

Warwickshire County Council: local authority assessment

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About Warwickshire County Council

Demographics

Warwickshire is a two-tier local authority in the West Midlands region of England, comprising 5 districts: North Warwickshire, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon, and Warwick. The county has a population of approximately 632,207 (Office for National Statistics, mid-2023). Warwickshire ranks 121st out of 153 local authorities in the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), indicating relatively low overall deprivation. However, significant inequalities persist, particularly in parts of Nuneaton and Bedworth, where some neighbourhoods fall within the most deprived 10% nationally.

The population of Warwickshire grew by 10.6% between 2011 and 2021, reflecting steady growth across the county. People aged 65 and over make up 20.6% of the population, while 20.5% are aged 17 and under. People aged 18–64 account for 58.9%. Ethnically, the area is predominantly White (89.1%), with Asian and Black communities forming the largest minority groups. The proportion of residents born outside the UK has also increased since 2011, with growth in communities from Eastern Europe and South Asia.

Warwickshire County Council is part of the Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System (ICS), which includes Coventry City Council and NHS partners across the region. Delivery is structured around 3 Place-based Partnerships; Warwickshire North, Rugby and South Warwickshire.

Following the May 2025 local elections, Warwickshire County Council is under no overall control, with Reform UK emerging as the largest party. Reform UK secured 23 of the 57 seats. The council leader is a Reform UK councillor, appointed with support from the Conservative group, which now holds 9 seats.

Financial facts

The Financial facts for Warwickshire County Council are:

- The local authority's total spend was **£886,919,000** in 2023/24, in comparison to a total spend of **£795,605,000** in 2022/23. In 2023/24, **24.36%** of the spend was spent on adult social care.
- The local authority's total spend on adult social care was **£213,888,565** in 2023/24, compared to a total spend on adult social care of **£180,511,000** in 2022/23. The local authority spent **£43,434,618** (adult social care spend) per 100,000 adults in 2023/24.
- The local authority has raised the full adult social care precept for 2023/24, with a value of **1%**. Please note that the amount raised through the adult social care precept varies from local authority to local authority.
- Approximately **8,845** people were accessing long-term adult social care support, and approximately **2,685** people were accessing short-term adult social care support in 2023/24. Local authorities spend money on a range of adult social care services, including supporting individuals. No two care packages are the same and vary significantly in their intensity, duration, and cost.

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