

Primary Urban Areas: Spatial definitions



Unless otherwise stated, Centre for Cities uses data for Primary Urban Areas (PUA) in its analysis – a measure of the "built-up" area of a city, rather than individual local authority districts. PUA data only exists for English cities. For Welsh and Scottish cities, we use the corresponding local authority area, with the exception of tightly bounded Glasgow, where we have defined the city as an aggregate of five local authorities. Belfast has been defined as the aggregate of Belfast City, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and North Down.

City	Local authorities included
ENGLAND	
Aldershot	Rushmoor, Surrey Heath
Barnsley	Barnsley
Birkenhead*	Wirral
Birmingham	Dudley, Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, Wolverhampton
Blackburn	Blackburn with Darwen
Blackpool	Blackpool, Fylde, Wyre
Bolton	Bolton
Bournemouth	Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch
Bradford	Bradford
Brighton	Brighton and Hove, Adur
Bristol	City of Bristol, South Gloucestershire
Burnley	Burnley, Pendle
Cambridge	Cambridge
Coventry	Coventry
Crawley	Reigate and Banstead, Crawley
Derby	Derby
Doncaster	Doncaster
Gloucester	Gloucester
Grimsby	North East Lincolnshire
Hastings	Hastings
Huddersfield	Kirklees
Hull	City of Kingston upon Hull
Ipswich	Ipswich
Leeds	Leeds
Leicester	Leicester, Blaby, Oadby and Wigston
Liverpool	Knowsley, Liverpool, St. Helens
London	Gravesham, City of London, Barking and Dagenham, Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Camden, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Newham, Redbridge, Richmond upon Thames, Southwark, Sutton, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Wandsworth, Westminster, Epping Forest, Broxbourne, Dacorum, Three Rivers, Watford, Dartford, Elmbridge, Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Woking
Luton	Luton
Manchester	Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford
Mansfield	Ashfield, Mansfield

Medway	Medway
Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-on-Tees
MiltonKeynes	Milton Keynes
Newcastle	Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, South Tyneside
Northampton	Northampton
Norwich	Broadland, Norwich
Nottingham	Nottingham, Erewash, Broxtowe, Gedling
Oxford	Oxford
Peterborough	Peterborough
Plymouth	Plymouth
Portsmouth	Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport, Havant
Preston	Chorley, Preston, South Ribble
Reading	Bracknell Forest, Reading, Wokingham
Rochdale	Rochdale
Sheffield	Rotherham, Sheffield
Southampton	Southampton, Eastleigh
Southend	Southend-on-Sea, Castle Point, Rochford
Stoke	Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme
Sunderland	Sunderland
Swindon	Swindon
Telford	Telford & Wrekin
Wakefield	Wakefield
Warrington	Warrington
Wigan	Wigan
Worthing	Worthing
York	York

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen	Aberdeen
Dundee	Dundee
Edinburgh	Edinburgh
Glasgow	East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow City, Renfrewshire, West Dunbartonshire

WALES

Cardiff	Cardiff
Newport	Newport
Swansea	Swansea

NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast	Belfast City, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Lisburn, Newtownabbey, North Down
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*Due to local government reorganisation, in April 2009 Ellesmere Port & Neston became part of Cheshire West & Chester unitary authority. Before 2012 Birkenhead PUA was defined as the aggregate of Wirral local authority and the former local authority area of Ellesmere Port & Neston unless otherwise stated. From 2013 onwards, Birkenhead PUA is defined as Wirral only.