

## Council Tax

- 1 [Introduction](#)
  - 2 [Council Tax for Blackpool and its Nearest Neighbours](#)
  - 3 [Council Tax for Blackpool and local authorities in Lancashire Area](#)
  - 4 [Council Tax for Blackpool, the North West and England](#)
  - 5 [Council Tax for Bands in Blackpool](#)
  - 6 [Key Facts](#)
- [Glossary](#)

## **1 Introduction**

This document presents data about Council Tax in Blackpool

Figures for Blackpool are compared to its CIPFA defined Nearest Neighbours, other Lancashire Area local authorities and the Northwest and England average.

Comparative data is presented as Band D and average Council Tax per dwelling.

Band D is used as the basis for calculating the tax base (the number of Band D equivalent properties) and for year-on-year comparisons of tax levels set.

The average Council Tax per dwelling reflects the variation between authorities in the distribution of properties across bands, and is therefore useful when comparing different areas.

Average Council Tax per dwelling is lower than average Band D Council Tax. This is mainly because most dwellings are to be found in the cheaper Bands A to C, but also because the average Band D figures are calculated before reductions due to discounts. (Source: Statistical Release, Levels of Council Tax set by Local Authorities in England 2008-09, DCLG)

## 2 Council Tax for Blackpool and its Nearest Neighbours 2008/09

Table 2.1 below shows Council Tax data for Blackpool and its Statistical 'Nearest Neighbours' as currently defined by CIPFA.

CIPFA's model of Nearest Neighbours was developed to aid local authorities in comparative and benchmarking activities. Specific family groups have been generated based upon socio economic characteristics.

Blackpool has eleven Nearest Neighbours with a lower average Band D Council Tax figure in 2008/09 than itself.

Blackpool has six Nearest Neighbours with a larger percent increase of Band D Council Tax.

Blackpool has three Nearest Neighbours with a lower average Council Tax figure in 2008/09 than itself.

Blackpool has eight Nearest Neighbours who had a larger percent average increase Council Tax per dwelling than itself.

**Table 2.1: Council Tax for Blackpool and Nearest Neighbours 2008/09**

Local Authority	Average Band D (a)	Increase Council Tax Band D	Average Council Tax Per Dwelling (b)	Increase Council Tax Per Dwelling
<b>Blackpool</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Plymouth	1,363	5.2	982	5.2
Sefton	1,406	4.1	1,093	4.0
North Tyneside	1,415	3.5	990	3.4
Southend-on-sea	1,232	4.9	991	5.0
Wirral	1,379	3.7	1,018	2.8
Redcar & Cleveland	1,459	5.5	1,062	5.7
North East Lincolnshire	1,449	3.0	1,002	3.5
Darlington	1,339	4.8	987	5.0
Hartlepool	1,565	4.6	1,082	4.9
South Tyneside	1,371	3.0	909	2.6
Torbay	1,393	4.6	1,107	4.4
Tameside	1,287	2.9	891	3.1
Sunderland	1,289	3.4	858	3.6
Gateshead	1,525	3.9	1,022	4.4
Calderdale	1,398	2.8	1,013	2.9

Source: Table 6: 2008-09 Council taxes (average per dwelling and Band D for two adults): individual local authorities, DCLG website

(a) The figure for: Average Council Tax Per Dwelling is before Council Tax Benefits but includes reductions due to discounts

(b) The figure for Amounts for Council Taxes (Band D) are for two Adults before Council Tax Benefits or discounts

### 3 Council Tax for Blackpool and Local Authorities in Lancashire Area 2008/09

Table 3.1 below shows that Blackpool had the second lowest average Band D council tax per dwelling in Lancashire Area

There was one local authority in Lancashire Area showing a larger percent increase for Band D dwellings than Blackpool.

Blackpool had the lowest average Council Tax per dwelling in Lancashire Area.

There were four larger percent increases in local authorities in Lancashire Area than in Blackpool and one percent increase of the same size for average Council Tax per dwelling

**Table 3.1: Council Tax for Blackpool and Local Authorities in Lancashire Area 2008/09**

Local Authority	Average Band D (a)	Increase Council Tax Band D	Average Council Tax Per Dwelling (b)	Increase Council Tax Per Dwelling
<b>Blackpool</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Blackburn	1,417	2.6	972	2.3
Burnley	1,516	3.6	1,008	4.4
Chorley	1,464	3.4	1,176	3.5
Fylde	1,457	4.5	1,280	4.8
Hyndburn	1,493	3.8	1,019	3.2
Lancaster	1,458	3.7	1,096	3.7
Pendle	1,523	3.9	1,034	4.1
Preston	1,516	3.6	1,100	3.5
Ribble Valley	1,423	3.6	1,326	3.6
Rossendale	1,522	3.4	1,116	4.3
South Ribble	1,477	3.6	1,201	3.0
West Lancs	1,467	3.5	1,211	3.6
Wyre	1,448	3.6	1,185	3.6
Source: Table 6: 2008-09 Council Taxes (average per dwelling and Band D for two adults): individual local authorities, DCLG website				
<b>(a)</b> The figure for Average Council Tax Per Dwelling is before Council Tax Benefits but includes reductions due to discounts				
<b>(b)</b> The figure for Amounts for Council Taxes (Band D) are for two Adults before Council Tax Benefits or discounts				

#### 4 Council Tax for Blackpool, the North West and England 2008/09

Table 4.1 shows that the average Council Tax per dwelling was lower in Blackpool (£966) than in the North West (£1,039) and England (£1,146); however, the average Band D council tax was higher in Blackpool (£1,418) than in the North West (£1,396) and England (£1,374).

Table 4.1 shows that the percent increase for Council Tax D was higher in Blackpool (4.4%) than in the North West (3.7%) and England (4.0%).

Table 4.1 shows that the percent increase for average council tax per dwelling was the same in Blackpool (3.7%) as in the North West (3.7%) but was lower than the percent increase in England (4.0%).

<b>Table 4.1: Council Tax for Blackpool, North West and England 2008/09</b>				
<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Average Band D for area of billing authority (a)</b>	<b>Increase Council Tax Band D</b>	<b>Average Council Tax Per Dwelling(b)</b>	<b>Increase Council Tax Per Dwelling</b>
<b>Blackpool</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>3.7</b>
North West	1,396	3.7	1,039	3.7
England	1,374	4.0	1,146	4.0
Source: Table 4: 2008-09 Council Taxes (Band D for two adults and average per dwelling): by area: DCLG website				
<b>(a)</b> The figure for Average Council Tax Per Dwelling is before Council Tax Benefits but includes reductions due to discounts				
<b>(b)</b> : The figure for Amounts for Council Taxes (Band D) are for two Adults before Council Tax Benefits or discounts				

## 5 Council Tax for Bands in Blackpool

### 5.1 Actual Council Tax & Band D Tax Base 2008/09

Table 5.1 below shows actual council tax per dwelling for individual Bands in Blackpool. There are eight council tax bands: bands A to H. How much council tax each household pays depends on the value of the homes concerned, as estimated in the 1991 dwelling valuation exercise.

<b>Band</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Number of Dwellings</b>	<b>No of Band D equivalent properties</b>
Disabled Band A	788	55	29
Band A	946	29,160	16,463
Band B	1,103	19,499	13,548
Band C	1,261	10,872	8,787
Band D	1,418	4,441	4,107
Band E	1,734	1,809	2,063
Band F	2,049	516	692
Band G	2,364	247	385
Band H	2,837	22	40
Totals		66,621	46,114

Source: Table 7: 2008-09 Area Council tax for a dwelling occupied by two adults by band, DCLG website, and Blackpool Council

### 5.2 Rate of Collection of Council Tax in Blackpool

For the last five years a recommended rate of 98.5% has been used. The same collection rate for 2008/2009 has been used which gives a tax base for 2008/2009 of 45,422 Band D equivalent properties.

## 6 Key Facts

- Average council tax per dwelling in 2008/09 was lower in Blackpool (£966) than in the North West (£1,039) and England (£1,146); however, the average Band D council tax was higher in Blackpool (£1,418) than in the North West (£1,396) and England (£1,374).
- The percent increase for average council tax per dwelling in 2008/09 was the same in Blackpool (3.7%) as in the North West (3.7%) but lower than the percent increase in England (4.0%).
- The percent increase for council tax Band D in 2008/09 was higher in Blackpool (4.4%) than in the North West (3.7%) and England (4.0%).
- Blackpool had the lowest average council tax per dwelling in 2008/09 in Lancashire Area, and the second lowest average Band D council tax per dwelling in Lancashire Area
- Four local authorities in the Lancashire area had a larger percent increase for average council tax per dwelling and one had the same percent increase as in Blackpool.
- There was one local authority in the Lancashire area showing a larger percent increase for Band D dwellings than Blackpool.
- Blackpool has eleven Nearest Neighbours with a lower average Band D council tax figure in 2008/09 than itself.
- Blackpool has six Nearest Neighbours with a larger percent increase of Band D Council Tax in 2008/09
- Blackpool has three Nearest Neighbours with a lower average Council Tax figure in 2008/09 than itself.
- Blackpool has eight Nearest Neighbours who had a larger percent increase average Council Tax per dwelling than itself.

## Glossary

**Band D two-adult property** A definition that is widely regarded as a benchmark when comparing council tax levels in different areas or over time. As well as being within Band D, such a property is a main residence which is not subject to any discount or exemption.

**CIPFA** The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

**Council tax** A local charge (or charges) set by the billing authority and the precepting authority in order to collect sufficient revenue to meet their demand on the collection fund. It replaced the community charge on 1 April 1993 and is based on the value of the property and the number of residents. The Valuation Office Agency assesses the properties in each district area and assigns each property to one of eight valuation bands; A to H. The tax is set on the basis of the number of Band D equivalent properties. Tax levels for dwellings in other bands are set relative to the Band D baseline.

**DCLG** Department for Communities and Local Government

### **Where can I get further information on the issues covered in Blackpool Figures?**

Blackpool Figures collects its summary information from a range of detailed reports and web sites. All sources are clearly acknowledged and referenced throughout the work. Much additional information is available within these original sources; a selection of the most frequently utilised web sites are presented below. This is not a definitive list but it does provide a useful starting point.

### **Selected Website Reference**

#### [Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

If further advice is required contact:

Email: [corporate.policy@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:corporate.policy@blackpool.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01253 477121