

# Hertfordshire County Council: local authority assessment

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## About Hertfordshire County Council

### Demographics

Hertfordshire County Council is a large County Council in a county with a population of 1.2 million people. There are 10 District and Borough Councils across the county. The county is a mix of rural areas with centres of population in the towns across the county. The population is mostly affluent with an Index of Multiple Deprivation score of 2 (1 being the most affluent) but there are areas of deprivation across the county with the additional challenges of transport networks in the rural areas.

The demographics of the population are that approximately 22% are aged 0-17 years, approximately 60% are of working age 18-64 years and approximately 18% aged over 65 years. The projections are for the increase in people over the age of 65 years over the next 10 years. The diversity of the population is that it is mostly White British with 28.2% of people non White British.

Hertfordshire County Council is located within the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care System.

The council is Conservative led and has a stable leadership team, including the Members and local authority staff.

## Financial facts

The Financial facts for **Hertfordshire County Council** are:

- The local authority estimated that in 2022/23, its total budget would be **£1,722,303,000**. Its actual spend for that year was **£1,777,950,000** which was **£55,647,000** more than estimated.
- The local authority estimated that it would spend **£446,605,000** of its total budget on adult social care in 2022/23. Its actual spend was **£456,287,000** which is **£9,682,000** more than estimated.
- In 2022/2023, **26%** 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 **14,325** people were accessing long-term adult social care support, and approximately **3015** people were accessing short-term adult social care support in 2022/23. 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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