

2006 Leicestershire Quality of Life Indicators

The local quality of life indicator set outlined in this report includes 49 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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People & Place

1. First priority for improvement in the local area as defined by the local residents 'Level of crime' (2003/04)
2. Second priority for improvement in the local area as defined by the local residents 'Transport Congestion' (2003/04)

People & Place (continued...)

3. Third priority for improvement in the local area as defined by the local residents

'Activities for teens'
(2003/04)

Community Involvement & Cohesion

4. The percentage of residents who think that people being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area

16.67%
(2003/04)

5. Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that community activities have got better or stayed the same.

84.43%
(2003/04)

Economic Well-Being

6. Number of Job Seeker's Allowance claimants as a percentage of the working age population

1.50%
(March 2006)

7. Percentage of Job Seeker's allowance claimants who have been out of work for more than a year

11.80%
(March 2006)

8. Total number of VAT registered businesses in the area at the end of the year

20865
(2004)

9. Percentage change in the number of VAT registered businesses

0.70%
(2004)

10. Job density: Number of jobs filled to working age population

0.74
(2004)

Housing

11. Total number of new housing completions ¹	2345 (2005/06)
12. Household accommodation without central heating	4.50% (2001)
13. The percentage of residents who think that people sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places a very big or fairly big problem in their local area	17.02% (2003/04)

Environment

14. Kilograms of household waste collected per head	545.1 kg (2005/06)
15. Percentage of household waste recycled	19.53% (2005/06)
16. Percentage of household waste composted	21.07% (2005/06)
17. Percentage of household waste used to recover heat, power, and other energy sources.	0.14% (2005/06)
18. Percentage of household waste landfilled	59.26% (2005/06)
19. Area of land designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within the local authority area	4963.42 ha (2005)
20. The percentage area of land designated as a SSSI within the local authority area, which is found to be in favourable condition	23% (2005)

Transport & Access

21. Percentage of the resident population who travel to work by private motor vehicle (car, taxi or motorbike)	71.90% (2001)
22. Percentage of the resident population who travel to work by public transport	5.80% (2001)
23. Percentage of the resident population who travel to work on foot or cycle	13.20% (2001)
24. Percentage of the resident population travelling over 20 km to work	13.30% (2001)
25. Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that public transport has got better or stayed the same.	75.92% (2003/04)
26. Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years that the level of traffic congestion has got better or stayed the same.	27.84% (2003/04)
27. Estimated traffic flows for all vehicle types (million vehicle kilometres)	7317 million vehicle kms (2005)

Community Safety

28. Percentage of residents surveyed who say that they feel fairly safe or very safe outside during the day ²	97.60% (2005/06)
29. Percentage of residents surveyed who say that they feel fairly safe or very safe outside after dark ²	73.60% (2005/06)

Community Safety (continued...)

30. Domestic burglaries per 1,000 households	10.76 (2005/06)
31. Violent Offences committed per 1,000 population	15.23 (2005/06)
32. Theft of a vehicle per 1,000 population	2.36 (2005/06)
33. Sexual offences per 1,000 population	0.96 (2005/06)
34. The percentage of residents who think that vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area	53.56% (2003/04)
35. The percentage of residents who think that people using or dealing drugs is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area	55.55% (2003/04)
36. The percentage of residents who think that people being rowdy or drunk in public places is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area	43.28% (2003/04)
37. Total number of road accident casualties, pedestrian	225 (2005)
38. Total number of road accident casualties, cyclists	174 (2005)

Health & Social Well-Being

39. Infant mortality rate: deaths up to 1 year per 1,000 live births	2.1 (2004)
40. Percentage of households with one or more person with a limiting long term illness	30.10% (2001)
41. Teenage conception rates: number of conceptions to under-18 year olds in a calendar year per thousand females aged 15 to 17	30.3 (2004)

Education & Life-Long Learning

42. Percentage of half days missed due to total absence in local authority primary schools	4.75% (2005/06)
43. Percentage of half days missed due to total absence in local authority secondary schools	7.26% (2005/06)
44. Percentage of 15 year old pupils in local authority schools achieving five or more GCSEs at Grade A*-C or equivalent	56.80% (2005/06)

Culture & Leisure

45. Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that activities for teenagers has got better or stayed the same.	60.66% (2003/04)
46. Percentage of residents who think that over the past three years, that cultural facilities (e.g. cinemas, museums) have got better or stayed the same.	80.09% (2003/04)

Culture & Leisure (continued...)

47. Percentage of residents who think that, over the past three years, that facilities for young children have got better or stayed the same.
- 79.13%
(2003/04)
48. Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that sports and leisure facilities have got better or stayed the same.
- 88.42%
(2003/04)
49. Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that parks and open spaces have got better or stayed the same.
- 88.58%
(2003/04)

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¹ Updated figure for Leicester Shire (for year to 31st March 2006) supplied by Leicestershire County Council

² Data covers Leicestershire Police Authority area