

# 2003 Leicestershire Quality of Life Indicators

The local quality of life indicator set outlined in this report includes 17 key measures to help 'paint a picture' of the quality of life in Leicestershire.

The indicator set covers a range of important sustainable development issues that influence our long-term well-being. It helps measure the key issues of importance that have been derived from national policy priorities, as well as research and public surveys.

The 'quality of life' indicators are based on the set proposed by the Audit Commission, for use in monitoring the development and impact of Community Strategies in Leicestershire. The indicators have informed the focus of both the Leicestershire Community Strategy and district Community Strategies in responding to the priorities highlighted by Leicestershire communities.

All the indicators in this set have national data sources, with information available at local authority/LSP area level. (This makes it possible for the Audit Commission to bring together robust, accurate data for each area to enable local comparisons)

*(N.B. Years in brackets indicates period covered by data )*

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## Economic Well-Being

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| 1. Percentage of the working age population who are in employment                                | 81.90%<br>(2001-2002)  |
| 2. Number of Job Seeker's Allowance claimants as a percentage of the working age population      | 1.60%<br>(March 2003)  |
| 3. Percentage of Job Seeker's allowance claimants who have been out of work for more than a year | 12.40%<br>(March 2003) |

## Economic Well-Being (continued...)

4. Total number of VAT registered businesses in the area at the end of the year	20485 (2002)
5. Percentage change in the number of VAT registered businesses	1.80% (2002)
6. Job density: Number of jobs to working age population	0.75 (2000)
7. Percentage of the population of working age that is claiming key benefits	7.40% (May 04)

## Housing

8. Total number of new housing completions	2448 (2002-03)
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## Environment

9. Kilograms of household waste collected per head	546 kg (2002-03)
10. Percentage of household waste recycled	12.10% (2002-03)
11. Percentage of household waste composted	10.40% (2002-03)
12. Percentage of household waste used to recover heat, power, and other energy sources.	0% (2002-03)

## Transport & Access

13. Estimated traffic flows for all vehicle types	6900 million vehicle kilometres (2001)
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## Health & Social Well-Being

14. Teenage conception rates: number of conceptions to under-18 year olds in a calendar year per thousand females aged 15 to 17

26  
(2002)

## Education & Life-Long Learning

15. Percentage of half days missed due to total absence in local authority primary schools

5.06%  
(2002-03)

16. Percentage of half days missed due to total absence in local authority secondary schools

7.90%  
(2002-03)

17. Percentage of 15 year old pupils in local authority schools achieving five or more GCSEs at Grade A\*-C or equivalent

53%  
(2002-03)

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This dataset represents a snapshot of life in Leicestershire and no comparisons between the data in this document and previous Quality of Life Indicator sets should be made due to alterations in the sample characteristics, the completeness of the data, and the wording of the questions which are outside the control of Leicestershire County Council.

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