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ANALYSIS OF COUNCIL TAX LEVELS OF LOCAL PRECEPTING AUTHORITIES 2026/2027

This analysis is based on council tax levels of local precepting authorities in 2026/27 published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Figures shown are for the 2026/2027 financial year. Where relevant, figures for previous years are shown in brackets.

Executive summary

- The total amount raised by precepting local councils is now £942 million, an increase of £83 million or 9.7% on the 2025/26 figure of £859 million.
- The average Band D precept charged by local precepting bodies (including local councils that raise a precept) is £99.79, an increase of £7.59 or 8.2% on the 2025/26 figure of £92.20.
- 173 local councils now raise a precept of at least £1 million, an increase of 23 on the 2025/26 figure of 150.
- Fourteen local councils started raising a precept for the first time in 2026/27.
- Four new local councils were created in previously unparished areas.
- The county area with the largest precept income is Swindon and Wiltshire, where 274 local councils collectively raise £52 million, while the county areas with the smallest precept income are Cleveland, where 54 councils collectively raise £2 million and the Isle of Wight, where 33 local councils collectively raise £8 million.
- 38 county areas have at least one super council (a local council that raises a precept of at least £1 million).

Local precepting bodies

There are 10,241 (10,236) local bodies which have the power to raise a precept (a small share of council tax) in England. This includes local (parish and town) councils, parish meetings, charter trustees and the Inner and Middle Temple.

Of these, 8,889 (8,896) or 86.8% (86.9%) are precepting parish and town councils and parish meetings, and these are collectively referred to in this paper as precepting local councils.

The number of local councils by precept range is as follows:

Precept	26/27	25/26	24/25
-£198 ¹	1(0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
£0	1,337(+14)	1,323 (-6)	1,329(-33)
£1-4,999	1,248 (-117)	1,365 (-111)	1,476(-126)
£5,000-£9,999	1,386 (-46)	1,432 (-91)	1,523(-69)
£10,000-£14,999	1,006 (-57)	1,063 (+23)	1,040(+16)
£15,000-£19,999	731 (+17)	714 (+35)	679(+28)
£20,000-£24,999	512 (+40)	472 (-24)	496(-5)
£25,000-£124,999	2,533 (+83)	2,450 (+99)	2,351(+89)
£125,000-£249,999	596(+7)	589 (+10)	579(+31)
£250,000-£999,999	703 (+43)	660 (+42)	618(+38)
£1,000,000-£1,999,999	139 (+18)	121 (+18)	103(+14)
£2,000.000-£2,999,999	18 (+1)	17 (+6)	11(0)
£3,000.000-£6,499,999	15(+4)	11 (+1)	10(+6)
£6,500,000 plus	1(0)	1 (+1)	0(0)
Total	10,226	10,219	10,216

Total precepts

The overall amount raised by all precepting bodies (local councils, charter trustees, temples and principal authorities) is £46.8 billion (£44.1 billion) - an increase of £2.7 billion (£2.9 billion).

The overall amount raised by major precepting bodies (principal authorities) is £45.9 billion (£43.3 billion), an increase of £2.6 billion (£2.8 billion).

¹ Beesby with Saleby Parish Council (East Lindsey) is recorded as having a negative parish precept because the district council collects rental income from parish land on behalf of the parish and distributes this back to residents as a reduction on their council tax.

The overall amount raised by local precepting bodies (parish and town councils, parish meetings, charter trustees and temples) in England this year is £942 million (£859 million), an increase of £83 million or 9.7% (£76 million or 9.7%). This is 2% (1.9%) of the total amount raised by all precepting bodies.

Of this, £940 million (£856 million) is raised by precepting local councils, an increase of £84 million or 9.8% (£75 million or 9.60%).

The 20 largest precepting local councils raised £78,710,285 (£70,779,927).

This is 8.4% (8.03%) of the overall precept raised by all precepting local councils.

In 2026/27 eighteen local councils raised a precept of between £2,000,000 and £2,999,999: Aylesbury (Buckinghamshire); Lowestoft (East Suffolk); Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham); Penzance (Cornwall); Central Swindon North (Swindon); Witney (West Oxfordshire); Bracknell (Bracknell Forest); Banbury (Cherwell); Portishead (North Somerset); Huntingdon (Huntingdonshire); St Neots (Huntingdonshire); Great Aycliffe (Durham); Abingdon (Vale of White Horse); Peterlee (Durham); Ware (East Hertfordshire); Yate (South Gloucestershire); Cirencester (Cotswold) and Bodmin (Cornwall).

In 2025/26 seventeen local councils raised a precept of between £2,000,000 and £2,999,999: Leighton Linlade (Central Bedfordshire); Newquay (Cornwall); Frome (Somerset); Aylesbury (Buckinghamshire); Penzance (Cornwall); Lowestoft (East Suffolk); Shrewsbury (Shropshire); Banbury (Cherwell); Witney (West Oxfordshire); Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham); Bracknell (Bracknell Forest); Central Swindon North (Swindon); Huntingdon (Huntingdonshire); St Neots (Huntingdonshire); Great Aycliffe (Durham); Abingdon (Vale of White Horse) and Ware (East Hertfordshire).

In 2026/27 sixteen local councils raised a precept of between £3,000,000 and £6,900,000: Taunton (Somerset); Salisbury City Council (Wiltshire); Shrewsbury (Shropshire); Bridgwater (Somerset); Chippenham (Wiltshire); Weston super Mare (North Somerset); Weymouth (Dorset); Central Swindon South (Swindon); Trowbridge (Wiltshire); Dunstable (Central Bedfordshire); Yeovil (Somerset); Truro (Cornwall); Newquay (Cornwall); Leighton Linlade (Central Bedfordshire); Frome (Somerset).

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There are 173 local councils which currently (in 2026/2027) raise a precept of over £1,000,000.

Average precepts

The average precept for all local councils is £91,914 (£83,852), an increase of £8,062 or 9.6% (£7,375 or 9.6%).

The average precept for local councils in areas with a unitary authority (including metropolitan boroughs) is £102,737 (£93,383), an increase of £9,354 or 10.0% (£8,740 or 10.3%).

The average precept for local councils in areas with a two-tier principal authority (a district and county council) is £83,058 (£76,055), an increase of £7,003 or 9.2% (£4,268 or 5.9%).

Precept changes

1,363 (1,454) or 15.3% (16.3%) of precepting local councils kept the 2026/27 precept the same as 2025/26.

462 (411) or 5.2% (4.6%) of precepting local councils reduced their precept.

Of the 7,083 (7,026) or 79.7% (79.0%) of precepting local councils that increased their precept, 2,544 (2,557) or 35.9% (36.4%) increased it by less than £1,000.

The largest precept increase was made by Shrewsbury Town Council (Shropshire), which raised its precept from £2,389,594 to £4,772,978, taking its Band D rate from £87.04 to £172.23. This is due to the council taking on street cleaning services (including litter picking and emptying of public bins) from Shropshire Council.

In 2025/6 the largest precept increase was made by Weston-Super-Mare (North Somerset) which raised its precept from £3,135,840 to £4,450,668, taking its Band D tax rate from £117.58 to £163.98.

New and disbanded parishes

In 2026/27, nine (eight) new local councils were created, and two (five) were disbanded.

Nine new local councils were created in 2026/27: Ashleyhay (Amber Valley), Windley (Amber Valley), Bournemouth Town (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), Broadstone Town (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), Poole Town (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), Deer Park (Gelding), St Albans (Gedling), Horsham (Horsham), and Cary Moor (Somerset).

Of these, four (four) were in previously unparished areas: Bournemouth Town (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), Broadstone Town (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), Poole Town (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), and Horsham (Horsham). Collectively, they raise a precept of £4,364,085.

Two local councils were disbanded in 2026/27: Boyatt Wood (Eastleigh) and St Albans (Gedling).

Collectively, this resulted in a reduction of £148,713 (£293,947) in the precept collected by local councils.

Band D

The Average Band D² council tax for only those local councils which raised a precept is £101.71 (£95.32), an increase of £6.39 or 6.7% (£6.14 or 6.9%).

The average Band D council tax for all local councils, including those that do not raise a precept, is £94.99 (£93.76), an increase of £1.23 or 1.3% (£6.02 or 6.9%).

The average Band D council tax for only those local bodies (local councils, charter trustees and temples) that raise a precept is £99.79 (£92.22), an increase of £7.59 or 8.2% (£6.33 or 7.4%).

The average Band D council tax for all local bodies (local councils, charter trustees and temples), including those that do not raise a precept, is £97.63 (£90.21), an increase of £7.42 or 8.2% (£6.19 or 7.4%).

The average Band D council tax for precepting local councils in areas with a unitary authority (including metropolitan boroughs) is £107.25 (£101.61), an increase of £5.64 or 5.5% (£6.46 or 6.8%).

The average Band D council tax for precepting local councils in areas with a two-tier principal authority (district and county council) is £96.66 (£89.74), an increase of £6.92 or 7.71% (£2.70 or 3.22%).

The largest Band D increase was made by Radcliffe on Trent (Rushcliffe), which raised its Band D council tax rate by £200.12 from £111.88 to £312.00. This is due to the council needing the funding to continue maintaining the area's facilities and organising council-run events, following previous years of no or low precept increases. The council's 2025/6 budget had also factored in grant funding that was ultimately not applied for. This led to a significant deficit that resulted in the council putting non-essential spending on pause for three quarters of the year to prevent a significant overspend.

² The average Band D is calculated by dividing the aggregate (total) of all precepts by the tax base.

Band D changes

The overall profile of Band D changes is set out below:

Band D Change	Number of councils 26/27	Number of councils 25/26	Number of councils 24/25
< 0% ³	1,469 (-583)	2,052 (+405)	1,647 (-563)
0%	361 (-51)	412 (+94)	318 (-186)
<1%	496 (-13)	509 (-16)	525 (-180)
1.0 - 1.99%	522(+43)	479 (+27)	452 (-44)
2.0 - 2.99%	670 (-24)	694 (+ 197)	497 (-6)
3.0 - 3.99%	721 (+131)	590 (+51)	539 (+21)
4.0 - 9.99%	2,586 (+294)	2,292 (-359)	2,651 (+541)
10% - 19.99%	1,135 (+84)	1,051 (+113)	1,164 (+55)
20% - 49.99%	715 (+84)	631 (-131)	762 (+196)
50% plus	195 (+5)	190 (-100)	290 (+76)

Looking at the 4,631 (4,164) precepting local councils that increased their Band D tax rate by more than 3%, the Band D tax rate varied from £1.36 to £488.15 (£1.95 to £557.10).

Band D Tax Rate Increase (£)	Number of councils 26/27	Number of councils 25/26	Number of councils 24/25
£0.01 - £4.99	4,388 (+320)	4,068 (140)	4,208 (+225)
£5.00 - £9.99	1,381 (+174)	1,207 (-196)	1,403 (+319)
£10.00 - £14.99	531 (+9)	522 (-23)	545 (+136)
£15.00 - £24.99	445 (+68)	377 (-22)	399 (+113)

³ Of the (2,032) precepting local councils that reduced their Band D, 1,354 or 92.2% (1,941 or 95.5%) saw their tax base (the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in a local authority area) increase.

£25.00+	316 (+41)	275 (-40)	315 (+170)
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Of the 4,632 (4,163) precepting local councils that increased their Band D tax rate by more than 3%, 281 or 6.1% (253 or 6.1%) increased the Band D tax rate by more than £25.

The top five financial increases are as below:

Local council	Band D Tax Rate 26/27 (£)	Band D Tax Rate Increase (£)	Band D Tax Rate Increase (%)
Radcliffe on Trent (Rushcliffe)	£312.00	£200.12	178.87%
Alford (East Lindsey)	£353.68	£137.56	63.65%
Carlton, Richmondshire (North Yorkshire)	£336.83	£131.05	63.68%
Cambourne (South Cambridgeshire)	£319.17	£128.63	67.51%
Seale and Sands (Guildford)	£176.87	£127.66	259.42%

The table below shows those local councils with a Band D of £150 or more which had a double-digit Band D percentage increase in 2026/27 (from highest to lowest Band D +10%):

Local council	Band D Tax Rate 2026/27	£ Increase	% Increase
Easington Colliery (Durham)	£389.77	£54.66	16.31%
Redruth (Cornwall)	£384.74	£85.68	28.65%
Alford (East Lindsey)	£353.68	£137.56	63.65%
Newquay (Cornwall)	£349.10	£48.12	15.99%
Carlton, Richmondshire (North Yorkshire)	£336.83	£131.05	63.68%

Cambourne (South Cambridgeshire)	£319.17	£128.63	67.51%
Fakenham (North Norfolk)	£318.90	£110.32	52.89%
Radcliffe on Trent (Rushcliffe)	£312.00	£200.12	178.87%
Preston Brook (Halton)	£308.63	£111.48	56.55%
Sturminster Newton (Dorset)	£303.52	£30.62	11.22%
Wareham Town (Dorset)	£299.98	£52.43	21.18%
Helston (Cornwall)	£290.87	£38.96	15.47%
Calne (Wiltshire)	£288.81	£28.62	11.00%
Camborne (Cornwall)	£281.75	£26.02	10.17%
Stroud (Gloucestershire)	£281.58	£37.76	15.49%
Stotfold (Central Bedfordshire)	£281.20	£25.56	10.00%
Bruton (Somerset)	£280.98	£26.81	10.55%
Goole (East Riding of Yorkshire)	£278.58	£26.00	10.29%
Sutton-cum-Duckmanton (North East Derbyshire)	£271.48	£110.13	68.26%
West Haddon (West Northamptonshire)	£268.99	£35.99	15.45%
Liskeard (Cornwall)	£268.06	£77.03	40.32%
Ilminster (Somerset)	£266.90	£29.81	12.57%
Wellington (Somerset)	£263.52	£51.64	24.37%
Nailsworth (Stroud)	£262.19	£36.59	16.22%
Tavistock (West Devon)	£260.92	£38.50	17.31%
Hatfield Broad Oak (Uttlesford)	£259.82	£120.91	87.04%
Melksham (Wiltshire)	£259.37	£59.45	29.74%
Barnstaple (North Devon)	£257.00	£32.56	14.51%

Dursley (Stroud)	£256.81	£33.62	15.06%
Colne (Pendle)	£251.87	£31.53	14.31%
Wilton (Wiltshire)	£248.35	£92.34	59.19%
Central Swindon North (Swindon)	£247.76	£31.73	14.69%
Shaftesbury (Dorset)	£247.32	£27.65	£12.59
Croft (Blaby)	£243.69	£52.56	27.50%
Honiton (East Devon)	£243.43	£80.11	49.05%
Trowse with Newton (South Norfolk)	£241.76	£77.86	47.50%
Wallingford (South Oxfordshire)	£240.61	£35.33	17.21%
Broseley (Shropshire)	£239.60	£37.04	18.29%
Hamble le Rice (Eastleigh)	£237.48	£48.03	25.35%
Radstock (Bath and North-East Somerset)	£236.13	£48.09	25.57%
Rampton (Bassetlaw)	£235.43	£63.97	37.31%
Bromyard and Winslow (Herefordshire)	£229.58	£24.89	12.16%
Horningsham (Wiltshire)	£228.99	£34.93	18.00%
Aylsham (Broadland)	£227.68	£43.69	23.75%
Portishead (North Somerset)	£225.50	£83.43	58.72%
Bury (Huntingdonshire)	£224.47	£46.10	25.85%
St. Stephen in Brannel (Cornwall)	£224.35	£32.46	16.92%
Easington Village (Durham)	£220.00	£20.00	10.00%
Weymouth (Dorset)	£219.70	£20.00	10.02%
Hollinswood and Randlay (Telford and Wrekin)	£219.66	£34.46	18.61%

Bredhurst (Maidstone)	£218.88	£56.76	35.01%
Long Stratton (South Norfolk)	£218.88	£56.76	35.01%
Fair Oak and Horton Heath (Eastleigh)	£218.75	£30.71	16.33%
Amesbury (Wiltshire)	£218.13	£78.66	56.40%
Hartley Wintney (Hart)	£217.94	£42.85	24.47%
Newhaven (Lewes)	£216.08	£33.05	18.06%
Ivybridge (South Hams)	£214.78	£35.27	19.65%
Norton sub Hamdon (Somerset)	£213.49	£20.75	10.77%
Capel (Tunbridge Wells)	£211.12	£30.23	16.71%
Tuxford (Bassetlaw)	£207.59	£103.34	99.13%
Fulmer (Buckinghamshire)	£207.50	£19.80	10.55%
St. Mary Hoo (Medway)	£207.23	£41.45	25.00%
Edington (Somerset)	£206.87	£46.46	28.96%
Crimplesham (Kings Lynn and West Norfolk)	£203.39	£101.23	99.09%
Isle of Grain (Medway)	£202.10	£23.09	12.90%
Mitcheldean (Forest of Dean)	£197.91	£40.15	25.45%
Chesham (Buckinghamshire)	£197.74	£37.96	23.76%
Framlingham (East Suffolk)	£196.57	£42.22	27.35%
Lynton and Lynmouth (North Devon)	£195.55	£79.75	68.87%
Penryn (Cornwall)	£195.32	£54.92	39.12%
Mudford (Somerset)	£193.44	£26.39	15.80%
Cleobury Mortimer (Shropshire)	£192.02	£29.17	17.91%

Staunton Coleford (Forest of Dean)	£191.79	£31.03	19.30%
Ramsden (West Oxfordshire)	£191.40	£60.86	46.62%
Ewyas Harold (group as EWEYAS HAROLD GROUP with Dulas. Llancillo and Rowlestone) (Herefordshire)	£191.02	£36.97	24.00%
Axminster (East Devon)	£188.53	£73.18	63.44%
Cullompton (Mid Devon)	£188.41	£17.17	10.03%
Heckington (North Kesteven)	£187.51	£39.10	26.35%
Waddesdon (Buckinghamshire)	£187.08	£102.65	121.58%
Woodbridge (East Suffolk)	£186.79	£20.75	12.50%
Kington (Herefordshire)	£186.54	£29.59	18.85%
Stalbridge (Dorset)	£186.37	£41.13	28.32%
Charing (Ashford)	£184.27	£18.19	10.95%
Rye (Rother)	£183.96	£39.63	27.46%
Essendon (Welwyn Hatfield)	£181.71	£40.84	28.99%
Saxmundham (East Suffolk)	£181.65	£16.51	10.00%
Pucklechurch (South Gloucestershire)	£181.35	£26.17	16.86%
Lilbourne (West Northamptonshire)	£181.33	£20.57	12.80%
Shifnal (Shropshire)	£181.24	£21.30	13.32%
Corfe Mullen (Dorset)	£180.93	£28.56	18.74%
Cainscross (Stroud)	£179.94	£20.50	12.86%
Midsomer Norton (Bath and North- East Somerset)	£179.89	£31.98	21.62%

Polegate (Wealden)	£179.89	£21.10	13.29%
Steeple Claydon (Buckinghamshire)	£179.19	£32.94	22.52%
Avon Dassett (Stratford-on-Avon)	£179.15	£21.15	13.39%
Littleport (East Cambridgeshire)	£179.02	£25.86	16.88%
Wimborne Minster (Dorset)	£178.64	£30.14	20.30%
Westfield (Bath and North-East Somerset)	£177.51	£34.77	24.36%
Woodsetts (Rotherham)	£177.38	£40.93	30.00%
Seaton (East Devon)	£177.14	£43.75	32.80%
Methwold (Kings Lynn and West Norfolk)	£177.01	£25.64	16.94%
Seale and Sands (Guildford)	£176.87	£127.66	259.42%
Ketley (Telford and Wrekin)	£176.68	£18.98	12.04%
Haydon Wick (Swindon)	£176.13	£22.69	14.79%
Lytchett Minster and Upton (Dorset)	£175.56	£16.18	10.15%
Kirmington (North Lincolnshire)	£175.28	£35.62	25.50%
Stilton (Huntingdonshire)	£174.98	£25.16	16.79%
Haltwhistle (Northumberland)	£174.42	£18.59	11.93%
Stirchley and Brookside (Telford and Wrekin)	£173.47	£18.32	11.81%
Feckenham (Redditch)	£173.32	£16.29	10.37%
Eversley (Hart)	£172.67	£61.21	54.92%
Shrewsbury (Shropshire)	£172.23	£85.19	97.87%
Watton (Breckland)	£170.61	£19.63	13.00%
Foulden (Breckland)	£170.13	£98.00	135.87%

Warboys (Huntingdonshire)	£168.94	£21.37	14.48%
Burford (West Oxfordshire)	£168.23	£44.84	36.34%
Tilney All Saints (Kings Lynn and West Norfolk)	£168.11	£21.41	14.59%
Ault Hucknall (Bolsover)	£167.80	£18.46	12.36%
Upton (Vale of White Horse)	£167.31	£48.05	40.29%
Barrington (South Cambridgeshire)	£167.28	£16.78	11.15%
Harlestone (West Northamptonshire)	£167.13	£22.14	15.27%
Hanwell (Cherwell)	£166.94	£41.94	33.55%
Culmstock (Mid Devon)	£166.69	£21.86	15.09%
Eynsham (West Oxfordshire)	£166.65	£21.39	14.73%
Ashburton (Teignbridge)	£165.67	£15.70	10.47%
New Romney (Folkestone and Hythe)	£165.43	£25.83	18.50%
Oving (Buckinghamshire)	£165.41	£27.96	20.34%
Ettington (Stratford-on-Avon)	£165.24	£35.46	27.32%
Weasenham All Saints (Breckland)	£164.23	£15.62	10.51%
Croughton (West Northamptonshire)	£163.96	£28.69	21.21%
Turners Hill (Mid Sussex)	£163.92	£21.38	15.00%
Fordingbridge (New Forest)	£163.86	£19.89	13.82%
Newton (Fenland)	£162.06	£58.47	56.44%
Strixton (North Northamptonshire)	£161.76	£29.41	22.22%
Bungay (East Suffolk)	£161.12	£26.45	19.64%
Huncote (Blaby)	£161.06	£14.64	10.00%

Britford (Wiltshire)	£160.95	£16.21	11.20%
Westgate (Thanet)	£159.84	£15.84	11.00%
Womersley (North Yorkshire)	£159.72	£34.40	27.45%
Market Rasen (West Lindsey)	£159.10	£14.60	10.10%
Newton St. Loe (Bath and North East Somerset)	£158.72	£16.69	11.75%
Greens Norton (West Northamptonshire)	£158.71	£27.35	20.82%
Datchet (Windsor and Maidenhead)	£158.66	£42.08	36.10%
Duston (West Northamptonshire)	£158.49	£39.50	33.20%
Ashford in the Water (Derbyshire Dales)	£157.91	£28.33	21.86%
Stewartby and Kempston Hardwick (Bedford)	£157.53	£18.79	13.54%
Welton (West Lindsey)	£155.35	£21.78	16.31%
Poringland (South Norfolk)	£155.33	£26.07	20.17%
Westfield (Rother)	£154.86	£51.59	49.96%
Hadlow Down (Wealden)	£154.70	£44.29	40.11%
Chudleigh (Teignbridge)	£154.35	£47.31	44.20%
Cowley (Cotswold)	£154.26	£68.98	80.89%
Kingsteignton (Teignbridge)	£154.19	£57.17	58.93%
Navenby (North Kesteven)	£153.69	£24.14	18.63%
Stanton Fitzwarren (Swindon)	£153.36	£15.00	10.84%
Down Ampney (Cotswold)	£153.20	£10.47	7.34%
Kelvedon Hatch (Brentwood)	£152.85	£49.58	48.01%
Pleasley (Bolsover)	£151.55	£14.50	10.58%

Colwich (Stafford)	£151.15	£23.59	18.49%
Ilfracombe (North Devon)	£151.09	£14.50	10.62%
Wickham St. Paul (Braintree)	£150.91	£24.04	18.95%
Burringham (North Lincolnshire)	£150.89	£27.75	22.54%
Sapcote (Blaby)	£150.85	£24.87	19.74%
New Milton (New Forest)	£150.72	£15.70	11.63%
Somerton (Cherwell)	£150.71	£24.96	19.85%
Anwick (North Kesteven)	£150.23	£33.81	29.04%

Of the 167 local councils included in the table above, 73 are in areas with a unitary authority and 94 in areas with a two-tier principal authority.

Information by county association

The table below shows the average percentage precept increase and average percentage Band D increase by county association area:

County	Average precept increase from 25/26 to 26/27	Average Band D increase from 25/26 to 26/27	Average precept increase from 24/25 to 25/26	Average Band D increase from 24/25 to 25/26
Avon	+8.46%	+7.49%	+7.52%	+7.23%
Bedfordshire	+6.84%	+4.60%	+6.39%	+26.53% ⁴
Berkshire	+7.22%	+7.32%	+5.31%	+6.96%
Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes	+6.42%	+5.05%	+5.00%	+5.45%
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	+6.15%	+4.70%	+5.88%	+7.69%
Cheshire	+9.92%	+8.57%	+7.18%	+7.75%

⁴ Includes Aspley Guise Parish Council, which increased its Band D by 2,728.95% in 2025/26.

Cleveland	+4.82%	+2.99%	+4.87%	+3.21%
Cornwall	+8.10%	+7.05%	11.05%	+5.60%
County Durham	+7.84%	+5.93%	+5.32%	+5.06%
Cumbria	+6.73%	+6.83%	+5.06%	+0.00%
Derbyshire	+6.46%	+6.13%	+6.87%	+7.09%
Devon	+13.83%	+12.72%	+2.09%	+5.39%
Dorset	+5.73%	+4.46%	+5.51%	+3.18%
East Sussex	+8.81%	+7.69%	+6.05%	+5.97%
ERNLLCA	+8.27%	+8.11%	+6.33%	+5.67%
Essex	+8.06%	+6.44%	+5.89%	+5.93%
Gloucestershire	+10.97% ⁵	+9.06% ²	-1.27%	+4.02%
Hampshire	+9.30%	+7.87%	+7.27%	+7.70%
Herefordshire	+6.60%	+5.16%	+3.72%	+4.05%
Hertfordshire	+9.27%	+7.43%	+6.56%	+7.72%
Isle of Wight	+8.90%	+8.04%	+7.23%	+2.37%
Kent	+8.66%	+7.66%	+6.14%	+7.14%
Lancashire and Merseyside	+6.65%	+5.36%	+6.30%	+6.89%
Leicestershire and Rutland	+2.91%	+2.06%	+4.88%	+5.28%
Lincolnshire	+5.76%	+4.33%	+4.67%	+5.14%
Norfolk	+10.33%	+8.64%	+7.33%	+6.43%
Northamptonshire	+7.09%	+6.44%	+5.96%	+6.97%

⁵ Includes Eastington Parish Council, which increased its Band D by 482.87% and its precept by 500.00% in 2026/7.

Northumberland	+9.70% ⁶	+9.16% ³	+3.98%	-0.67%
Nottinghamshire	+5.30%	+4.43%	+5.95%	+6.27%
Oxfordshire	+6.36%	+5.10%	+7.44%	+8.11%
Shropshire	+6.60%	+6.16%	+6.70%	+7.33%
Somerset	+4.53%	+2.02%	9.08%	+10.25%
Staffordshire	+8.35%	+7.60%	+5.91%	+6.93%
Suffolk	+6.92%	+6.22%	+6.31%	+4.53%
Surrey ⁷	+15.19% ⁸	+15.37% ⁵	+6.93%	+6.77%
Warwickshire and West Midlands	+8.65%	+7.61%	+6.82%	+9.75%
West Sussex	+9.27%	+9.02%	+7.87%	+5.43%
Wiltshire	+8.94%	+8.61%	+7.11%	+8.36%
Worcestershire	+9.78%	+8.81%	+5.96%	+7.13%
Yorkshire	+6.93%	+6.55%	+7.04%	+14.16% ⁹

The table below shows the average Band D, highest overall Band D and highest precepting council in each county association area for 2026/27:

County	Average Band D ¹⁰	Highest overall Band D	Highest precepting council
Avon (£27,973,054)	£124.38	Filton (£321.33)	Weston super Mare (£4,465,654)

⁶ Includes Widdrington Village Parish Council, which increased its Band D by 212.94% and its precept by 214.25% in 2026/7.

⁷ The average precept and Band D increase for Surrey includes Queens Park Community Council.

⁸ Includes Seale and Sands Parish Council, which increased its Band D by 259.42% and its precept by 257.40% in 2026/7.

⁹ Includes Harrogate Town Council, which increased its Band D by 2667.39% in 2025/26 and Scarborough Town Council, which increased its Band D by 1461.08% in 2025/6.

¹⁰ The Average Band D has been calculated by dividing the aggregate of (total) parish precepts in each county area by the aggregate (total) taxbase in each county area.

Bedfordshire (£22,035,812)	£137.82	Stotfold (£281.20)	Dunstable (£3,611,546)
Berkshire (£20,705,467)	£87.49	Datchet (£158.66)	Bracknell (£2,409,671)
Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes (£37,736,488)	£120.74	Woughton (£368.15)	Aylesbury (£2,900,061)
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (£26,348,249)	£97.99	Cambourne (£319.17)	Huntingdon (£2,228,018)
Cheshire (£23,107,116)	£71.32	Preston Brook (£308.63)	Congleton (£1,585,910)
Cleveland (£2,058,532)	£30.44	Dalton Piercy (£135.40)	Billingham (£371,179)
Cornwall (£45,247,964)	£201.37	Falmouth (£444.06)	Falmouth (£4,057,218).
County Durham (£18,792,551)	£141.88	Peterlee (£448.04)	Great Aycliffe (£2,190,100)
Cumbria (£11,067,289)	£65.32	Silothe on Solway (£239.53)	Workington (£1,124,740)
Derbyshire (£19,985,872)	£92.30	Elmton (£551.46)	Dronfield (£1,097,130)
Devon (£33,073,055)	£116.19	Tavistock (£260.92)	Barnstaple (£1,841,131)
Dorset (£28,287,020)	£89.45	Sturminster Newton (£303.52)	Weymouth (£4,375,270)
East Sussex (£20,773,075)	£138.58	Forest Row (£306.61)	Crowborough (£1,834,563)
ERNLLCA (£13,033,769)	£72.68	Goole (£278.58)	Goole (£1,611,000)

Essex (£30,959,319)	£83.85	Hatfield Broad Oak (£259.82)	Saffron Walden (£1,543,009)
Gloucestershire (£20,282,171)	£108.24	Stroud (£281.58)	Cirencester (£2,050,280)
Hampshire (£38,010,813)	£107.19	Hamble Le Rice (£237.48)	Totton and Eling (£1,839,351)
Herefordshire (£6,912,461)	£93.02	Bromyard and Winslow (£229.58)	Hereford (£1,259,350)
Hertfordshire (£22,822,690)	£95.45	Ware (£278.47)	Ware (£2,121,219)
Isle of Wight (£8,054,987)	£138.72	Sandown (£263.97)	Ryde (£1,684,874)
Kent (£38,763,127)	£86.52	Paddock Wood (£245.35)	Sevenoaks (£1,624,084)
Lancashire and Merseyside (£17,091,904)	£52.40	Wennington (£395.11)	Colne (£1,260,132)
Leicestershire and Rutland (£22,630,088)	£115.12	Croft (£243.69)	Braunstone (£1,167,526)
Lincolnshire (£18,100,626)	£87.18	Alford (£353.68)	Sleaford (£970,844)
Norfolk (£27,394,845)	£103.71	Fakenham (£318.90)	Thetford (£1,340,683)
Northamptonshire (£24,625,721)	£93.37	West Haddon (£268.99)	Northampton Town (£1,944,400)
Northumberland (£12,356,362)	£97.24	Newbiggin by the Sea (£198.51)	Blyth (£1,526,573)
Nottinghamshire (£12,706,917)	£95.77	Radcliffe on Trent (£312.00)	Newark (£1,381,498)

Oxfordshire (£28,592,427)	£118.15	Wallingford (£240.61)	Witney (£2,427,251)
Shropshire (£23,484,832)	£129.13	Great Dawley (£339.25)	Shrewsbury (£4,772,978)
Somerset (£41,770,498)	£191.81	Bridgwater (£431.63)	Taunton (£6,922,706)
Staffordshire (£13,199,760)	£58.16	Colwich (£151.15)	Lichfield (£1,075,013)
Suffolk (£24,456,226)	£102.77	Stowmarket (£227.06)	Lowestoft (£2,664,909)
Surrey ¹¹ (£12,687,907)	£72.34	Seale and Sands (£176.87)	Farnham (£1,703,930)
Warwickshire and West Midlands (£15,739,099)	£67.04	Avon Dassett (£179.15)	Sutton Coldfield (£2,631,825)
West Sussex (£24,876,388)	£92.02	Kirdford (£181.88)	Littlehampton (£1,729,069)
Wiltshire (£52,366,646)	£189.94	Salisbury (£401.22)	Salisbury (£6,306,962)
Worcestershire (£11,623,259)	£75.03	Tenbury (£188.06)	Malvern (£1,560,438)
Yorkshire (£39,064,549)	£61.69	Carlton, Richmondshire (£336.83)	Keighley (£1,368,267)

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¹¹ The total precept figure for Surrey includes Queens Park Community Council.