

East Riding of Yorkshire Council: local authority assessment

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About East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Demographics

The East Riding of Yorkshire is a county council located in the north of England on the East Coast approximately 200 miles from Edinburgh, London and Rotterdam. The East Riding of Yorkshire covers an area of approximately 930 square miles including urban, coastal, and rural communities. The coastline stretches for 53 miles from Bempton to Spurn Point. The local authority borders North Yorkshire to the north and west, South Yorkshire to the south-west and Lincolnshire to the south across the Humber Estuary. The East Riding also surrounds Kingston-upon-Hull which is administrated by Hull City Council.

The East Riding is home to approximately 350,119 people according to 2023 data. The majority of the population of the East Riding are White (97.35%) with 1.08% of people who are Asian or Asian British, 0.93% who are from a Mixed or multiple background, 0.26% from Black, Black British, Caribbean or African background and 0.37% from Other ethnic groups. There is a higher proportion of the population in the county who are aged 65 or older (26.85%) compared to the England average (18.69%). Population estimates expected this proportion to increase to 34% by 2043 at a higher rate than the Yorkshire and Humber region and compared to national estimates.

The East Riding has an Index of Multiple Deprivation score of 2 (with 10 being the highest and most deprived) and is rated 126 out of 153 (with 1 being most deprived). There are pockets of higher deprivation in Bridlington, Withernsea, Goole and South-East Holderness. Rural communities can also be quite isolated.

The healthy life expectancy in the East Riding was similar to the national average. Women can expect to live around 61.6 years in good health, which is similar to the England average of 61.9 years. Men can expect to live 61.3 years in good health, which is similar to the average for England of 61.5 years. Healthy life expectancy for men and women at 65 are higher than the national averages.

The East Riding is located within the Humber, Coast and Vale Integrated Care System (ICS) and the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. People in the East Riding were primarily served by hospitals in Hull, York, and Scarborough.

The council has 26 Wards and 67 elected members. The East Riding of Yorkshire had a Conservative leader with no overall majority at the time of our assessment.

In May 2025, the East Riding of Yorkshire became part of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority alongside Hull City Council. An elected mayor representing Reform UK leads the Combined Authority to oversee decisions devolved from central government to the region.

Financial facts

The financial facts for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council are:

- The local authority estimated that in 2023/24, its total budget would be **£554,757,000.00**. Its actual spend for that year was **£627,810,000.00**, which was **£73,056,000.00** more than estimated.
- The local authority estimated that it would spend **£142,228,000.00** of its total budget on adult social care in 2023/24. Its actual spend was **£165,867,000.00**, which was **£23,639,000.00** more than estimated.
- In 2023/24, **26.42%** 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 **6430** people were accessing long-term adult social care support, and approximately **1330** 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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