	288
	Mansfield	80	50	0	30	0	120	25	0	200	200
	Newark & Sherwood	81	3	0	78	0	20	14	0	181	181
	Rushcliffe	5	2	3	0	0	244	18	0	251	251
	Lincolnshire	769	72	37	660	547	829	378	806	1,174	2,527
	Boston	89	0	5	84	114	19	6	136	0	250
	East Lindsey	145	34	15	96	89	211	153	163	195	447
	Lincoln	30	27	3	0	44	216	12	488	0	532
	North Kesteven	66	0	5	61	0	223	82	0	381	381
	South Holland	121	9	3	109	0	87	70	0	387	387
	South Kesteven	255	0	6	249	300	24	20	19	49	368
	West Lindsey	63	2	0	61	0	49	35	0	162	162
	Leicester UA	318	318	0	0	0	1,109	54	0	1,601	1,601
	Rutland UA	39	1	0	38	0	19	9	13	76	89
	Leicestershire	626	10	29	587	132	588	165	711	727	1,570
	Blaby	26	0	0	26	30	170	38	203	0	233
	Charnwood	148	0	10	138	0	180	44	312	174	486
	Harborough	69	1	0	68	0	44	14	22	135	157
	Hinckley & Bosworth	105	4	15	86	0	12	9	0	158	158
	Melton	54	0	2	52	0	25	17	0	84	84
	North West Leices.	115	5	1	109	102	135	25	174	0	276
	Oadby & Wigston	109	0	1	108	0	22	18	0	176	176
	Northamptonshire	405	267	29	109	572	923	147	1,163	673	2,408
	Corby	114	114	0	0	350	60	10	135	2	487
	Daventry	53	15	0	38	25	16	12	98	1	124
	East Northants	38	1	1	36	0	37	24	0	125	125
	Kettering	36	8	28	0	35	47	15	87	24	146
	Northampton	106	106	0	0	83	470	44	655	65	803
	South Northants	7	1	0	6	0	190	27	0	409	409
	Wellingborough	51	22	0	29	79	103	15	188	47	314

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	Stoke-on-Trent UA	87	4	1	82	0	956	46	0	1,269	1,269
	Staffordshire	609	140	137	332	489	1,020	194	775	1,382	2,646
	Cannock Chase	235	20	32	183	160	8	8	5	150	315
	East Staffordshire	70	17	31	22	77	130	24	144	288	509
	Lichfield	30	4	0	26	0	91	23	0	184	184
	Newcastle-u-Lyme	47	7	4	36	74	403	61	458	0	532
	South Staffs	3	2	1	0	0	140	31	0	262	262
	Stafford	99	5	30	64	178	94	15	168	60	406
	Staff. Moorlands	3	2	0	1	0	32	24	0	58	58
	Tamworth	122	83	39	0	0	122	8	0	380	380
	Shropshire	253	16	35	202	107	274	62	348	552	1,007
	Bridgnorth	45	0	2	43	99	19	7	53	6	158
	North Shropshire	57	0	2	55	0	60	6	0	244	244
	Oswestry	103	6	12	85	0	7	8	0	148	148
	Shrewsbury	33	5	19	9	8	149	23	295	55	358
	South Shropshire	15	5	0	10	0	39	18	0	99	99
	Telford & Wrekin UA	34	34	0	0	34	321	18	465	27	526
	West Midlands PTE	2,602	2,411	191	0	3,418	5,579	809	11,847	889	16,154
	Birmingham	1,296	1,137	159	0	1,500	1,400	600	6,500	600	8,600
	Coventry	629	629	0	0	878	195	13	260	0	1,138
	Dudley	231	231	0	0	434	874	41	742	0	1,176
	Sandwell	45	13	32	0	68	859	46	1,005	0	1,073
	Solihull	170	170	0	0	235	1,123	41	1,460	0	1,695
	Walsall	121	121	0	0	53	608	52	880	289	1,222
	Wolverhampton	110	110	0	0	250	520	16	1,000	0	1,250
	Hereford UA	201	16	0	185	249	149	74	123	0	372
	Worcestershire	736	172	60	504	174	452	139	214	1,077	1,465
	Bromsgrove	65	1	4	60	0	97	14	0	171	171
	Malvern Hills	50	0	5	45	0	39	19	0	126	126
	Redditch	212	6	3	203	174	127	42	116	78	368
	Worcester	205	135	28	42	0	79	20	0	338	338
	Wychavon	106	5	20	81	0	76	37	98	144	242
	Wyre Forest	98	25	0	73	0	34	7	0	220	220
	Warwickshire	539	126	158	255	404	574	139	491	1,195	2,090
	North Warwicks.	67	7	0	60	90	39	22	37	0	127
	Nuneaton	180	88	35	57	0	72	23	0	845	845
	Rugby	46	4	3	39	114	109	11	171	0	285
	Stratford-on-Avon	81	17	0	64	200	134	48	283	0	483
	Warwick	165	10	120	35	0	220	35	0	350	350
East		6,208	1,047	641	4,520	4,138	9,192	1,839	9,924	7,662	21,724
	Norfolk	755	281	23	451	96	1,080	236	506	1,708	2,310
	Breckland	133	0	4	129	0	43	30	0	212	212
	Broadland	0	0	0	0	0	224	28	0	419	419
	Great Yarmouth	154	9	9	136	0	57	20	0	336	336
	Kings Lynn	62	0	10	52	96	190	59	205	0	301
	North Norfolk	78	23	0	55	0	116	58	0	245	245
	Norwich	249	249	0	0	0	393	11	301	327	628
	South Norfolk	79	0	0	79	0	57	30	0	169	169
	Peterborough UA	191	191	0	0	0	382	46	436	429	865

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Cambridgeshire		661	16	157	488	659	1,115	272	1,136	545	2,340	
Cambridge		282	10	157	115	492	135	33	248	0	740	
East Cambridge		83	1	0	82	19	60	27	59	100	178	
Fenland		250	2	0	248	142	104	35	104	0	246	
Huntingdonshire		44	3	0	41	0	296	51	0	445	445	
South Cambridge		2	0	0	2	6	520	126	725	0	731	
Suffolk		599	28	48	523	134	729	159	408	1,060	1,602	
Babergh		20	0	2	18	0	87	47	0	160	160	
Forest Heath		129	1	8	120	2	30	15	15	189	206	
Ipswich		150	19	25	106	132	301	8	279	43	454	
Mid Suffolk		73	0	2	71	0	13	9	0	83	83	
St Edmundsbury		37	3	0	34	0	167	24	0	289	289	
Suffolk Coastal		48	0	1	47	0	101	39	114	72	186	
Waveney		142	5	10	127	0	30	17	0	224	224	
Luton UA		141	141	0	0	250	1,040	28	2,900	150	3,300	
Bedfordshire		284	49	109	126	160	572	109	582	330	1,072	
Bedford		56	21	16	19	60	350	30	416	0	476	
Mid Bedfordshire		101	2	0	99	100	115	51	166	0	266	
South Bedfordshire		127	26	93	8	0	107	28	0	330	330	
Hertfordshire		1,627	161	111	1,355	1,624	1,585	365	1,685	584	3,893	
Broxbourne		226	12	5	209	247	114	48	107	48	402	
Dacorum		219	12	16	191	224	141	30	159	20	403	
East Hertfordshire		169	5	5	159	0	32	23	31	231	262	
Hertsmere		19	19	0	0	29	315	53	330	0	359	
North Herts.		225	1	26	198	293	107	25	80	25	398	
St Albans		222	33	37	152	281	103	29	79	0	360	
Stevenage		100	8	22	70	192	160	30	222	0	414	
Three Rivers		14	14	0	0	51	401	72	423	6	480	
Watford		213	50	0	163	57	92	25	54	254	365	
Welwyn Hatfield		220	7	0	213	250	120	30	200	0	450	
Southend-on-Sea UA		240	38	34	168	0	216	26	0	445	445	
Thurrock UA		96	5	9	82	0	250	45	300	250	550	
Essex		1,614	137	150	1,327	1,215	2,223	553	1,971	2,161	5,347	
Basildon		166	14	75	77	143	378	56	369	239	751	
Braintree		84	12	2	70	78	201	83	253	340	671	
Brentwood		209	3	3	203	0	42	87	0	361	361	
Castle Point		128	0	8	120	0	91	45	113	160	273	
Chelmsford		102	26	2	74	0	178	52	0	178	178	
Colchester		121	5	25	91	0	506	57	0	764	764	
Epping Forest		90	0	5	85	125	120	20	157	0	282	
Harlow		72	72	0	0	92	180	9	197	0	289	
Maldon		79	0	4	75	128	12	16	21	3	152	
Rochford		215	4	20	191	269	33	25	31	22	322	
Tendring		313	0	6	307	341	33	27	54	2	397	
Uttlesford		35	1	0	34	39	449	76	776	92	907	
South East		9,321	1,244	754	7,323	9,005	14,519	3,113	14,238	9,250	32,493	
Oxfordshire		641	112	27	502	160	662	122	447	1,335	1,942	
Cherwell		83	3	18	62	0	170	35	0	390	390	
Oxford		106	104	2	0	0	350	10	406	317	723	
South Oxfordshire		218	0	2	216	0	64	35	0	403	403	
Vale of White Horse		118	5	2	111	0	45	23	0	225	225	
West Oxfordshire		116	0	3	113	160	33	19	41	0	201	

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Milton Keynes UA		142	68	6	68	518	628	57	802	600	1,920
Buckinghamshire		525	24	10	491	613	959	262	1,007	737	2,357
Aylesbury Vale		120	5	10	105	0	450	87	390	430	820
Chiltern		143	4	0	139	203	77	40	108	0	311
South Bucks		212	6	0	206	390	112	63	104	0	494
Wycombe		50	9	0	41	20	320	72	405	307	732
West Berkshire UA		168	8	26	134	0	127	66	96	351	447
Bracknell Forest UA		88	20	32	36	0	174	37	92	216	308
Reading UA		155	145	10	0	191	489	30	489	60	740
Slough UA		82	8	14	60	120	681	66	756	14	890
Windsor & Md. UA		83	10	15	58	103	426	52	550	45	698
Wokingham UA		160	0	10	150	200	80	25	80	0	280
Portsmouth UA		234	79	10	145	472	800	18	1,500	0	1,972
Southampton UA		263	27	26	210	440	403	87	550	0	990
Hampshire		1,156	209	177	770	1,059	1,953	467	1,542	1,993	4,594
Basingstoke		55	38	17	0	0	251	61	310	101	411
East Hampshire		102	5	5	92	0	120	40	0	289	289
Eastleigh		107	8	2	97	106	366	43	440	0	546
Fareham		218	8	0	210	557	43	22	153	154	864
Gosport		63	4	26	33	79	84	9	90	39	208
Hart		150	2	4	144	88	80	39	94	119	301
Havant		40	1	4	35	0	426	50	0	589	589
New Forest		99	8	5	86	0	206	77	0	546	546
Rushmoor		164	113	51	0	161	55	15	50	13	224
Test Valley		33	0	8	25	68	154	60	273	0	341
Winchester		125	22	55	48	0	168	51	132	143	275
Surrey		1,109	160	33	916	451	2,223	522	2,033	1,434	3,918
Elmbridge		110	7	1	102	110	350	63	350	0	460
Epsom & Ewell		37	37	0	0	40	137	27	202	25	267
Guildford		136	69	20	47	0	214	50	213	187	400
Mole Valley		112	5	0	107	0	280	59	0	501	501
Reigate & Banstead		76	5	9	62	0	350	71	430	126	556
Runnymede		87	1	1	85	87	134	23	134	33	254
Spelthorne		65	3	0	62	65	147	35	147	0	212
Surrey Heath		127	5	0	122	0	88	51	93	149	242
Tandridge		120	1	0	119	149	64	36	49	0	198
Waverley		181	1	2	178	0	95	57	61	245	306
Woking		58	26	0	32	0	364	50	354	168	522
Medway Towns UA		505	5	3	497	491	128	53	187	0	678
Kent		1,707	208	189	1,310	1,773	1,919	750	2,024	937	4,734
Ashford		91	8	7	76	106	60	36	136	58	300
Canterbury		277	30	70	177	315	183	247	316	0	631
Dartford		129	78	51	0	99	135	20	134	82	315
Dover		52	4	8	40	0	270	40	0	285	285
Gravesham		141	3	3	135	168	52	23	63	0	231
Maidstone		45	45	0	0	46	365	78	317	35	398
Sevenoaks		180	3	0	177	246	82	44	66	0	312
Shepway		240	8	0	232	240	38	60	62	0	302
Swale		183	4	38	141	362	26	25	362	0	724
Thanet		108	14	2	92	115	415	45	430	0	545
Tonbridge & Malling		161	4	10	147	76	153	78	138	262	476
Tunbridge Wells		100	7	0	93	0	140	54	0	215	215

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West Sussex		927	90	45	792	739	1,524	216	1,104	508	2,351
Adur		64	7	1	56	77	70	8	84	4	165
Arun		450	2	0	448	0	50	20	50	450	500
Chichester		51	51	0	0	159	201	53	220	21	400
Crawley		79	14	12	53	120	660	16	100	0	220
Horsham		54	0	1	53	35	114	48	143	33	211
Mid Sussex		154	7	25	122	265	220	42	290	0	555
Worthing		75	9	6	60	83	209	29	217	0	300
Brighton & Hove UA		513	46	62	405	1,103	444	56	527	0	1,630
East Sussex		702	19	23	660	572	847	195	452	1,020	2,044
Eastbourne		84	5	0	79	130	284	12	320	35	485
Hastings		48	7	0	41	0	220	40	0	440	440
Lewes		228	3	7	218	298	59	12	64	7	369
Rother		145	4	7	134	144	88	43	68	29	241
Wealden		197	0	9	188	0	196	88	0	509	509
Isle of Wight UA		161	6	36	119	0	52	32	0	0	0
South West		6,109	810	616	4,683	4,442	5,771	1,412	5,516	6,839	16,797
Gloucestershire		549	16	14	519	78	569	136	281	567	926
Cheltenham		207	9	1	197	0	235	14	0	208	208
Cotswold		67	0	0	67	68	46	25	52	0	120
Forest of Dean		41	0	0	41	0	10	10	0	64	64
Gloucester		126	6	12	108	0	146	35	156	130	286
Stroud		103	1	1	101	0	82	28	6	165	171
Tewkesbury		5	0	0	5	10	50	24	67	0	77
Bath & NE Somerset UA		163	9	15	139	0	273	65	0	585	585
Bristol UA		600	92	258	250	1,030	662	58	1,353	0	2,383
South Glos. UA		323	0	0	323	334	83	46	44	115	493
North Somerset UA		150	2	6	142	150	310	47	310	0	460
Swindon UA		157	112	0	45	215	658	29	671	0	886
Wiltshire		632	65	73	494	262	262	109	195	786	1,243
Kenet		54	8	2	44	113	53	21	63	0	176
North Wiltshire		177	1	18	158	0	33	23	0	300	300
Salisbury		166	56	45	65	149	103	54	100	109	358
West Wiltshire		235	0	8	227	0	73	11	32	377	409
Cornwall		507	70	15	422	419	395	162	298	1,055	1,772
Caradon		118	20	4	94	0	22	18	0	193	193
Carrick		55	10	0	45	0	112	38	0	405	405
Kerrier		90	31	0	59	90	13	14	13	64	167
North Cornwall		132	1	7	124	191	9	10	21	22	234
Penwith		39	4	3	32	10	99	32	10	245	265
Restormel		73	4	1	68	128	140	50	254	126	508
Plymouth UA		360	294	66	0	488	722	11	852	0	1,340
Torbay UA		162	0	27	135	0	300	283	262	385	647
Devon		795	19	35	741	286	498	149	275	1,233	1,794
East Devon		187	0	1	186	0	28	20	28	261	289
Exeter		59	10	14	35	0	217	19	137	230	367
Mid Devon		42	1	1	40	0	46	13	0	109	109
North Devon		166	0	10	156	0	11	8	5	267	272
South Hams		131	0	2	129	171	18	12	22	0	193
Teignbridge		82	6	1	75	38	122	51	71	208	317
Torridge		50	0	5	45	0	40	19	0	120	120
West Devon		78	2	1	75	77	16	7	12	38	127

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	Somerset	872	106	35	731	288	195	120	54	1,150	1,492
	Mendip	170	20	0	150	0	40	40	0	300	300
	Sedgemoor	115	57	0	58	237	24	24	24	0	261
	South Somerset	435	4	0	431	0	71	18	0	648	648
	Taunton Deane	120	22	35	63	0	35	19	0	202	202
	West Somerset	32	3	0	29	51	25	19	30	0	81
	Bournemouth UA	249	10	33	206	460	313	56	419	235	1,114
	Poole UA	74	0	10	64	0	150	35	98	292	390
	Dorset	516	15	29	472	432	381	106	404	436	1,272
	Christchurch	89	9	13	67	0	23	15	10	180	190
	East Dorset	54	2	0	52	65	64	23	111	0	176
	North Dorset	91	1	5	85	91	45	22	27	69	187
	Purbeck	61	0	2	59	0	22	11	0	152	152
	West Dorset	141	0	6	135	179	52	18	55	0	234
	Weymouth	80	3	3	74	97	175	17	201	35	333
Wales		4,422	598	310	3,514	2,073	3,703	787	1,804	7,250	11,127
	Blaenau Gwent	144	2	7	135	234	10	4	21	0	255
	Bridgend	390	2	15	373	0	34	19	0	665	665
	Caerphilly	170	1	0	169	0	171	56	0	560	560
	Cardiff	702	302	0	400	0	783	11	0	1,601	1,601
	Carmarthenshire	238	5	0	233	0	33	25	0	444	444
	Ceredigion	143	0	5	138	211	4	3	5	0	216
	Conwy	152	5	19	128	170	148	85	230	0	400
	Denbighshire	230	25	0	205	0	97	23	0	449	449
	Flintshire	4	3	1	0	0	215	47	0	339	339
	Gwynedd	147	0	7	140	0	124	59	0	370	370
	Merthyr Tydfil	155	12	4	139	246	70	19	184	0	430
	Monmouthshire	78	0	0	78	0	112	24	0	223	223
	Neath Port Talbot	276	78	37	161	408	24	11	64	0	472
	Newport	200	10	12	178	146	280	19	284	120	550
	Pembrokeshire	198	5	6	187	0	33	76	0	350	350
	Powys	320	1	15	304	0	249	75	0	502	502
	Rhondda Cynon Taff	251	27	0	224	0	120	78	0	563	563
	Swansea	376	94	174	108	637	334	18	535	125	1,297
	Torfaen	31	0	7	24	0	132	30	0	277	277
	Vale of Glamorgan	119	1	0	118	0	187	27	0	475	475
	Wrexham	24	24	0	0	21	498	51	481	17	519
	Ynys Mon	74	1	1	72	0	45	27	0	170	170

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