

# Swindon Borough Council: local authority assessment

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## About Swindon Borough Council

### Demographics

Swindon is a town in the South West of England with a population of 238,417. It has an Index of Multiple Deprivation score of 4 (10 is the most deprived) and it is ranked 107 out of 153 local authorities, with 1 being the most deprived and 153 being the least deprived.

The proportion of people aged 18-64 is 61.50%, which is slightly higher than the national average (60.51%). There are more people aged 0-17 (22.22%) than the national average (20.80%) and fewer people aged 65 and over (16.28%) than the national average (18.69%). The majority of people (81.46%) are White (national average, 81.05%) and the largest minority ethnic group is Asian and Asian British (11.96%, national average: 9.61%).

Swindon Borough Council is located within the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care System which serves a combined population of 940,000.

It is a unitary authority and has a leader and cabinet model of democratic governance. It has been run by a Labour administration since May 2023. It received an 'Inadequate' Ofsted rating following the last inspection of its children's services in July 2024. A monitoring visit in September 2024 showed progress was being made.

## Financial facts

- The local authority estimated that in 2023/24, its total budget would be **£292,811,000**. Its actual spend for that year was **£325,791,000**, which was **£32,980,000** more than estimated.
- The local authority estimated that it would spend **£88,735,000** of its total budget on adult social care in 2023/24. Its actual spend was **£92,020,000**, which is **£3,285,000** more than estimated.
- In 2023/2024, **28.25%** of the budget was spent on adult social care.
- The local authority has raised the full adult social care precept for 2023/24, with a value of **2%**. Please note that the amount raised through ASC precept varies from local authority to local authority.
- Approximately **2710** people were accessing long-term adult social care support, and approximately **775** people were accessing short-term adult social care support in 2023/2024. Local authorities spend money on a range of adult social care services, including supporting people. No two care packages are the same and vary significantly in their intensity, duration, and cost.

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