

Economic Resilience Dashboard

Tracking the Greater Manchester Economy



economy, recovery from the Covid-19 crisis and other emerging issues.

The data is divided into seven sections:

- **Labour Market** provides leading indicators on employment and economic activity.
- **Household Finances and Cost of Living** provides data on pay, debt and inflation.
- **Business Outlook** provides data gathered by GM based organisations on business sentiment and confidence.
- **Business Lending and Credit Risk** provides information on coronavirus support measures and SME Lending.
- **Behavioural Insights** provides information on the movement of people across GM.
- **National Indicators** provides leading indicators on the state of the economy nationally.
- **International Trade** provides the most up to date information available on exports at different geographies.

The economic data in response to Covid-19 and other events is changing rapidly with new datasets becoming available and others being withdrawn on a regular basis. The dashboard will be updated with the best available data each month with the resultant analysis described in the Analysis tab.

We would welcome feedback on alternative measures to be included in the dashboard or insights on the data provided. If you have any feedback please email jack.james@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.

Analysis



88,705

GM residents were in receipt of unemployment benefits in February, an increase of 0.5% since December.



23%

The number of people neither working nor seeking employment stood at 1,033,219 (23% of working age population) in the three months to December 2022 in the NW. This compares with 21.4% across the UK as a whole.



10.1%

UK Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index was 10.1% in the 12 months to January. This was a 0.4 percentage point decrease on the December figure of 10.5%.

The UK economy narrowly avoided recession in 2022, according to the latest data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The UK economy saw zero growth between October and December, however, there was a sharp decline in economic output in December, partly due to strike action. The IMF has forecast the UK will be the only major economy to go into recession in 2023. It predicts the UK economy will contract by 0.6% in 2023, rather than grow as previously predicted. The IMF said it had downgraded its forecast because of high energy prices, rising mortgage costs and increased taxes as well as persistent worker shortages.

The Bank of England also expects the UK to go into recession in 2023 but expects it will be shorter and less severe than previously forecast. In response to the continuing cost of living crisis, the Bank raised interest rates to 4% in February. Andrew Bailey, the Governor of the Bank of England, said that interest rates will peak at 4.5%.

Economic Inactivity remains persistently high. Inactivity among 16-64 year olds (neither working nor looking for it) in the NW rose in the three months to December 2022. The rate was 23% - up from 22.8% on the previous period (about 5,052 people). Nationally, inactivity edged lower (by 58,500 people).

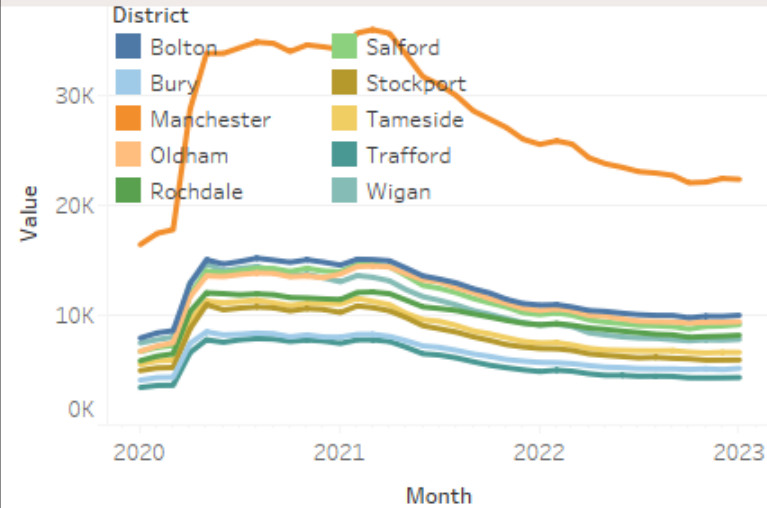
UK Consumer Confidence remains low as real wages are falling and high inflation continues to effect households. Consumer Confidence improved by 7 points to -38 in February, however, this score is lower than at any point during the pandemic or the financial crisis.

Growth Hub Survey findings for the 12 weeks to 3rd March found that the main risks facing GM businesses are high costs, supply chain issues and cashflow issues. 36% of firms reported rising costs for the second month in a row, while the number of firms reporting cashflow issues increased slightly from 19.5% to 21.3%. In addition, the latest survey showed an increase in the number of firms reporting late payments. The proportion of firms in the survey recruiting from last month has increased, however, three-fifths of firms report workforce skill gaps, in particular within sales, digital and team leadership / team working alongside a range of specialist technical skills.

Labour Market

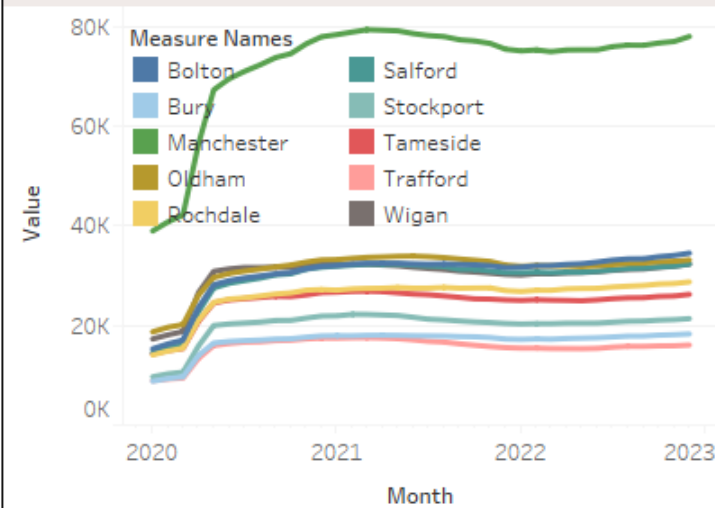
Claimant count (Monthly)

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Multiple values



Universal Credit Claimants

District
Multiple values

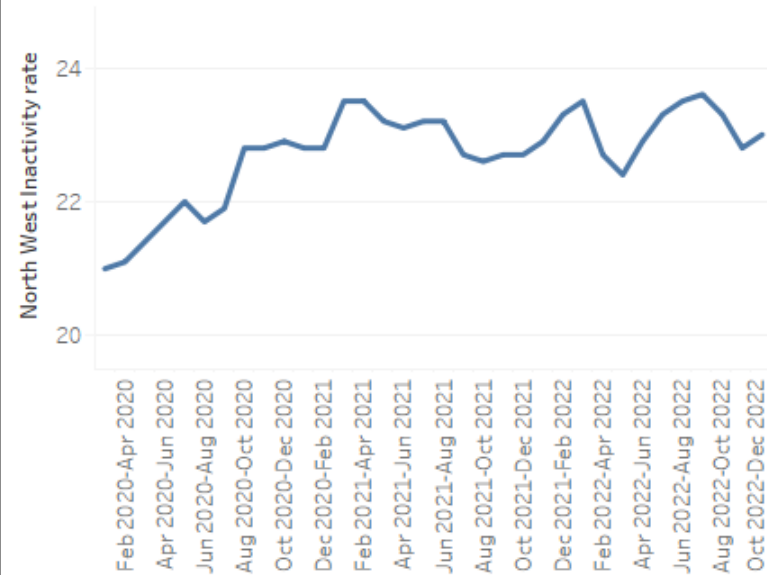


The number of claimants increased by 0.5% to 88,705 between December and January. Between January 2022 and January 2023, claimants have fallen by 11.3% in GM.

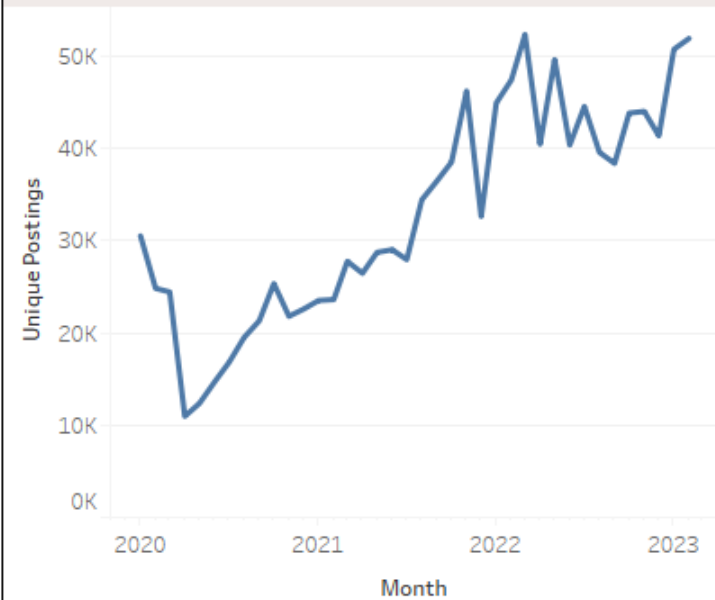
There were 320,724 Universal Credit claimants in GM in December. This is an increase of 1.2% compared to the previous month. The number of claimants increased across the UK by 1.3%

NW Economic Inactivity Rate

Date



Monthly Job Postings

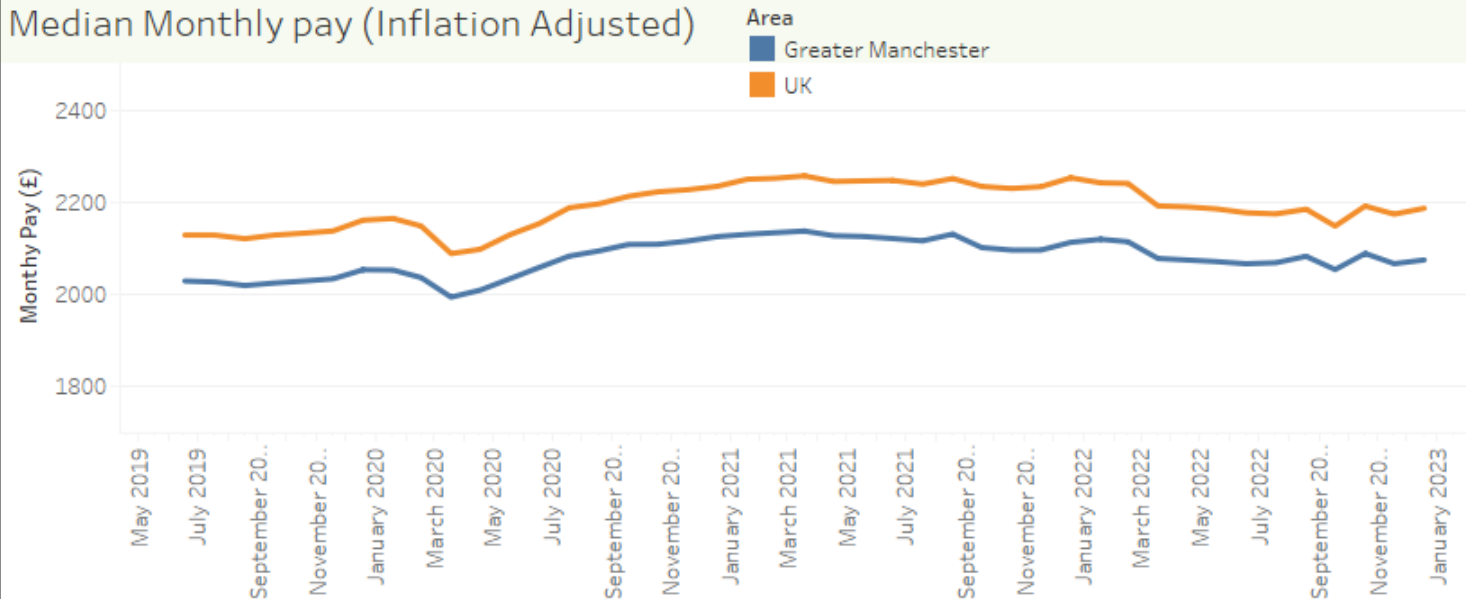


The number of people neither working nor seeking employment stood at 1,033,219 (23.0% of working age population) in the three months to December 2022 in the NW. This compares with 21.4% across the UK as a whole.

There were 51,947 job postings in February, an increase of 2.3% from January. The number of job postings was 9% above February 2022.

Cost Pressures

Median Monthly pay (Inflation Adjusted)



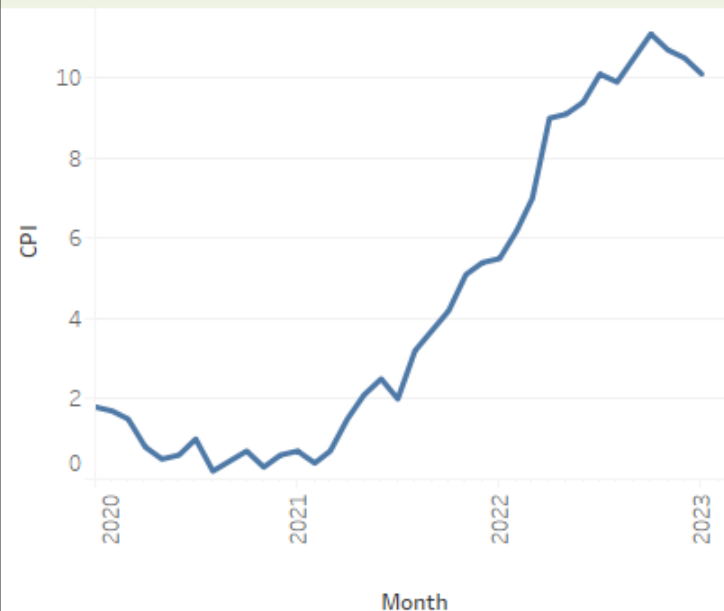
Key Facts

UK inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index was 10.1% in the 12 months to January 2023. This was a 0.4 percentage point decrease from the December figure of 10.5%. Inflation including housing costs was 8.8% in January.

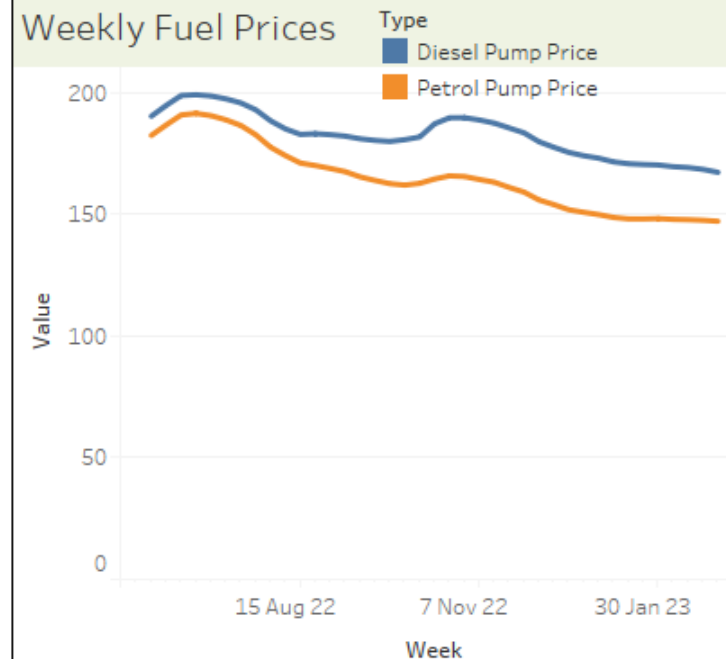
Median monthly pay adjusted for inflation in Greater Manchester was £2,075 in January, compared to £2,187 for the UK, according to PAYE RTI data. Median monthly pay in GM has decreased 1.8% since January 2022, compared to 2.9% for the UK as a whole.

Petrol pump prices were 147.23p per litre in week commencing 6th March 2023, -0.7% lower than a month earlier. Diesel pump prices were 167.33p per litre, -1.8% lower than a month earlier.

UK Inflation

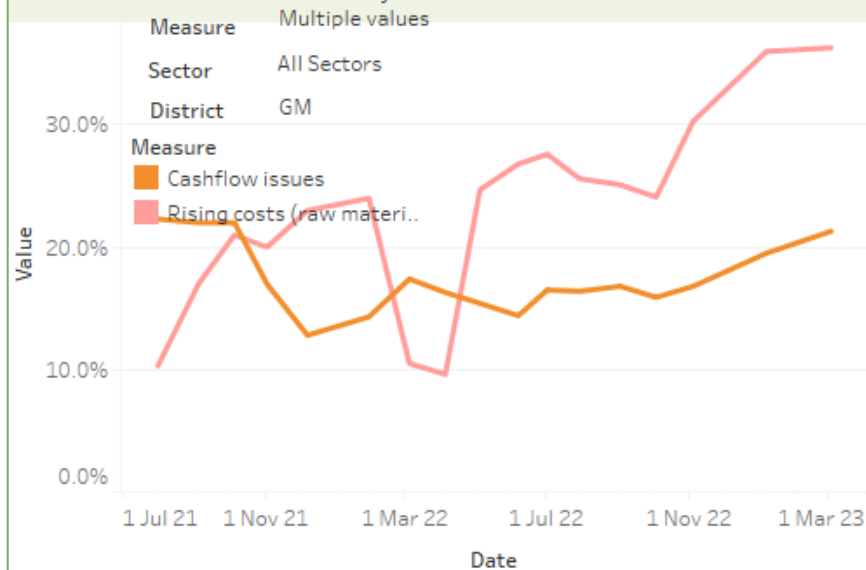


Weekly Fuel Prices

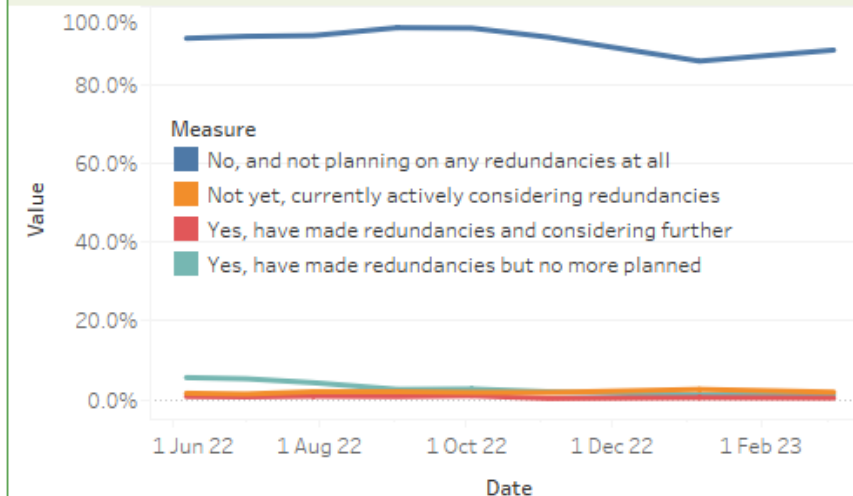


Business Outlook

Business Growth Hub Survey



Business Growth Hub Survey: Business planning to make redundancies



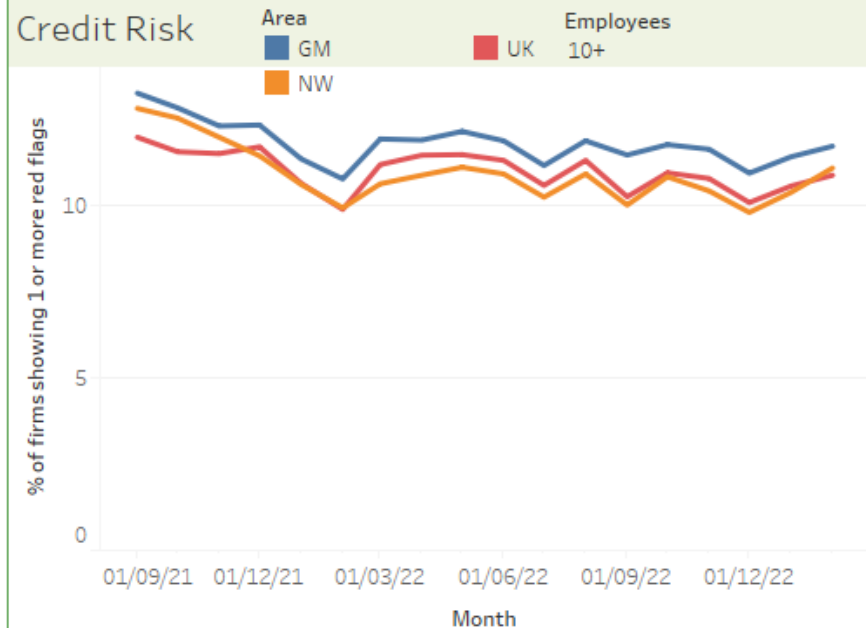
36% of businesses reported rising costs in the 12 weeks to 3rd March, according to the Growth Hub's Business Survey. This is equal to the percentage of businesses that reported rising costs in the 12 weeks to 6th January. 21.3% of businesses reported cashflow issues over the period, compared to 19.5% in the 12 weeks to 6th January.

The number of firms that said they were considering making redundancies was 2.3% in the 12 weeks up to 3rd March. 1.7% of firms said they had already made redundancies.

11.7% of all firms with 10 or more employees in GM had 1 or more red flags in the month to 1st February, compared to 11.1% for the North West and 10.9% for the UK as a whole. Previously, 11.4% of firms in GM had 1 more red flags in the month to 1st January.

GM Chamber's GM Index increased from 13.5 in Q3 2022 to 17.8 in Q4 2022.

Credit Risk

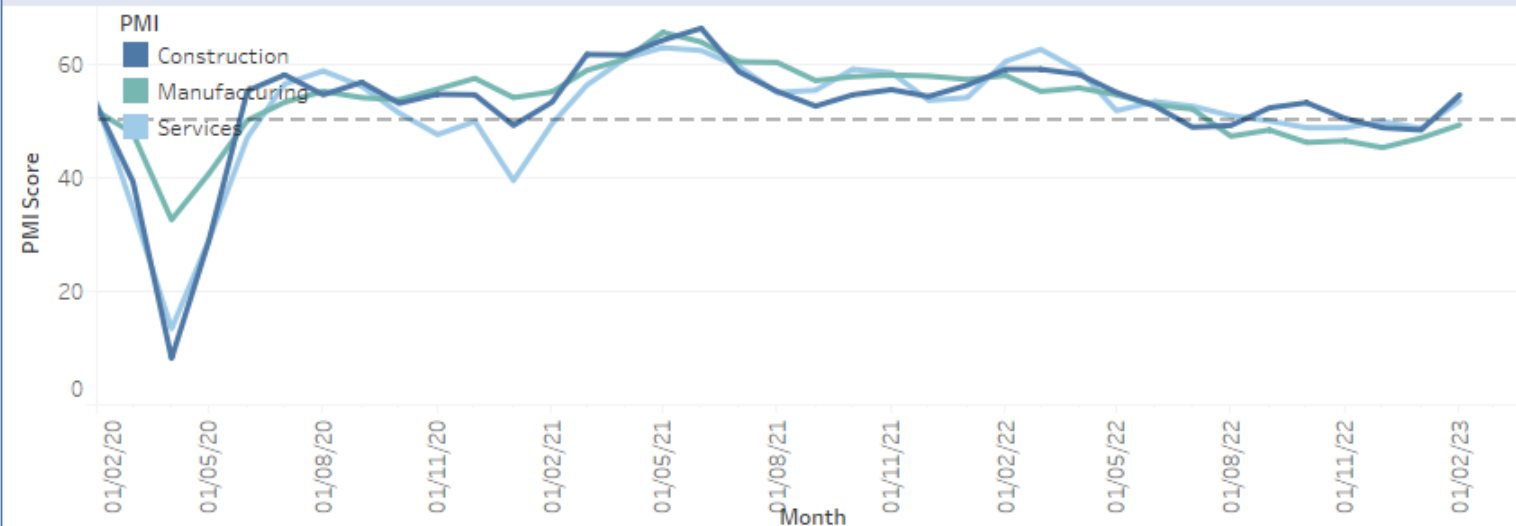


GM Index (Quarterly)



National Indicators

UK purchasing managers index (Monthly)

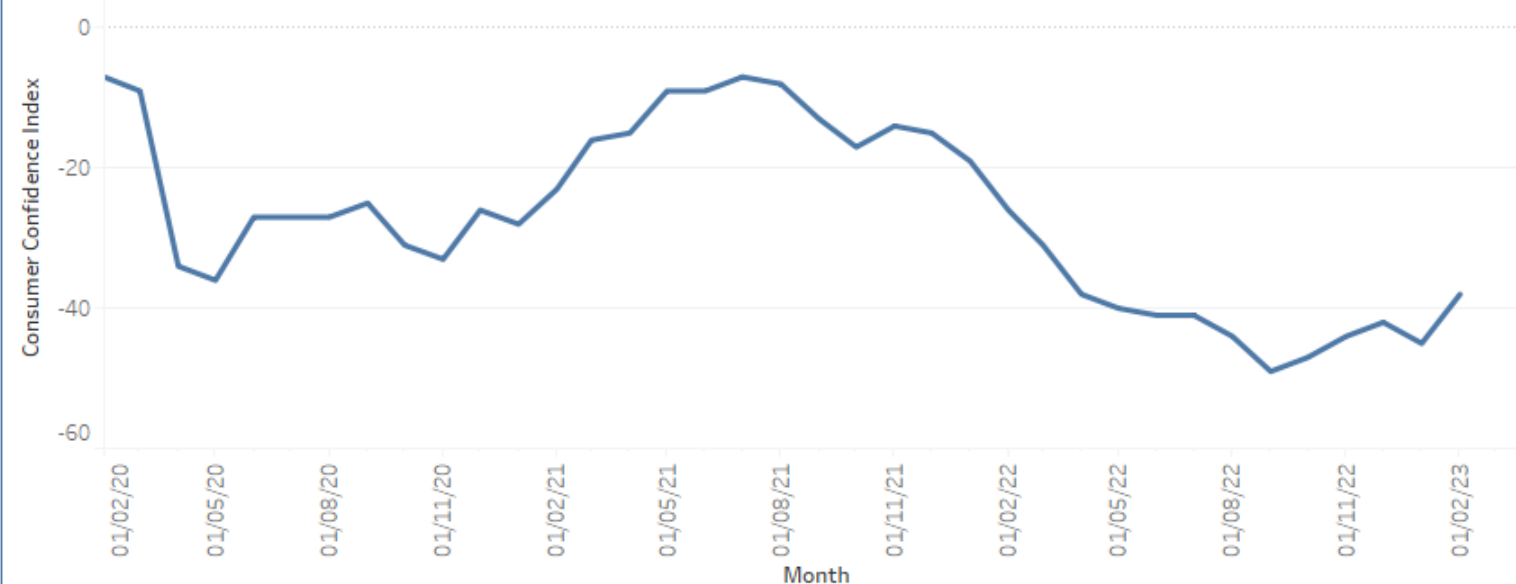


Key Facts

All three sectoral PMI's increased in February 2023, Manufacturing PMI increased from 47.0 to 49.3, Services PMI increased from 48.7 to 53.5 and Construction PMI increased from 48.4 to 54.6. Services and Construction PMI's are now above the 50.0 threshold that indicates growth.

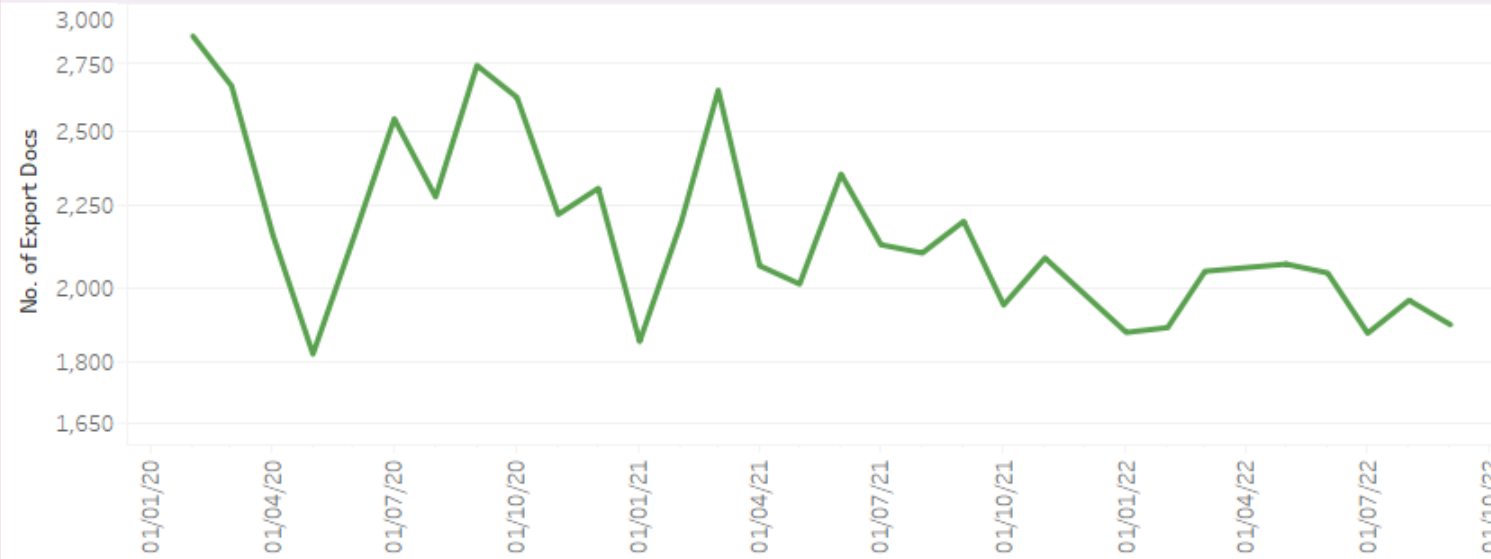
The UK Consumer Confidence Index increased from -45 to -38 in February 2023. Consumer confidence is lower than at any point during the pandemic.

UK consumer confidence (Monthly)



International Trade

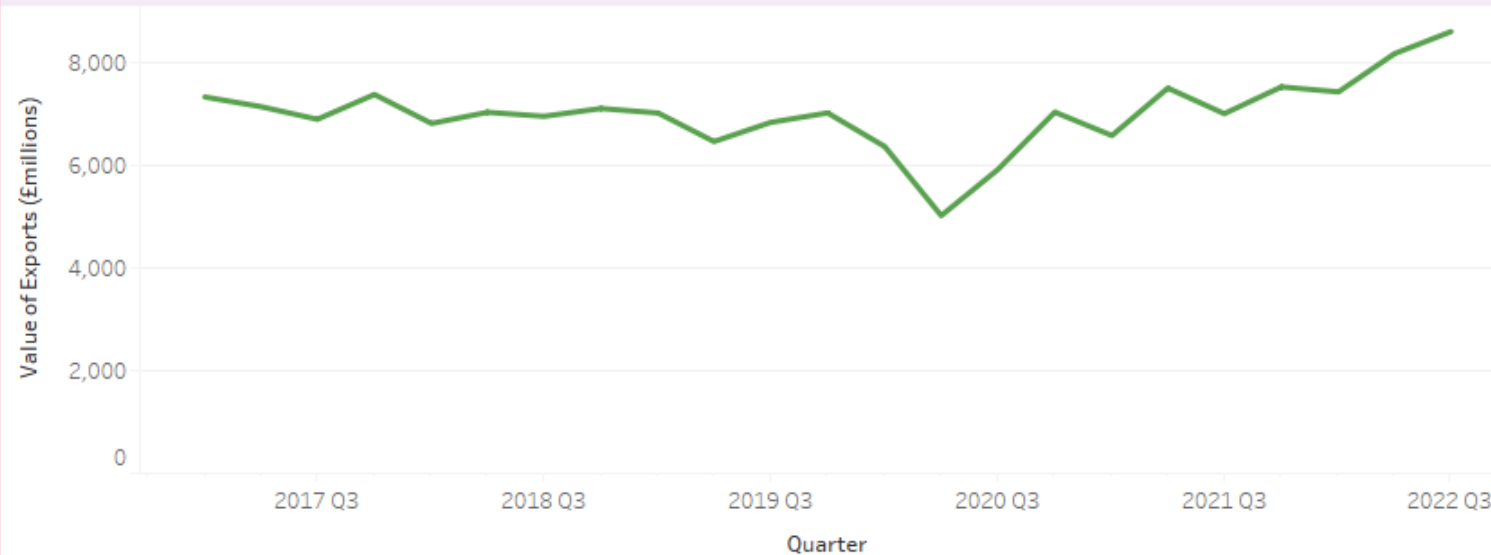
Export Documents (Monthly)



Key Facts

Export documents processed by the GM Chamber of Commerce decreased by 8.4% between January and February, from 1,599 to 1,741. The total number of export documents is down 15.4% since February 2022. (Please note October figure was modelled due to missing data).

Regional Goods Exports (Quarterly)



The total value of goods exports from the North West was £8.6 billion in Q3 2022, 5.2% more than Q3 2021. The total value of UK exports was £97.2 billion in Q3 2022, 5.4% more than Q3 2021.

Definitions

Labour Market

Claimant Count - This data is taken from a monthly statistical release by the Office for National Statistics. Alternative Claimant Count experimental statistics measure the number of people claiming unemployment related benefits by modelling what the count would have been if Universal Credit had been fully rolled out since 2013 (when Universal Credit began) with the broader span of people this covers.

Economic Inactivity - This data is taken from a quarterly release by the ONS. Economic inactivity refers to people who are not participating in the labour market: they are neither working nor seeking employment.

Job Postings - Job postings data is taken from Burning Glass and updated on a weekly basis. This measure indicates new job vacancies posted in that week for GM as a whole. New job postings are averaged over 3 weeks.

Cost Pressures

Median Monthly Pay - Taken from the ONS's monthly experimental release using PAYE data. Median monthly pay shows what a person in the middle of all employees would earn each month. The median pay is generally considered to be a more accurate reflection of the "average wage" because it discounts the extremes at either end of the scale.

Inflation - This data is taken from a monthly release by the Office for National Statistics. The Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) is the most comprehensive measure of inflation. It extends the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) to include a measure of the costs associated with owning, maintaining and living in one's own home, known as owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH), along with council tax.

Weekly Fuel Prices - This data is taken from a weekly release by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. It provides average UK retail pump prices.

Business Outlook

Growth Company Business Survey - Figures relating to the impact of COVID-19 on business are taken from the Growth Company's monthly business survey. The survey covers all businesses that are Growth Company Clients, this means that some businesses outside of GM that access Growth Company services may be included in the dataset.

Credit Risk - This data is provided on a monthly basis by RedFlag, a provider of real-time business intelligence. The data shows businesses that have 1 or more 'red flags', this means that they are at risk of potential insolvency.

GM Index - The Greater Manchester Index is a quarterly composite indicator taken from seven measures in the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce's Quarterly Economic Survey. Those seven indicators are Domestic Sales, Advance UK Orders, Export Sales, Advance Overseas Orders, Capacity Utilisation, Turnover Confidence, Profitability Confidence.

Behavioural Insights

Google Mobility Data - This data is from Community Mobility Reports published by Google. The reports chart movement trends over time by geography, across different categories of places such as retail and recreation, groceries and pharmacies, parks, transit stations, workplaces, and residential.

Greater Manchester Transport Usage by Mode - This data is provided by Transport for Greater Manchester and measures the number of passenger journeys on each mode of transport (Car, Bus, Rail, Cycling, Metrolink).

Workers Index - This data is taken from the Centre for Cities Workers Index released on a monthly basis. The index looks at city-centre workers in the city centre in the daytime on weekdays, compared to a pre-lockdown baseline of 100. The index uses anonymised mobile phone data from Locomizer.

National Indicators

Purchasing Manager's Index - The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an index of the prevailing direction of economic trends in the manufacturing, service and construction sectors. It consists of a diffusion index that summarizes whether market conditions, as viewed by purchasing managers, are expanding, staying the same, or contracting. The Index is published on a monthly basis by IHS Markit Economics. The purpose of the PMI is to provide information about current and future business conditions to company decision makers, analysts, and investors.

Consumer Confidence - In the United Kingdom, the consumer confidence survey measures the level of optimism that consumers have about the performance of the economy in the next 12 months. Published on a monthly basis by GfK. The GfK Consumer Confidence is derived from the survey of about 2,000 consumers which are asked to rate the relative level of past and future economic conditions including personal financial situation, climate for major purchases, overall economic situation and savings level.

International Trade

Export Documents - This is a monthly count of the number of export documents processed for GM businesses, as reported to GMCA by the GM Chamber of Commerce. It gives an indication of the level of international trade happening in GM in the month.

Regional International Trade - This data is published by HMRC on a quarterly basis. The data combines EU and Non - EU trade for all regions of the UK.

Cost of Living Dashboard

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The Cost of Living Dashboard aims to provide insight and evidence into the rising cost of living in Greater Manchester. The dashboard allows for comparison between each Greater Manchester local authority, the city region as a whole, the North West region and the whole of England. The indicators that are included in this dashboard, as seen below, cover between April 2019 and the present day, each showing monthly changes, which have contributed to the rising cost of living.

Data presented in the dashboard comes from a variety of sources, such as national data sources, council provided data, data from the Greater Manchester Residents Survey, NHS data and more. Each page in the dashboard that presents data contains a link to the metadata page which details the origin of the data.

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RAG Ratings - to show comparisons with previous months for the same metrics.

February 2023	November 2023	February 2023	September -December 2022
24	£2,108.4	61%	58%
Employed individuals referred into A Bed Every Night	1 Median Monthly Pay	Uptake of Healthy Start vouchers in GM	GM Residents reported difficulty in affording their ener..

Citizens Advice, Greater Manchester

A dashboard has been created to analyse the requests received by Citizens Advice teams across Greater Manchester. This allows breakdown by local authority and ward, as well as, demographic breakdowns by age group, disability, ethnicity and gender. The dashboard also allows for a breakdown of access channel used by residents.

Issues are presented in the dashboard as main issues such as, fuel debts, housing or employment and then broken down further into level 2 and level 3 issues. This dashboard allows for analysis of change over time, with monthly updated data dating back to April 2020.

[Click here to access the Citizens Advice dashboard for Greater Manchester.](#)

CACI

A dashboard has been created which presents LSOA level outputs of estimate paycheck level data, for LSOA's across Greater Manchester. This data has been used to create estimates of mortgage payments, energy payments and mean disposable income.

[Click here to access the CACI dashboard for Greater Manchester...](#)

Other Relevant Dashboards

There are other highly relevant and insightful dashboards that are interlinked to the cost of living crisis, such as:

GM Economic Resilience Dashboard - *GM economy, pandemic recovery and other emerging issues.*
- In Dec 2022, Consumer Confidence Index stood at -45, a two point increase from Nov 2022.



GM Housing Market Monitor - *Provides an overview of the housing market in Greater Manchester.*
- 40% of homes in Greater Manchester are in band C, in relation to their Energy Performance Certificate



GM Poverty Action Dashboard - *A multi-dimensional picture of poverty in GM across topics including child poverty, debt, education, fuel and so on.*
- 1 in 4 children in the city region are living in poverty, equating to 144,784 children.



GM Parity Dashboard - *Provides a modelled housing stock baseline for GM.*
In 2020, a modelled housing stock baseline was produced for GM providing an assessment of all housing stock, predictions of risks in the homes as well as an Energy Query Builder and Housing Query Builder.



GM Strategy Dashboard - *Central hub for the progress measures of the GM Strategy to monitor collective progress and assess changes within the region, across all Shared Outcomes and Shared Commitments.*
- 26.8% of households reported that they had experienced some form of digital exclusion in February 2022.



GM Welfare and Benefits Dashboard - *A monthly update of data on Claimant Count, Universal Credit claimants, the employment status of UC claimants as well as their gender and conditionality.*
- The GM claimant share in May 2022 was 5.2%, higher than the North West and UK averages (4.4% and 3.8%).





Cost of Living Dashboard - CACI Data

Gas, electricity and oil

Mortgages

Mean net disposable income

The CACI paycheck level data is made up of estimated predictions of households incomes and outgoings based on a range of data including data from Ocean, CACI's lifestyle database and the ONS Average Weekly Earnings and Living Costs and Food Survey.

The data held by Greater Manchester Combined Authority is recorded at postcode level and has been aggregated at LSOA level for the purpose of these presentations. The data is a snapshot in time from Spring 2022.

At present, the GMCA Research Team have used the CACI data to understand households energy costs, mortgage costs and disposable income at LSOA level. We are keen to expand these first steps and would welcome any requests for us to action (please see our contact details on the original GM Cost of Living dashboard).

This analysis for this CACI data is very much a work in progress and there are some issues with the data that we are trying to resolve, for example some LSOAs are not currently appearing on the CACI analysis maps. This is currently being investigated and will be resolved as soon as possible.

DO

- Use CACI analysis to get an understanding of likely characteristics for an area
- Use CACI to target communications and engagement at an area level, including communication channel preferences
- Consider CACI as a 'best guess' of the types of households within an area - based on multiple proprietary data sources and CACI categories
- Complement CACI analysis with official statistics and local intelligence from officers 'on the ground'

DON'T

- Take CACI 'as fact' - it is modelled data, based on probability and likelihood
- Cite specific characteristics engaging with households (i.e. 'our analysis indicates that you are x, y, z')
- Use CACI to try and identify or link to individuals as this is not possible
- Link CACI with other data sources, we can look for associations in different places (i.e. wards) but we cannot link individual records or households



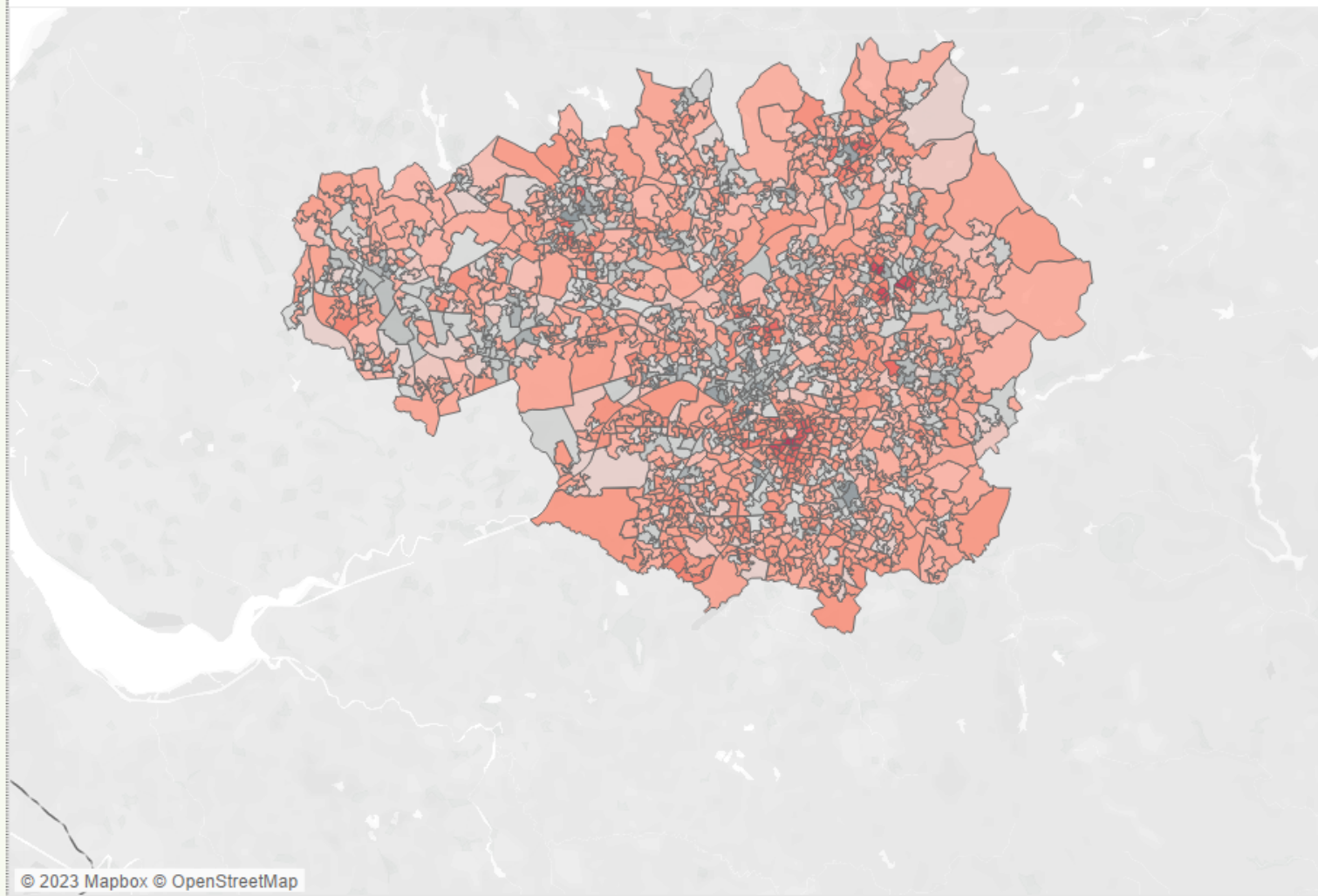
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Gas, electricity and oil payments



This visualisation presents the average amount spent on gas electricity and oil in each LSOA across Greater Manchester.

Reminder:

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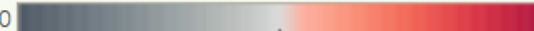
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Avg. Gas, electricity, oil (Relevant)

£580.00



£1,530.00



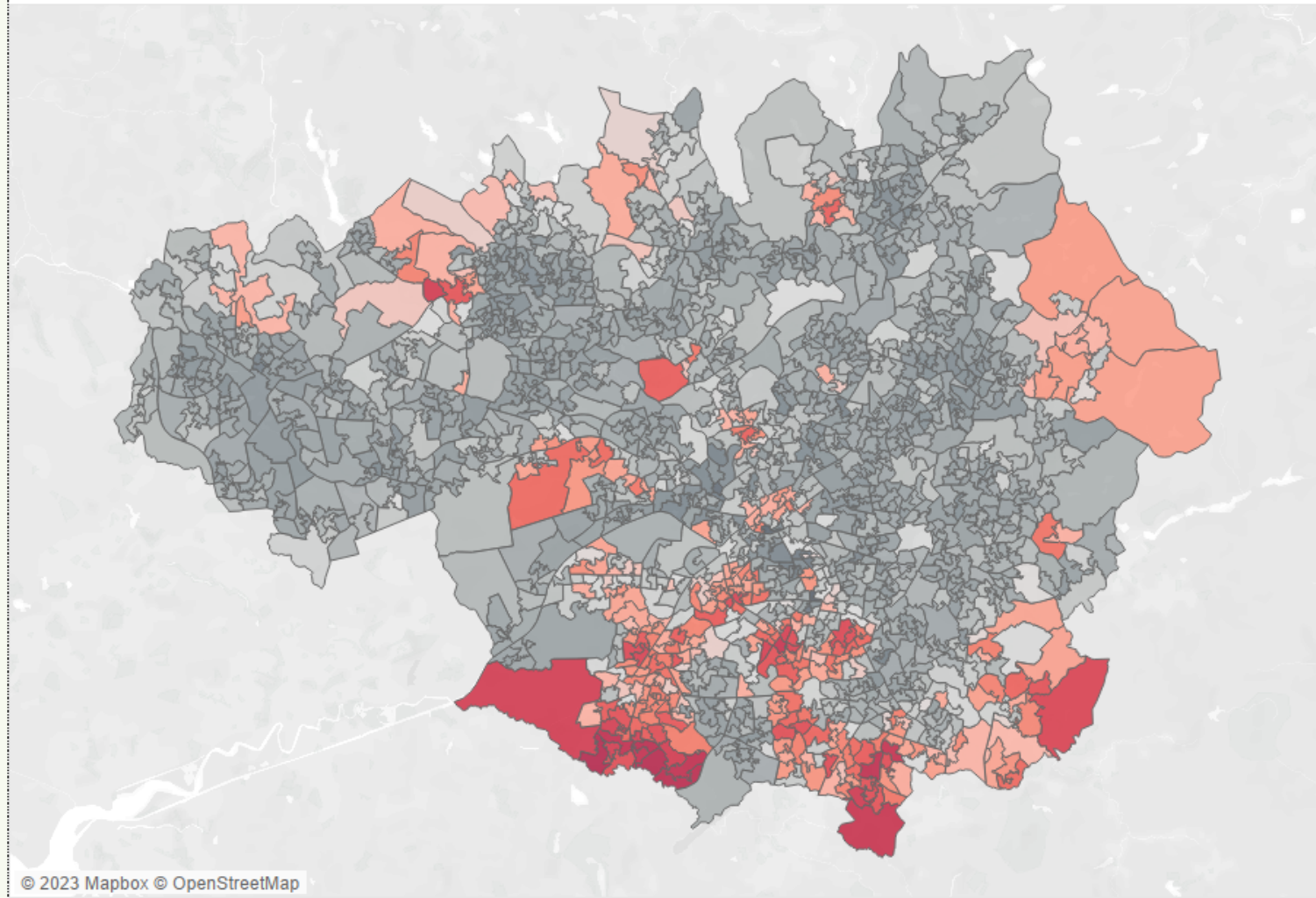
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Mortgage payments



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Avg. Mortgage (Relevant)

£0.00  £16,460.00



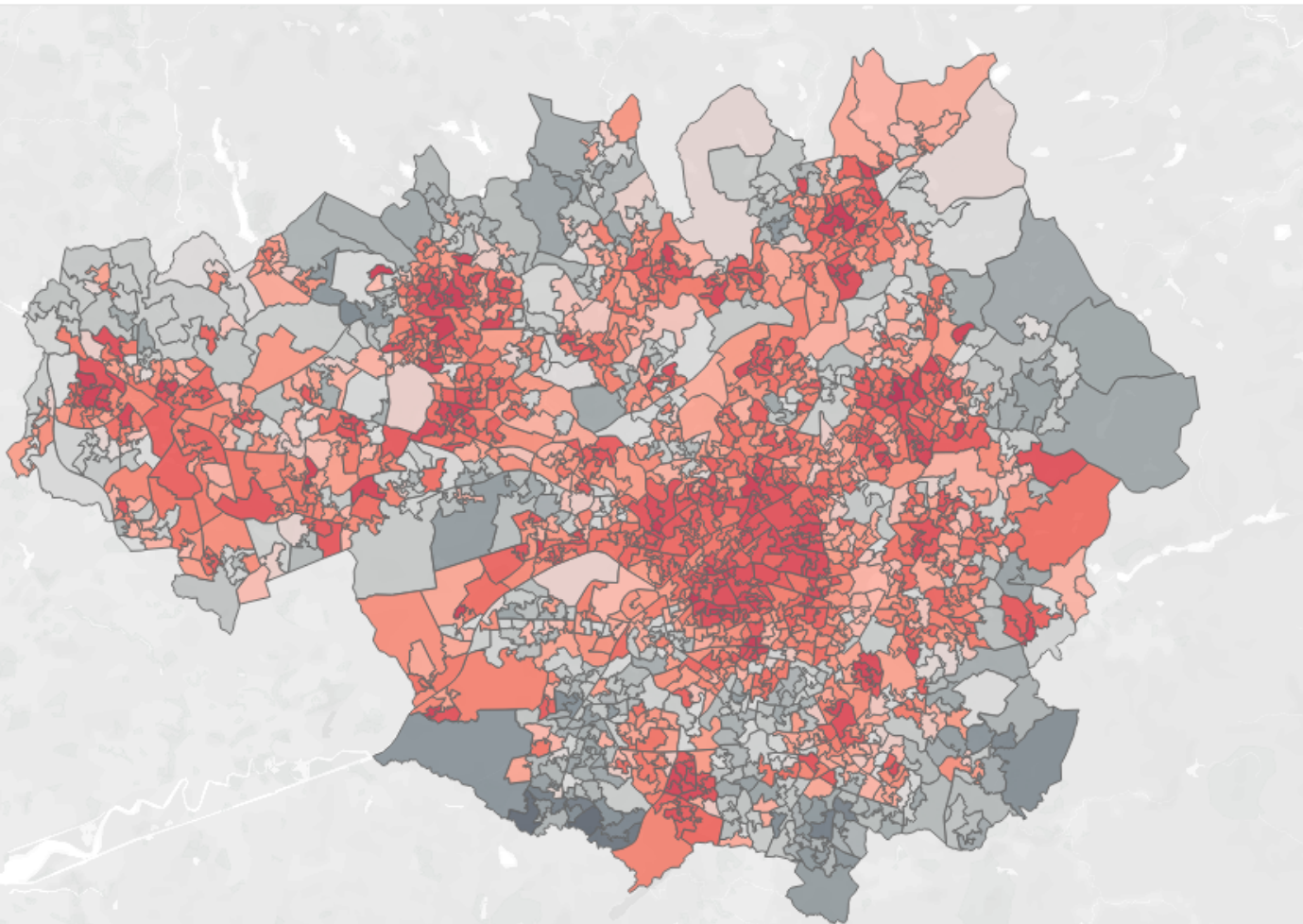
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Mean net disposable income

Net disposable income



This visualisation presents the average amount of net disposable incomes households have after a income tax, national insurance and other non-discretionary outgoings. These non-discretionary outgoings include mortgage payments, rent, council tax, utilities, water bills, insurance, food, clothing costs, childcare, students loans, pension contributions and travel to work costs.

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Avg. Mean Net Disposable Income (£k)





Housing and Homelessness

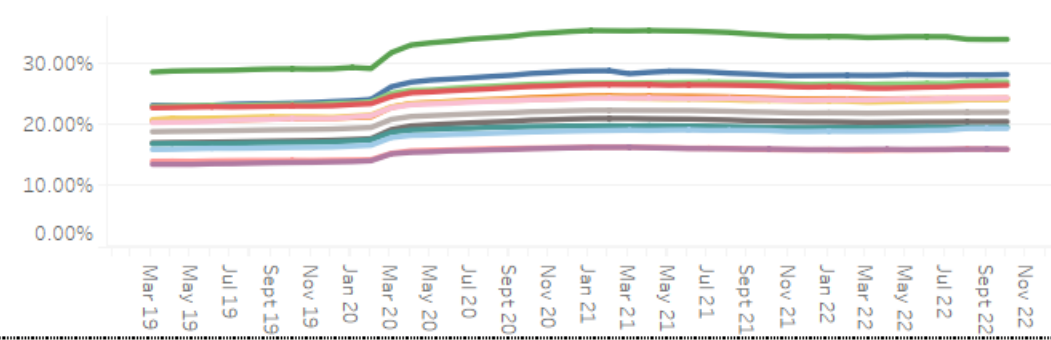
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Housing costs account for a significant proportion of household expense and so understanding the trends that are occurring in this area and the effect changes are having, is key to understanding the cost of living crisis. For the most vulnerable in society, becoming homeless and/or residing in temporary accommodation is a real risk of the cost of living crisis and so these metrics have also been included to give a full understanding of the situation.

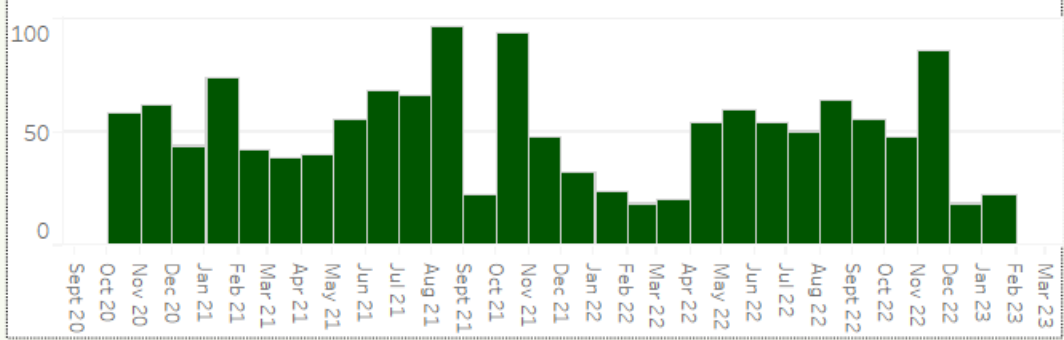
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Housing Support Share



New to rough sleeping



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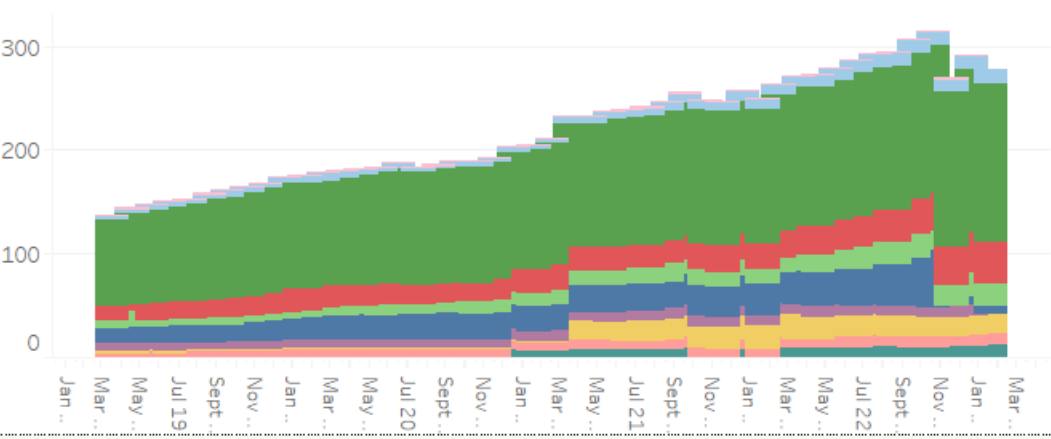
The percentage of households receiving Housing Support. A combination of the number of households receiving Housing Benefit and the housing element of Universal Credit.

The number of individuals sleeping rough across Greater Manchester, for the first time in that local authority. There is a further breakdown of this by local authority via the link to th..

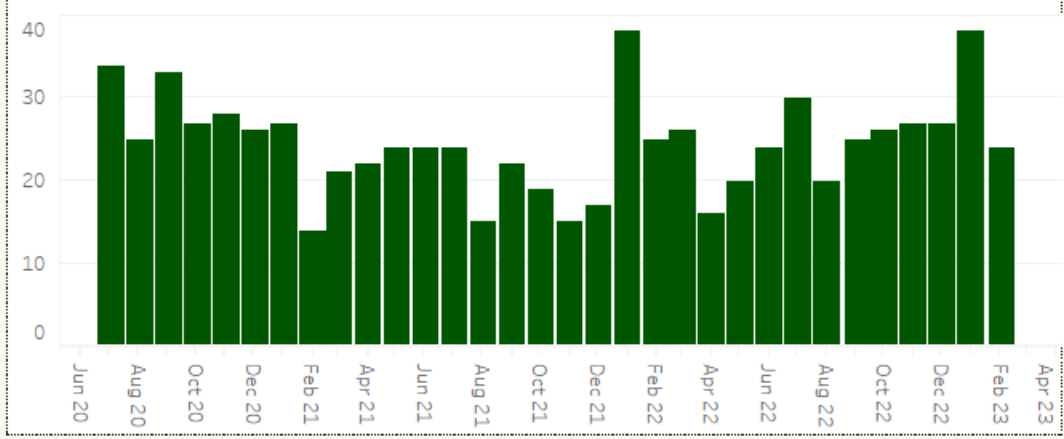


Where is this data from?

Temporary Accommodation, per 10,000 households



Employed Individuals referred to A Bed Every Night



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Temporary accommodation placements, across GM localities as per 10,000 households.

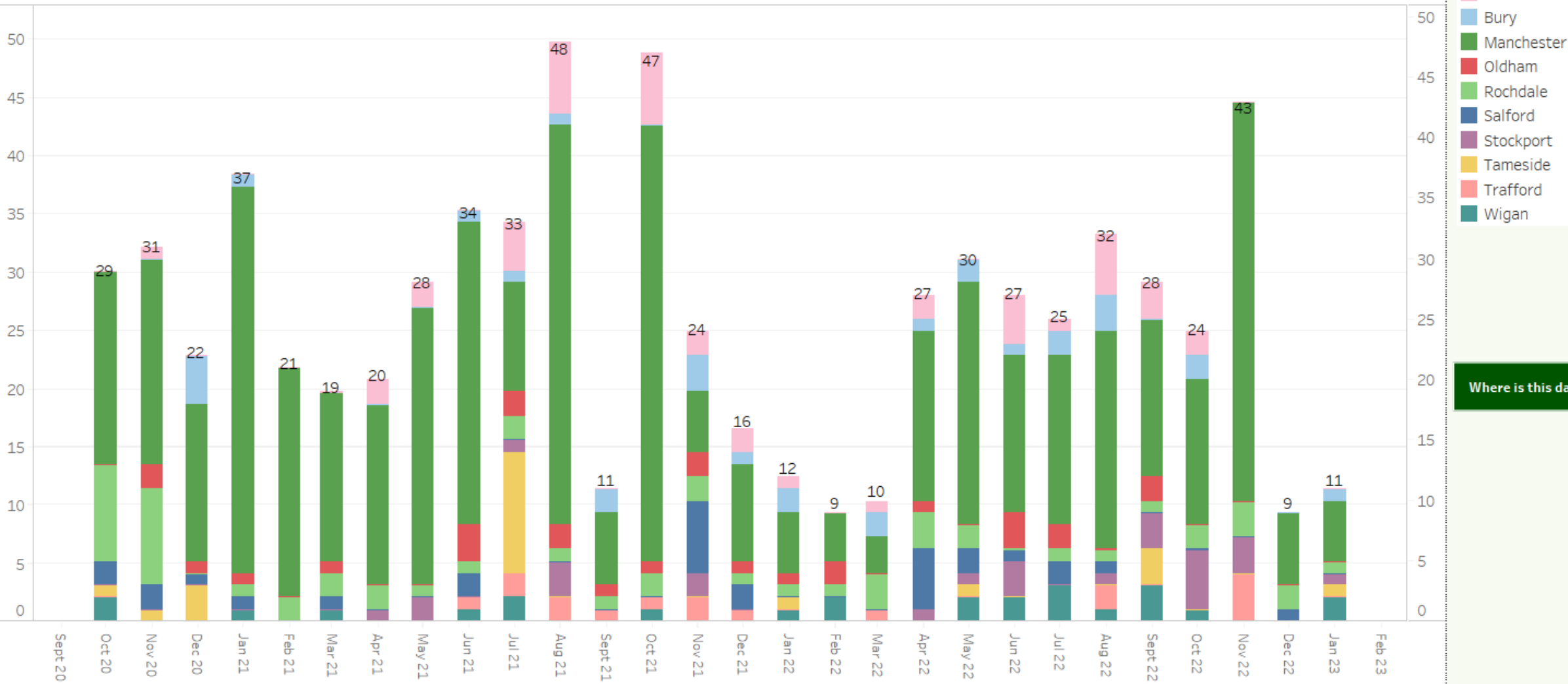
The number of people referred to A Bed Every Night, each month, who are in employment. There is a further breakdown of this by local authority via the link to the right.





Housing and Homelessness

New to rough sleeping by local authority

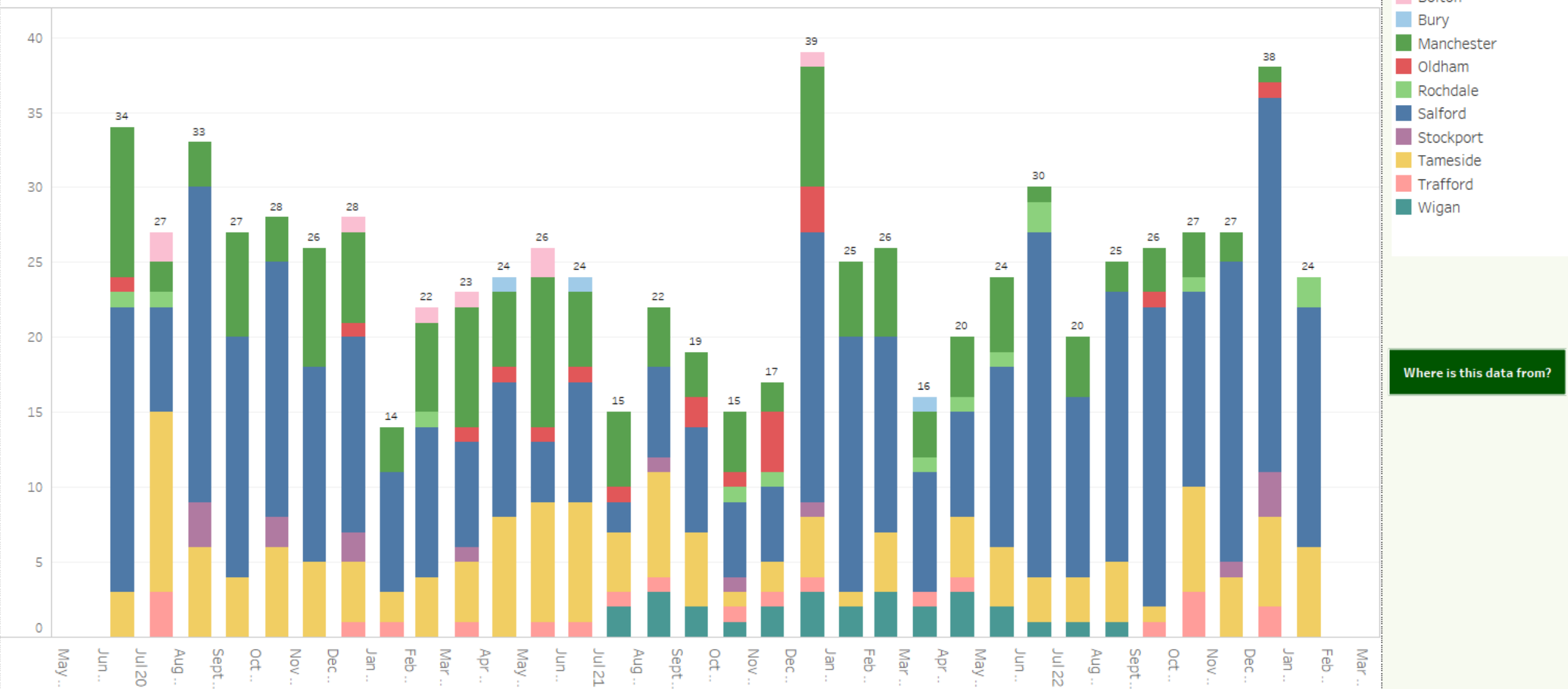


The number of people across Greater Manchester, who are new to sleeping rough in that local authority (we do not have insight into whether they have previously slept rough in another LA). Broken down further to examine the number of people in each local authority.



Housing and Homelessness

Employed Individuals referred to A Bed Every Night



The number of people referred to A Bed Every Night, each month, who are in employment. Broken down further to examine the proportion of those referred in each local authority.



Employment, Finances and Welfare Support

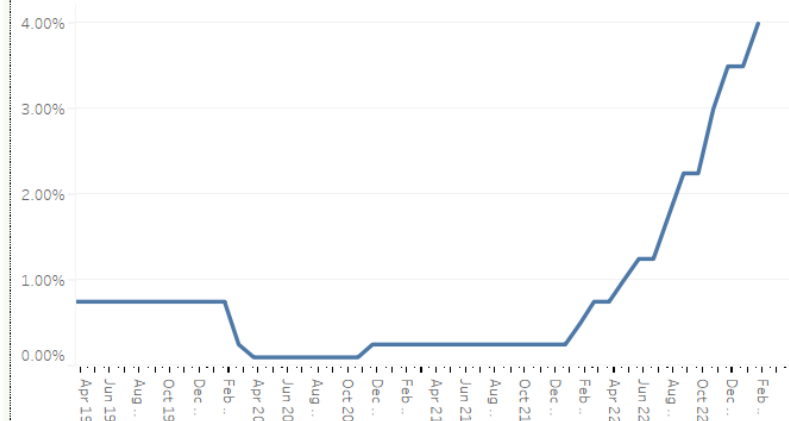
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Understanding the economic context in which people are experiencing the cost of living crisis is key, hence why the Bank of England Interest rate and CPI and CPIH rates are included on this page. It is also crucial to understand the effects this is having on the personal finances of everyday people, hence the inclusion of universal credit claimant share and median monthly pay (adjusted for inflation) as well as specific council tax measures.

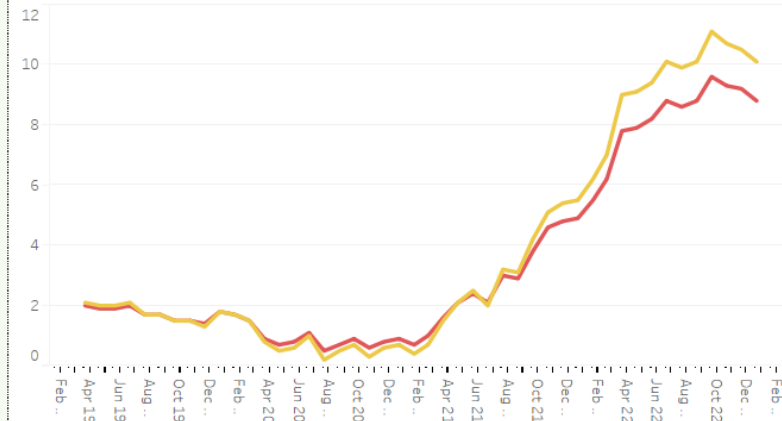
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Bank of England Interest Rate



Inflation Rate



Inflation Rate

- CPI
- CPIH

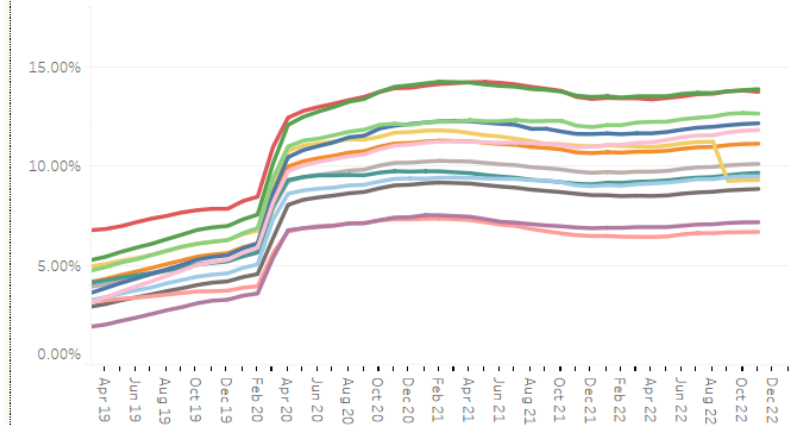
Universal Credit Share - C..

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- ☒ Bury
- ☒ England
- ☒ Greater Manchester
- ☒ Manchester
- ☒ North West
- ☒ Oldham
- ☒ Rochdale
- ☒ Salford
- ☒ Stockport
- ☒ Tameside
- ☒ Trafford
- ☒ Wigan

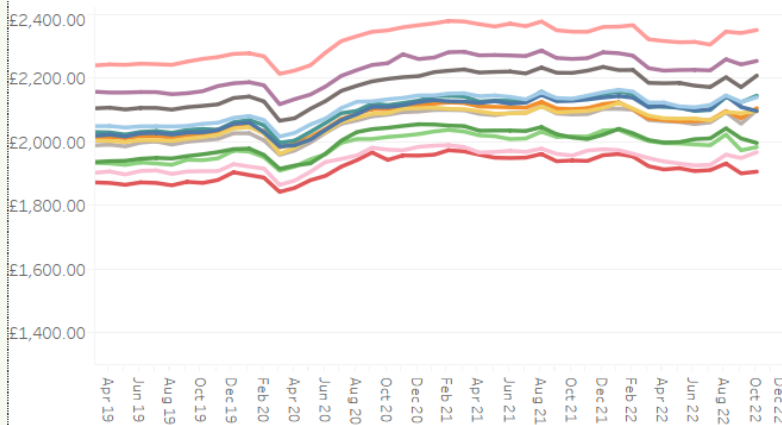
The interest rate set by the Bank of England to influence spending and inflation in the UK.

Consumer Price Index is the official measure of inflation of consumer prices in the UK. Consumer Price Index, including Housing costs extends the CPI to include the costs of maintaining a household.

Universal Credit Share



Median Monthly Pay, Adjusted for Inflation



Median Monthly Pay - Cho..

- ☒ Bolton
- ☒ Bury
- ☒ Greater Manchester
- ☒ Manchester
- ☒ North West
- ☒ Oldham
- ☒ Rochdale
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- ☒ Trafford
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- ☒ Wigan

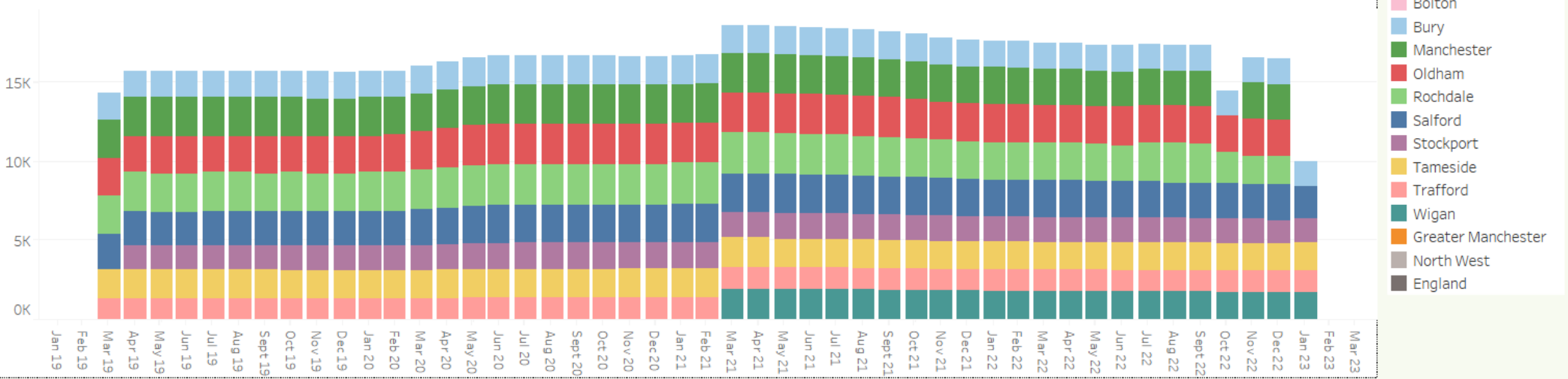
The percentage of Universal Credit claimants in each local authority. There is a breakdown of this graph and further explanation via the link to the right.



Median monthly pay, adjusted for inflation for each local authority, Greater Manchester, North West and UK.

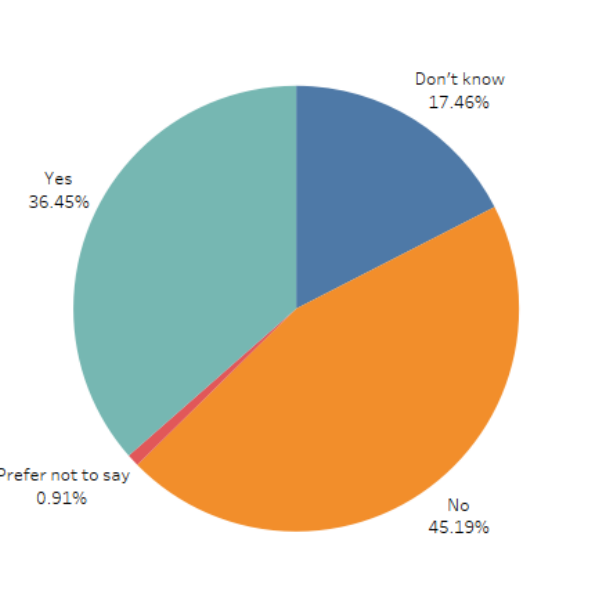
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Number of households in receipt of council tax support, per 10,000 households

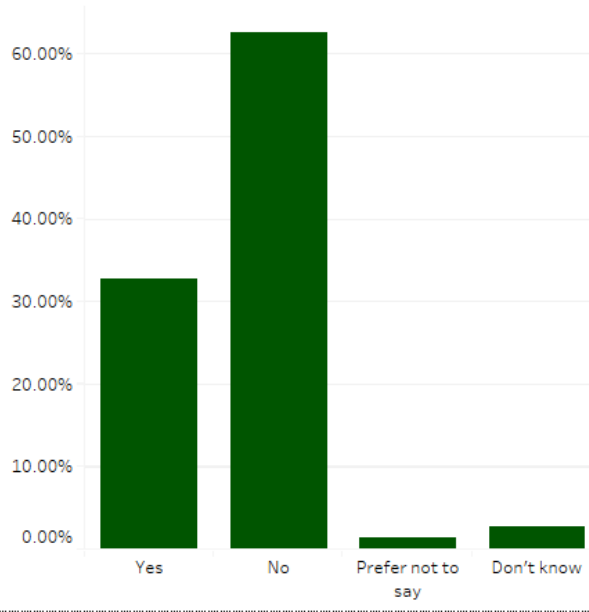


The number of households in receipt of council tax support (sometimes referred to as council tax reduction), per month, per 10,000 households. It should be noted that changes in claims can be affected by team capacity rather than just resident need.

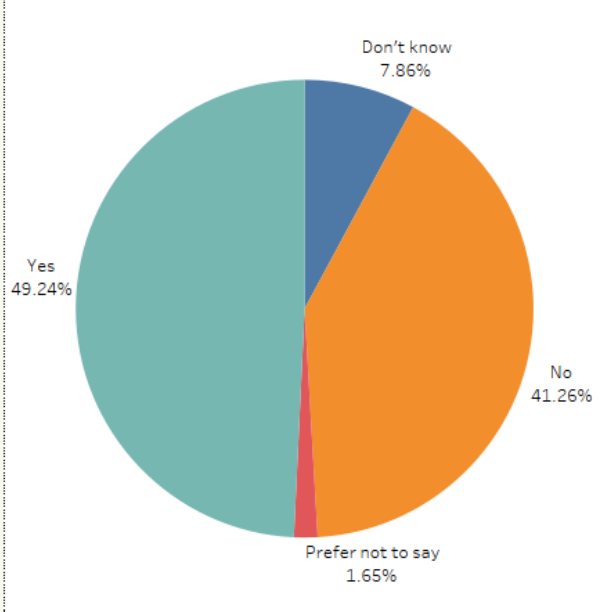
In view of the general economic situation, do you think you will be able to save any money in the next 12 months?



Have you had to borrow more money or use credit than usual in the last month, compared to a year ago?



Could your household afford to pay an unexpected, but necessary, expense of £850?

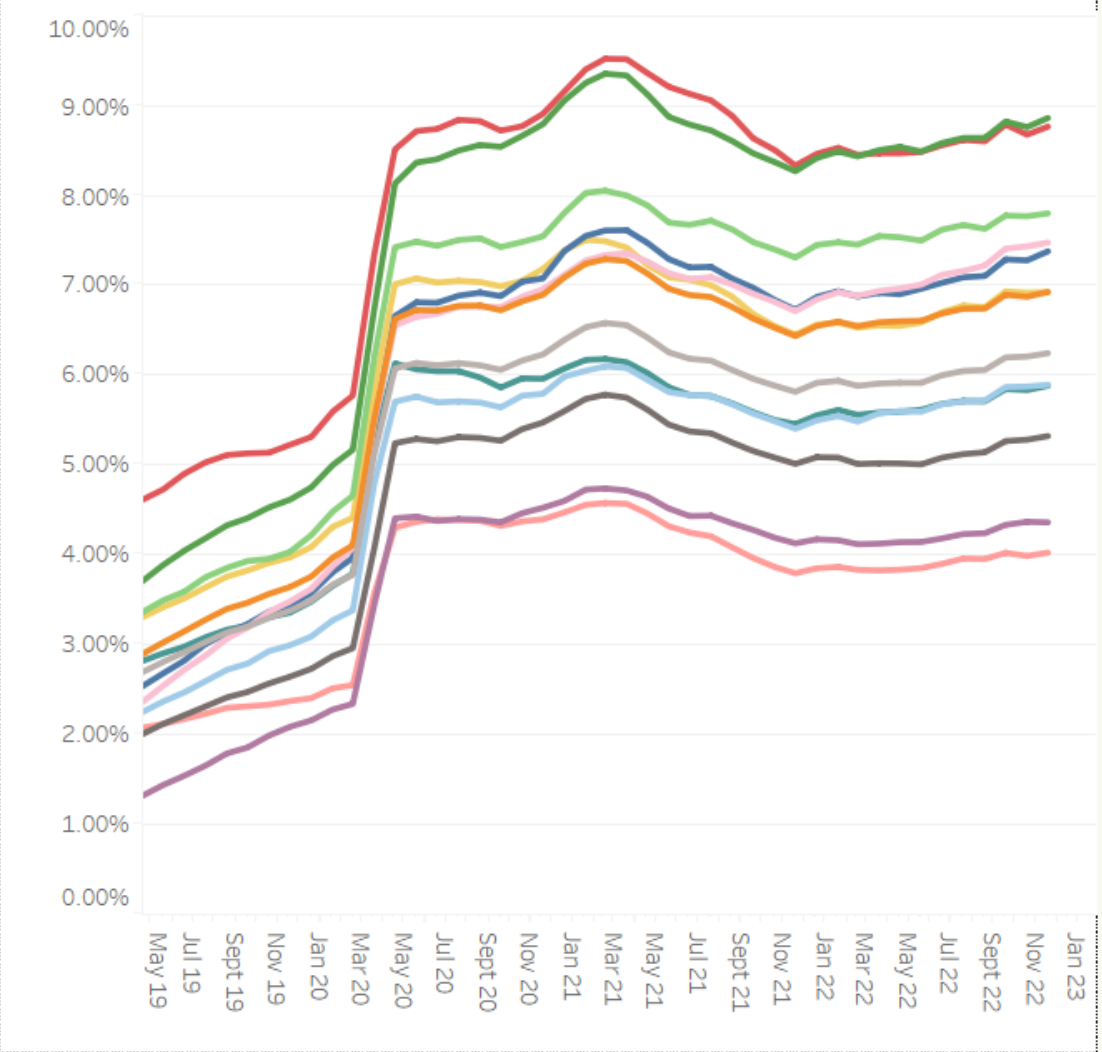


Questions from Wave 3, 4 and 5 of the Greater Manchester Residents' Survey, conducted in September, October and December 2022. These questions were asked online and over the phone to a total of 4,738 respondents.

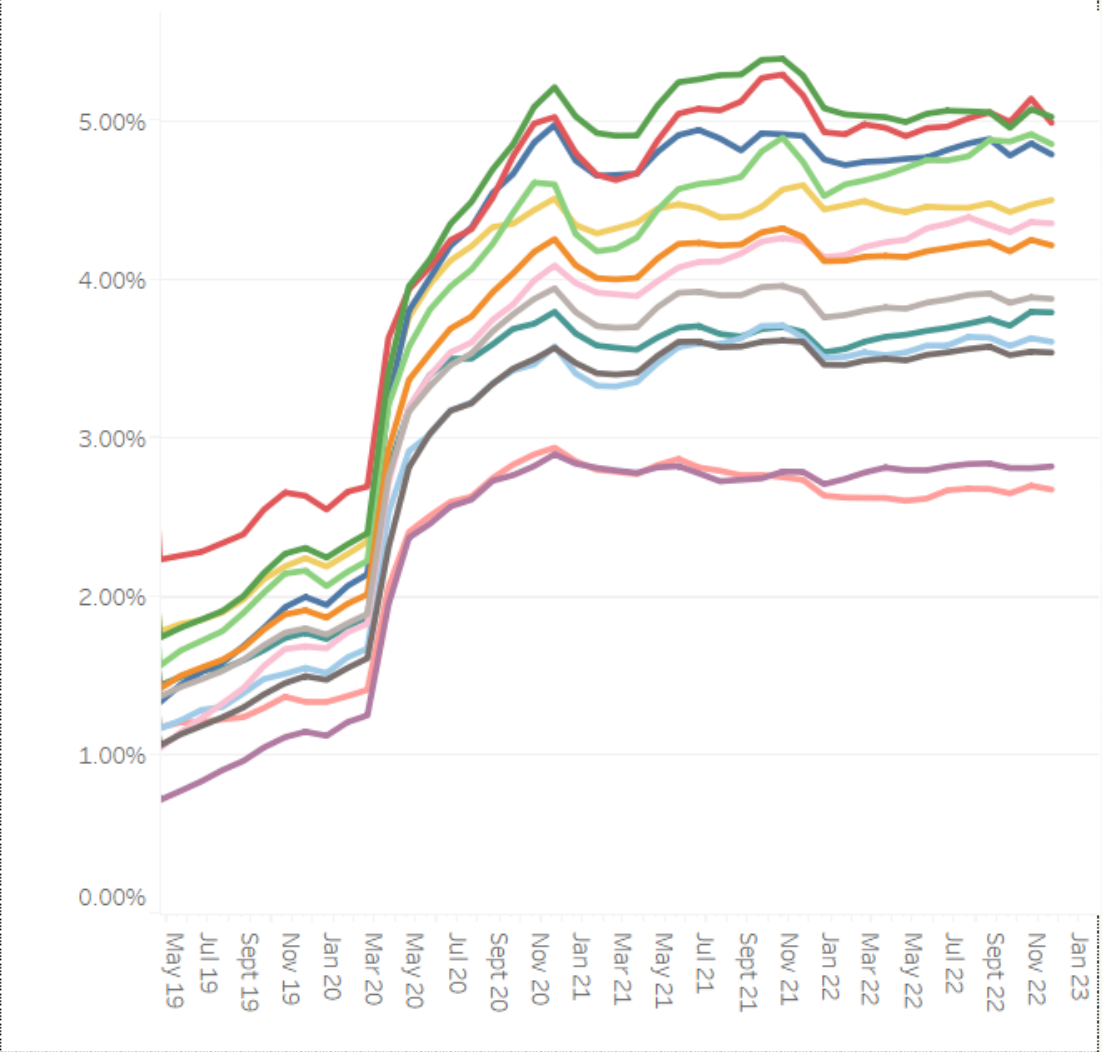


Employment, Finances and Welfare Support

Universal Credit Claimant Share - Not Employed



Universal Credit Claimant Share - Employed



- Area
- ☒ Bolton
 - ☒ Bury
 - ☒ England
 - ☒ Greater Manchester
 - ☒ Manchester
 - ☒ North West
 - ☒ Oldham
 - ☒ Rochdale
 - ☒ Salford
 - ☒ Stockport
 - ☒ Tameside
 - ☒ Trafford
 - ☒ Wigan

Where is this data from?

A breakdown of universal credit claimant share by those who are in and out of employment. Universal credit is a payment made up of a standard allowance and any extra amounts that apply to an individual. In this context 'share' refers to the proportion of each locality's population who claim universal credit.



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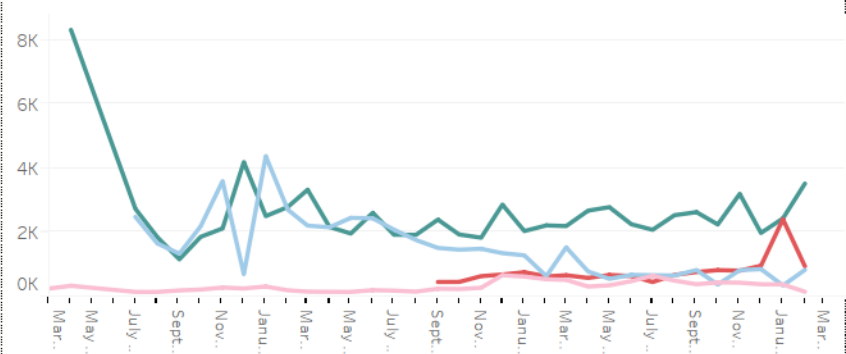
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As inflation rises and households struggle to pay bills, the cost of food can become a stressor for some and so it is key to track how the cost of living crisis is affecting food distribution services and recognise where peaks are forming and intervention may be necessary. It is also of great value to track trends in eligibility and claimant levels for government schemes in place which aim to support citizens with food costs, such as free school meals and healthy start vouchers.

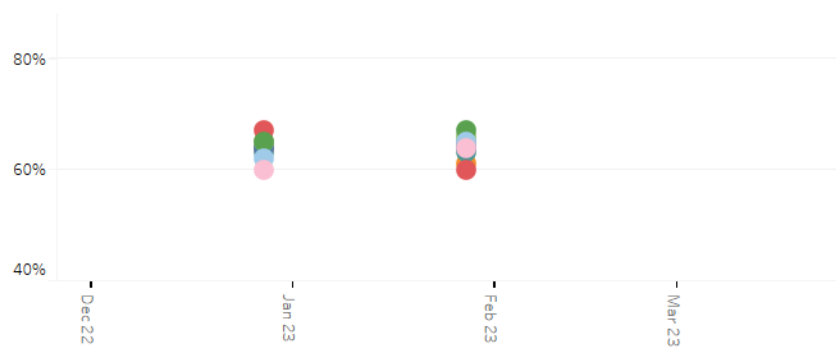
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Food Parcel and Voucher Distribution Levels



Healthy Start Vouchers Uptake



Healthy Start - Choose Ar..

- ☒ Bolton
- ☒ Bury
- ☒ Greater Manchester
- ☒ Manchester
- ☒ Oldham
- ☒ Rochdale
- ☒ Salford
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- ☒ Trafford
- ☒ Wigan

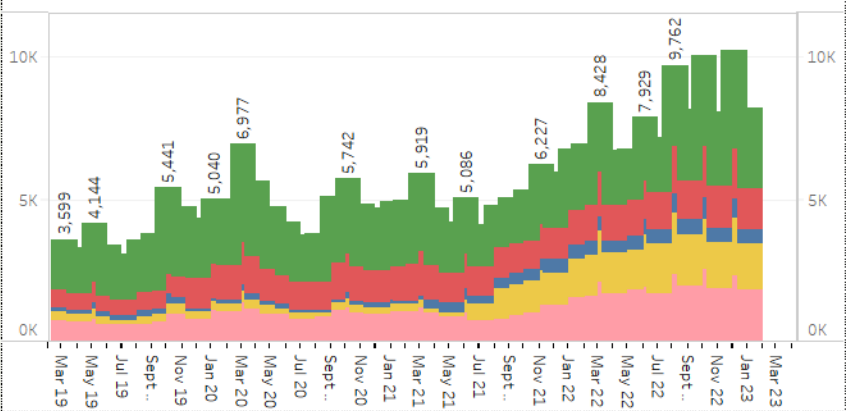
Area

- Bolton
- Bury
- Manchester
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wigan
- Greater Manchester

The number of food parcels distributed across Bolton, Bury and Wigan, as well as the number of vouchers distributed across Oldham (further food services are included for Oldham from January 2023). Not all local authorities are able to collect this data due to the set up of food distribution services in their locality. These figures also do not represent a full picture in any authority due to missing submissions from food providers.

The percentage of healthy start vouchers taken up by those eligible across each local authority in GM, in comparison with the GM average. Due to a change in the management of the system, the newest data for 2023 cannot be compared with previous data for April 2019-March 2022 and there is no available data for the period April-December 2022.

That Bread and Butter Thing - Transaction Levels



Trussell Trust Food Parcels distributed

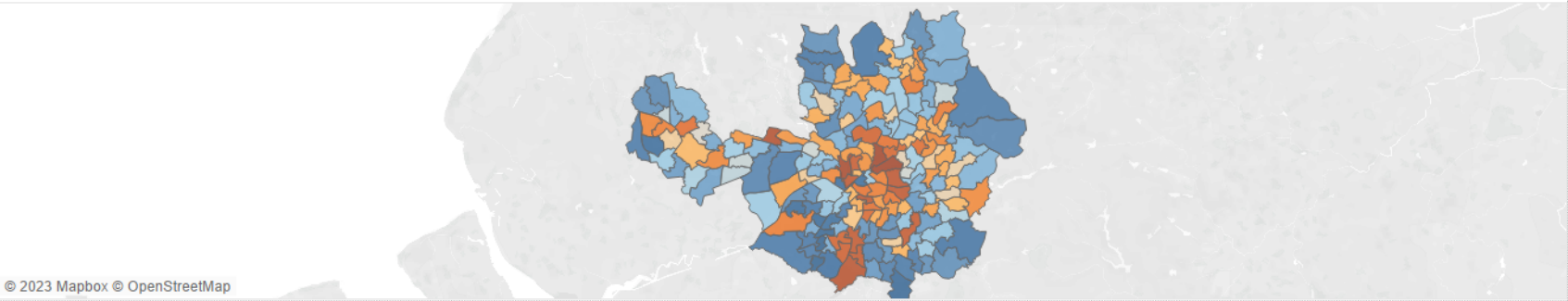


The number of transactions, per month, in the 5 local authorities that 'That Bread and Butter Thing' operate in. TBBT is a food provision service which offers 3 bags of varied food for £7.50.

The total number of food parcels distributed by food banks from within the Trussell Trust network, across GM using mid-year statistics. As of September 2022 there were 61 food banks as part of the Trussell Trust network across GM.

Where is this data from?

Free School Meal Eligibility



FSM - Choose month

- ☐ May 2019
- ☐ October 2019
- ☐ January 2020
- ☐ October 2020
- ☐ January 2021
- ☐ May 2021
- ☐ October 2021
- ☐ January 2022
- ☒ May 2022
- ☐ October 2022

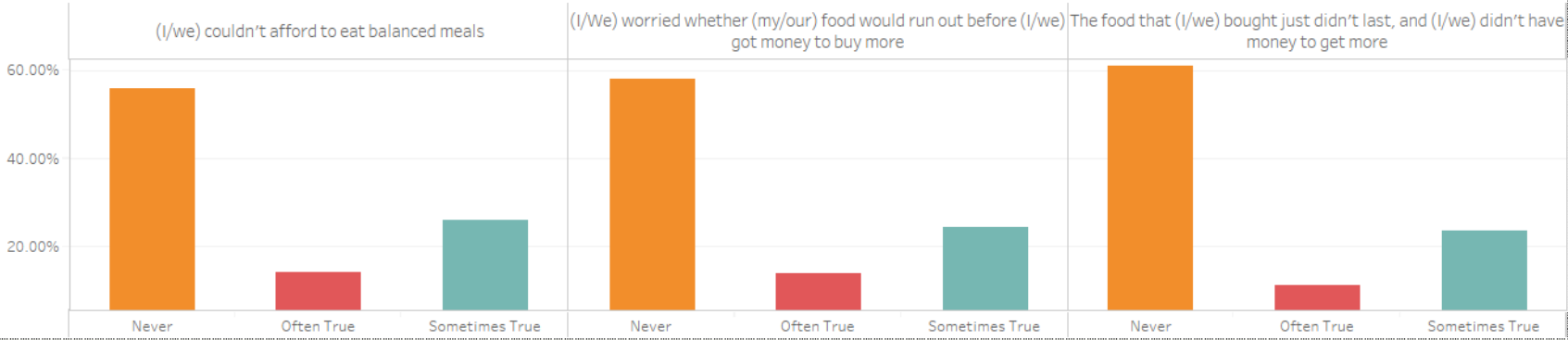
FSM - Choose authority

- ☒ Bury
- ☒ Manchester
- ☒ Oldham
- ☒ Rochdale
- ☒ Salford
- ☒ Stockport
- ☒ Tameside
- ☒ Trafford
- ☒ Wigan

The percentage of children eligible for free school meals. There is a further breakdown of this graph and a further graph showing FSM uptake across localities, via the link to the right.

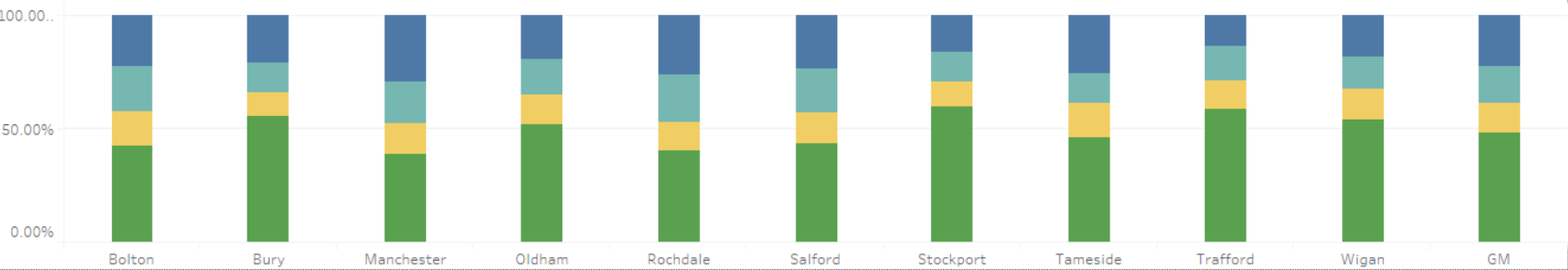


Food Security Questions



Questions from waves 1-5 of the Greater Manchester Residents' Survey, conducted in February, April, September, October and December 2022. These questions were asked online to a total of 6,380 respondents.

Food Security by Local Authority



Level of Food Security

- ☒ Very low
- ☐ Low
- ☐ Marginal
- ☐ High

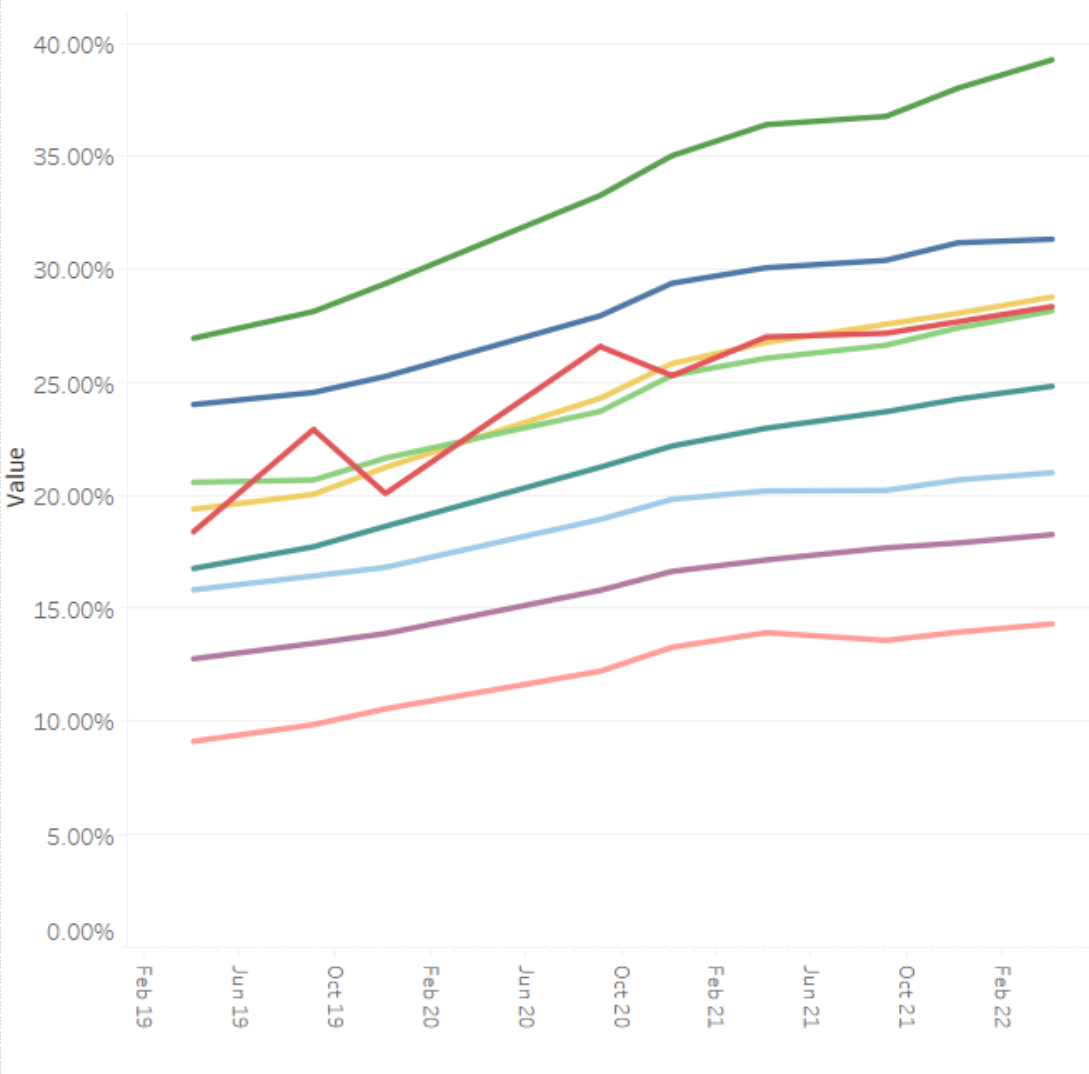
Food security scores are calculated through responses to the questions that respondents are asked during the Food Security section of the GM Residents' Survey. These questions were asked in waves 1-5 of the GM Residents' Survey, which were conducted in February, April, September, October and December 2022. There is a further breakdown of this graph and further explanation on how these score are calculated and the meanings behind the scores via the link to the right.





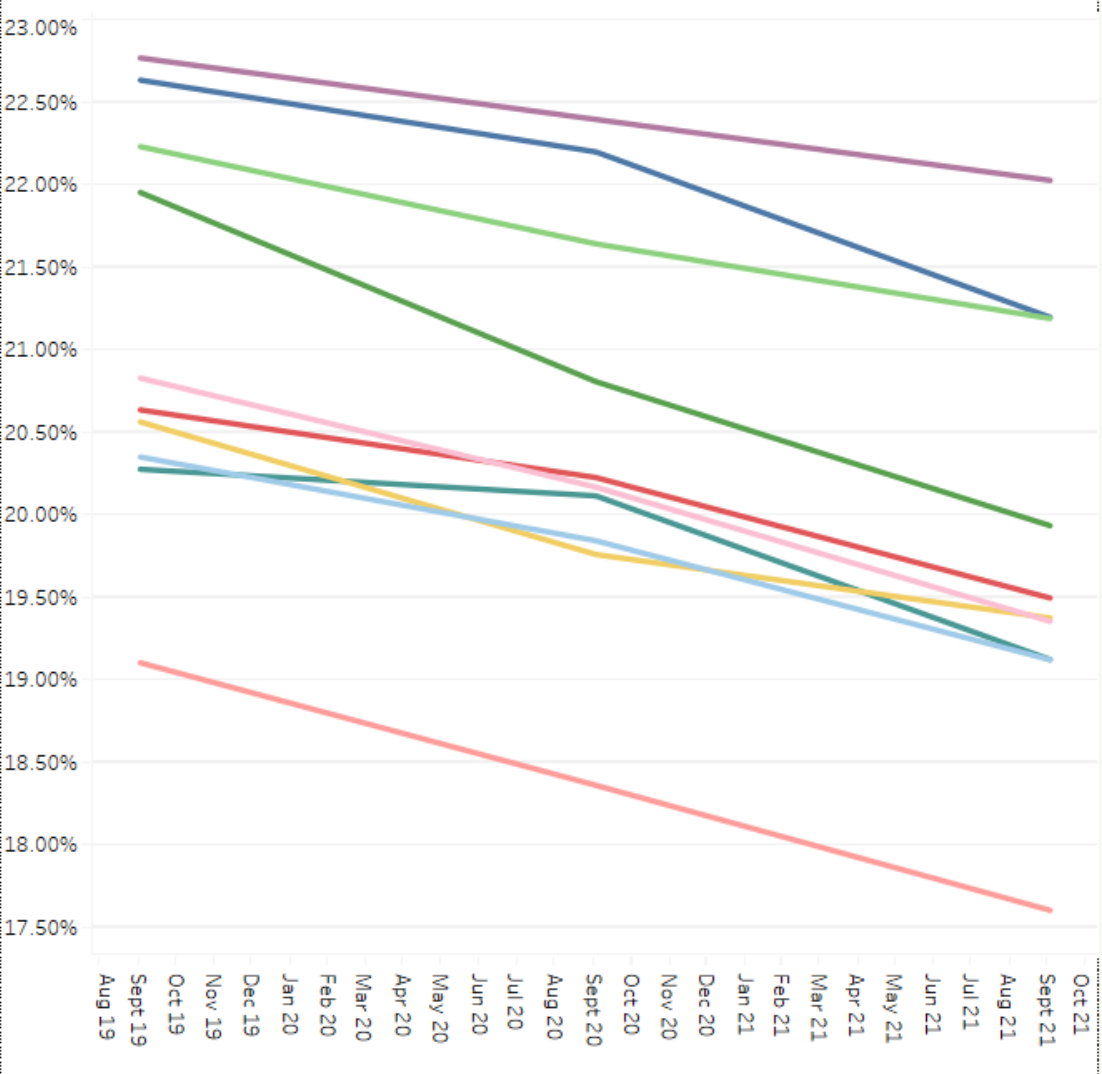
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Free School Meal Eligibility Average Local Authorities



The average proportion of students eligible for free school meals in each local authority, in order to show change overtime.

Free School Meal uptake



The percentage of infants in each local authority who took a free school meal on each census day, in the Autumn of each year.

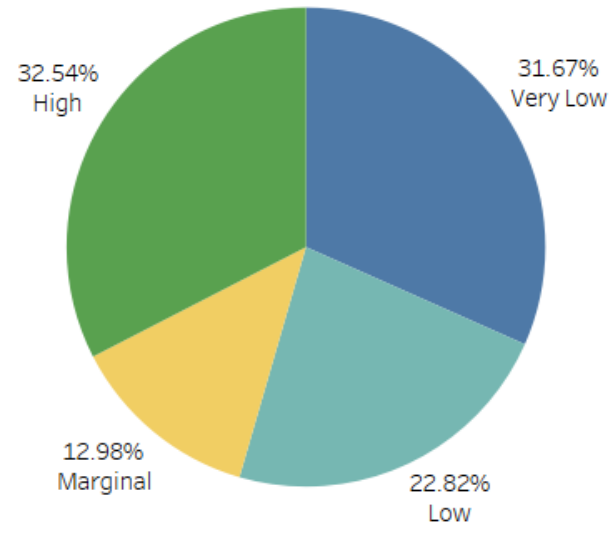
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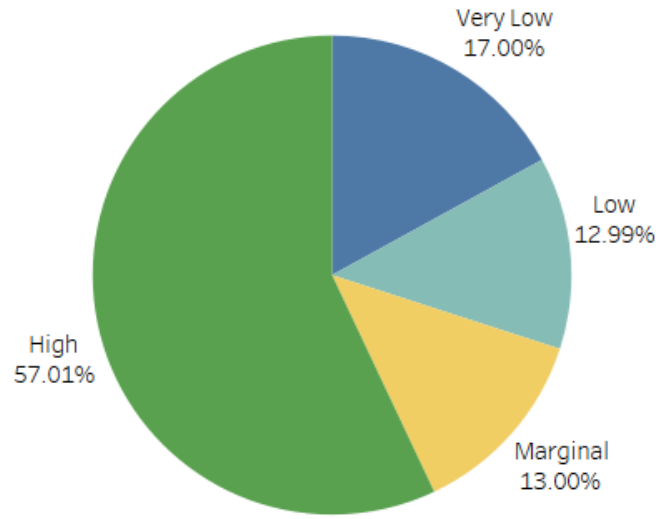


Food

Food security for respondents in households with children



Food security for respondents in households without children



Where is this data from?

Food security score is calculated through responses to the questions that respondents are asked during the Food Security section of the GM Residents' Survey. A food security score can be calculated for each household, based on respondents' answer to a suite of questions, with the ability to report findings both for households with and households without children. Food Insecurity reflects a situation where there is a material impact on the overall level of food available to a household, as well as an impact on things like nutritional value. Any household that is assigned a food security score of "low" or "very low" is classified as a household experience food insecurity.



Fuel

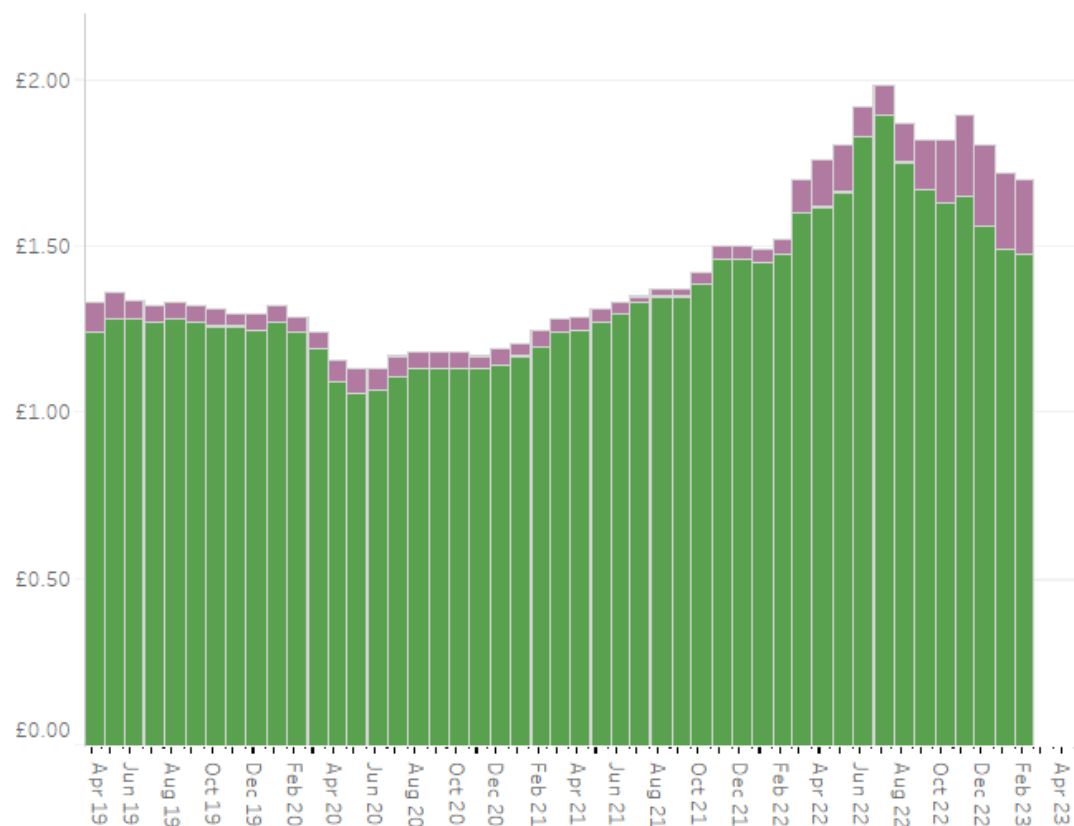
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The historically high prices of fuel, on an international basis, have had a direct effect on the cost of living for households. Effecting both pay at the pump fuel prices, as well as energy costs for running a household. It is also key to recognise government intervention in this area, for example the energy price guarantee and how this has an effect on household costs.

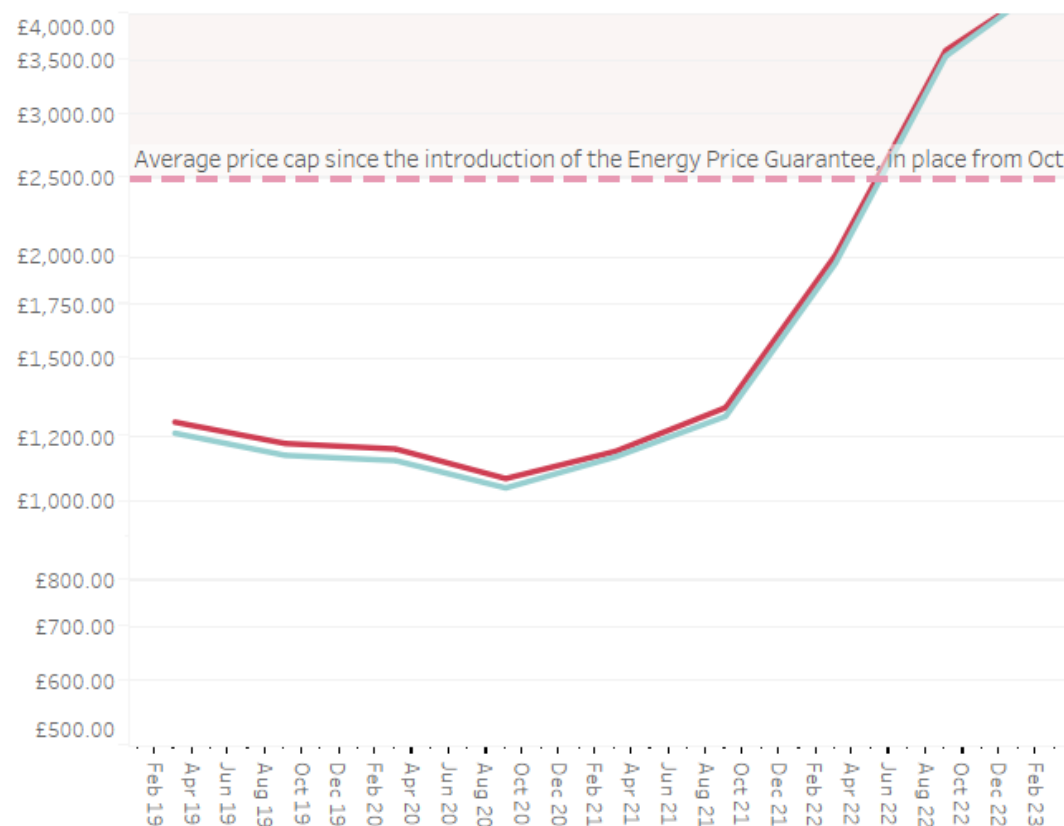
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Fuel Prices



Energy Price Cap



Fuel Type

- Diesel Prices
- Petrol Prices

Payment Methods

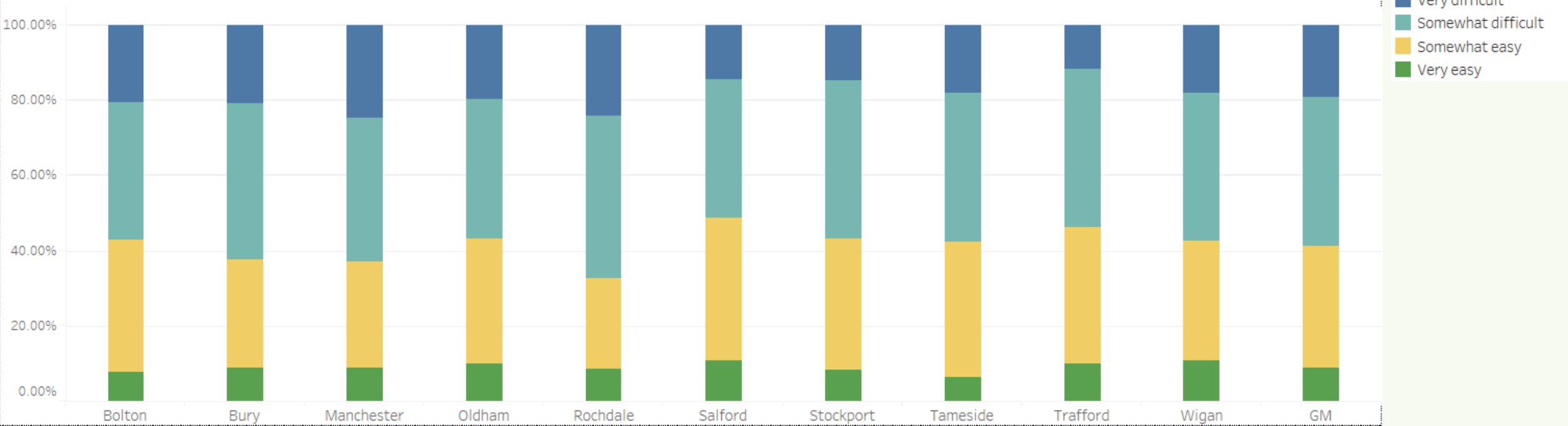
- Direct Debit Payment
- Pre-Payment

Monthly average 'pay at the pump' prices for fuel, per litre, in the UK.

A backstop protection for those on a default energy tariff set by Ofgem. This graph includes an indication of the average yearly price, following the introduction of the Energy Price Guarantee.

Where is this data from?

How easy or difficult is it to afford your energy costs?



Question from waves 3-5 of the Greater Manchester Residents' Survey, conducted in September, October and December 2022. This question was asked online and over the phone to a total of 4,390 respondents.

Different support measures are being used to help with the rising costs of fuel and energy for households across Greater Manchester. Due to the variety in measures being used, there is understandably difference in how these are recorded, tracked and measured and so availability of data in this area varies. As with all council provided data, lack of data for any of the 10 local authorities does not indicate that support is not being provided.

[Click here to navigate to a fuel and energy support measures.](#)



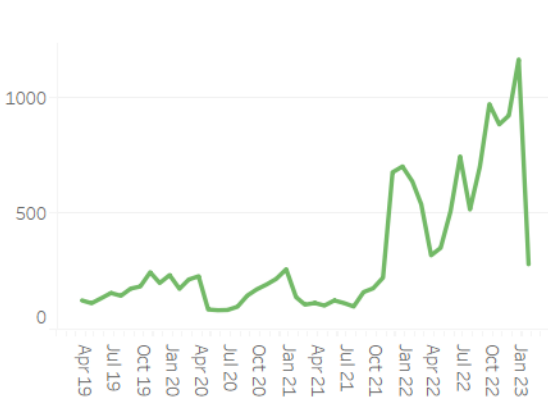
Fuel

As households feel the effect of rising fuel and energy costs, councils are implementing support packages, on top of government measures. This page details some of these support packages in place. This is not an exhaustive collection of all measures in place by GM local authorities.

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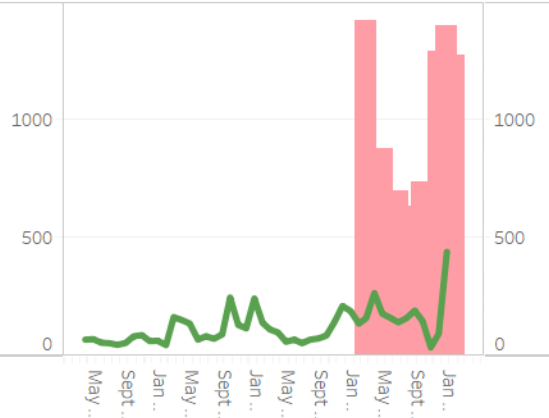
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Fuel Top Up Cards - Bolton



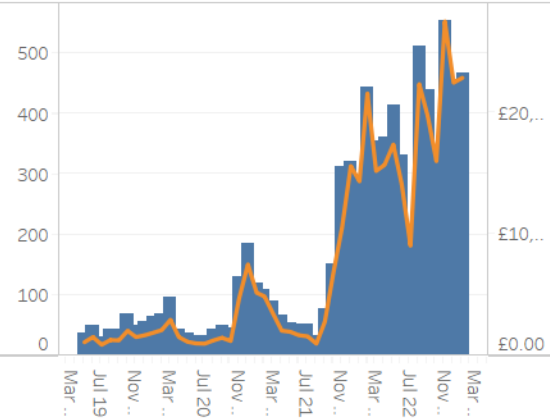
The number of eligible households who have received top up cards for gas and electric key or card meters.

Fuel Grant Approvals - Manchester and Trafford



The number of unique approvals of fuel grant applications in Manchester and Trafford. These are available for some who are struggling with their fuel bills or at risk of being disconnected and who use pre-paid meter cards.

Warm Homes - Oldham

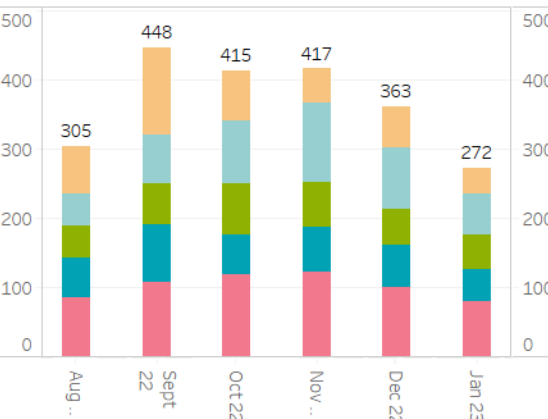


The number of families helped via the Warm Homes scheme in Oldham and the monetary value of the support provided. Warm Homes started in 2013 as an advice service to help with Fuel Poverty offering advice and since 2019 the service has also been providing financial support in the wa..

Warm Homes
No families claiming h..
Value £

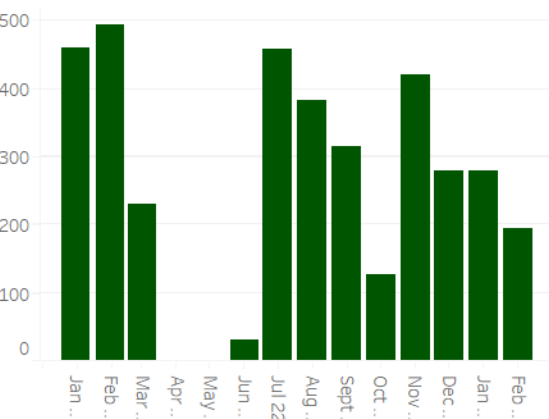
Fuel Grant Approvals
Manchester
Trafford

Fuel vouchers - Rochdale



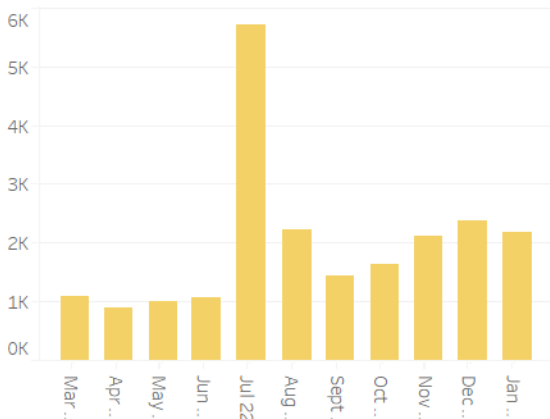
The number of fuel vouchers distributed across Rochdale, broken down to township level. These vouchers are paid for through the Household Support Fund.

Fuel Poverty Support - Tameside



in Tameside, please note due to these being utility requests, this could include water bills. Please also note, there is recognition from Tameside council that the volume is likely limited by available funding rather than the number of households in need. The month of request represents the ..

Personal Budgeting Support - Wigan



Funding provided to households in the most need across Wigan, to support with food, energy and water bills as well as other wider essential costs. This is funded through the Household Support Fund.

Rochdale Fuel Vouchers - ..
Heywood
Middleton
Pennines
Rochdale North
Rochdale South

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Crime and Incidents

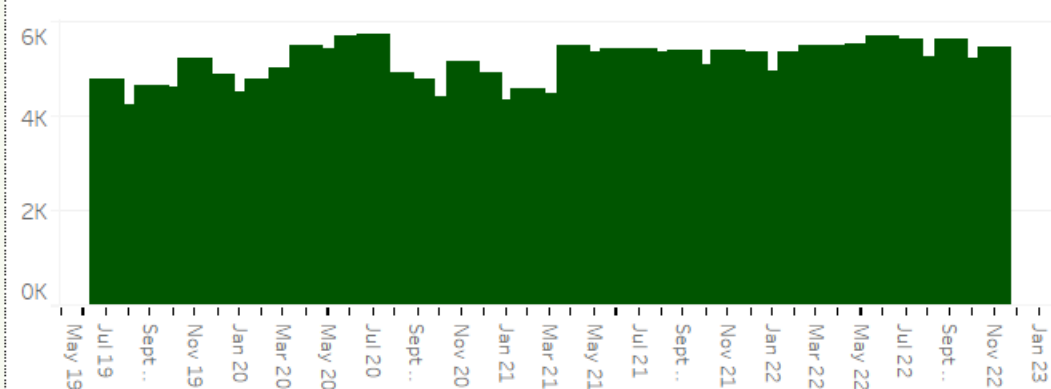
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As we experience a rising cost of living, concern is increasing that we could see a rise in crime as a result. This is particularly the case for acquisitive crime and domestic abuse incidents. This theme aims to explore these metrics in further depth.

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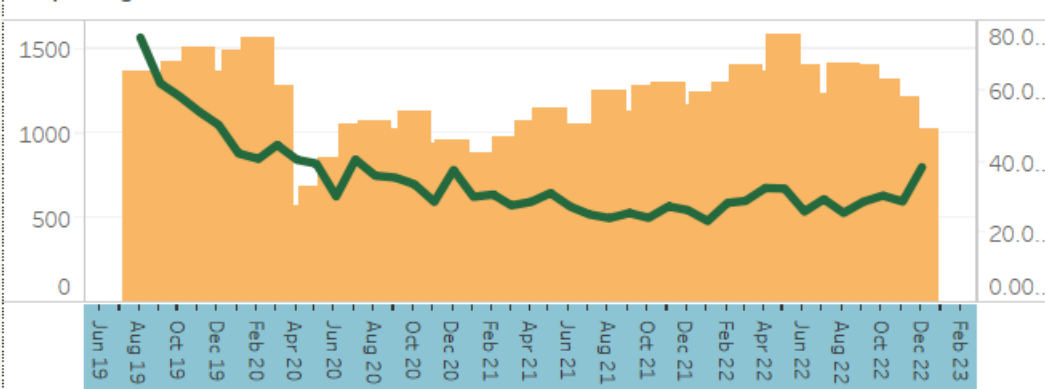
Domestic Abuse Incidents



The number of domestic abuse incidents, across Greater Manchester. Click the button to the right for a breakdown of this graph by local authority.



Shoplifting



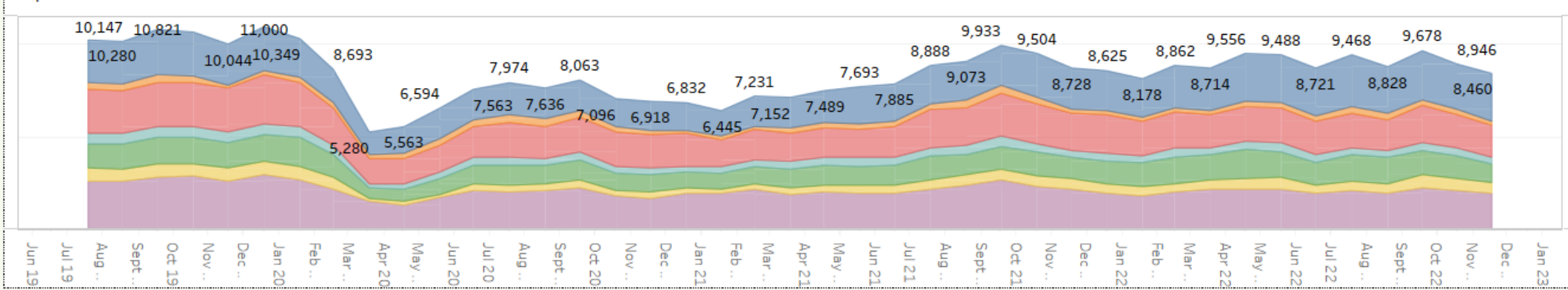
The number of shoplifting offences across Greater Manchester, alongside the percentage of shoplifting crimes committed by first time offenders. The first few months of the metric relating to first time offenders should be ignored as at this point, they were all unknown and so this doesn't represent a particular peak of first time offending.

Shoplifting

% Of Crimes By First time offenders
Total shoplifting offences

Where is this data from?

Acquisitive Crime



Crimes Recorded

All other theft offences
Bicycle theft
Burglary
Robbery
Shoplifting
Theft from the person
Vehicle offences

A breakdown of all acquisitive crimes reported in Greater Manchester, by the type of crime.



Digital Exclusion

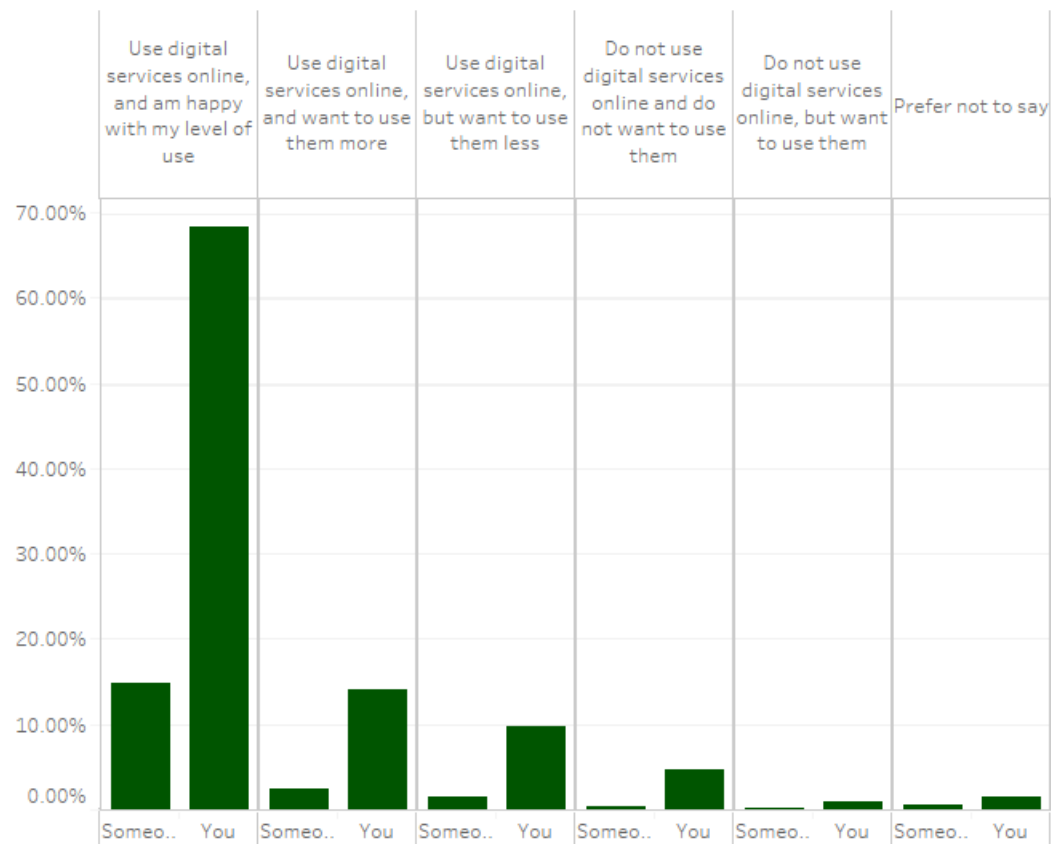
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It is crucial to reflect upon the effects of digital exclusion when assessing the rising cost of living for Greater Manchester residents. Those who are digitally excluded may be at a worse advantage point to relieve their rising costs. Causes of this include, being unable to access benefits online, unable to use price comparison sites to lower their costs or being unconnected from people or organisations whom may be able to relieve money concerns and worries.

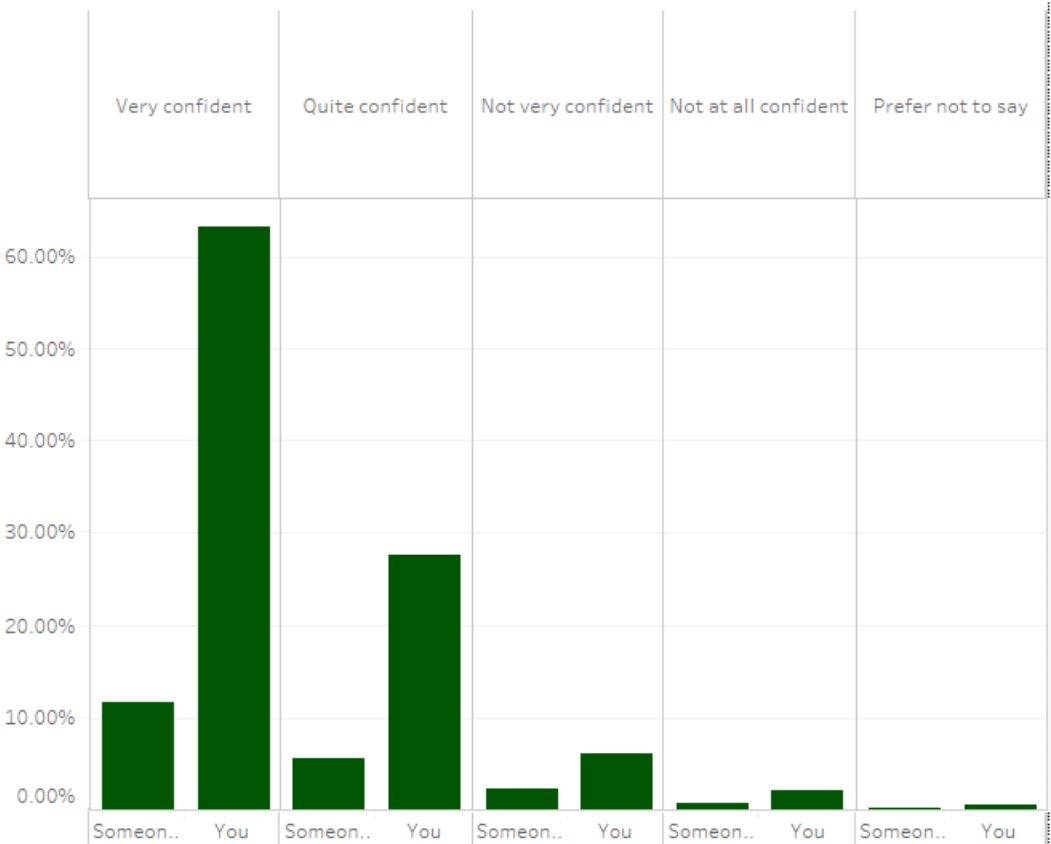
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How would you describe your own, and others in your households current and future intended use of digital services online?



How confident are you, and others in your household in using the digital services online that you need and want?



Where is this data from?

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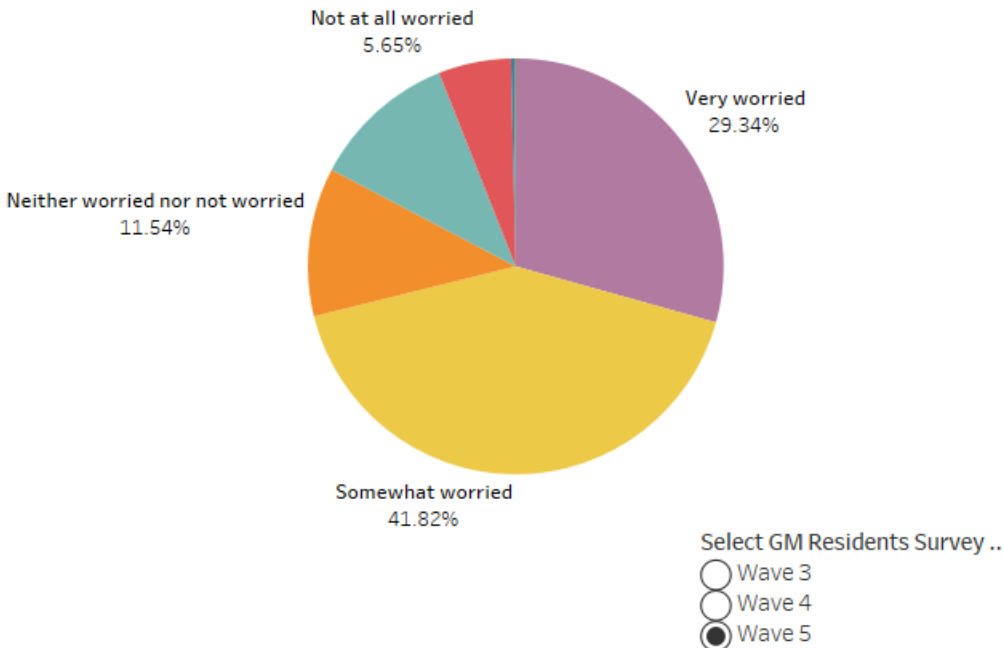
Health and Wellbeing

A rising cost of living can cause an effect on residents' wellbeing in terms of worry, stress and anxiety, as well as an effect caused by cost of living influenced behaviours, such as missing hospital appointments or not collecting prescriptions. It is crucial to track and measure these effects, as is done on this page. Future iterations of the dashboard will include further metrics on health data.

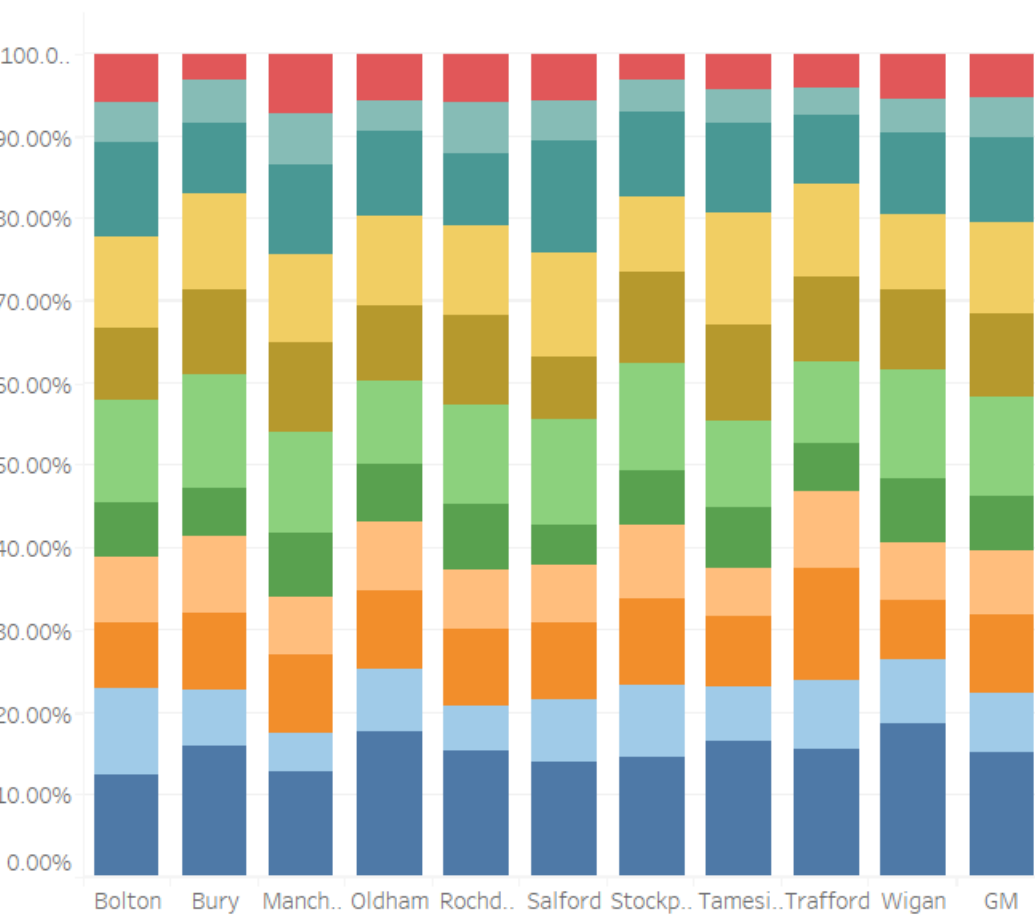
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In the past two weeks, how worried or not have you been about the rising costs of living?



Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday, on a scale where 0 is "not at all anxious" and 10 is "completely anxious"?



Worry - Answer

- Very worried
- Somewhat worried
- Neither worried nor not worried
- Not at all worried
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

Where is this data from?

Anxious - Ranking

- 10
- 9
- 8
- 7
- 6
- 5
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
- 0

Questions from waves 3-5 of the Greater Manchester Residents' Survey, conducted in September, October and December 2022. These questions were asked online and over the phone to a total of 4,783 respondents.



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Any feedback on how this dashboard could be changed or expanded is more than welcome. I am also available to take any relevant queries or suggestions, I am contactable via beth.kilheeney@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk



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As the cost of living crisis has progressed, more resources and tools have been created to further understand or help support those in need. This page acts as a glossary for these resources. We welcome any suggestions or recommendations on links to be added to this page - please see our details on the Contact Us page.

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Helping Hand

Advice for all those affected by the cost of living crisis across Greater Manchester. A directory of help and support, broken down by locality.

[Greater Manchester Combined Authority: Helping Hand](#)



Cost of Living Hub

A hub sharing best practice and help focused on councils supporting their residents with the rise in cost of living.

[Local Government Association: Cost of Living Hub](#)



Cost of Living Data Dashboard

A dashboard sharing insights gained from across the Citizens Advice service focused on the cost of living crisis, with monthly updates.

[Citizens Advice: CA cost of living data dashboard](#)



Tracking Financial Vulnerability in the UK

UK Financial Vulnerability Index using publicly available measures and unique consumer data from Lowell, one of Europe's largest credit management services companies. Tracking financial vulnerability since 2017, at a parliamentary constituency level.

[Urban Institute: Tracking Financial Vulnerability in the UK](#)





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This page details the origins of the data used throughout the GM Cost of Living dashboard and contains direct links to each accessible data source, shown as green arrows, located next to the data description.

Housing Support claimant count

Combination of Housing Benefit claimants and those who claim the housing element of Universal Credit, as a proportion of 2021 population estimates.

[Stat-Xplore: Housing Benefits and Universal Credit Claimants](#)

[ONS: Population and Household estimates, England and Wales: Census 2021](#)



New to rough sleeping

Combination of data published online, for link please see below, and more up to date figures provided directly from DLUHC.

[Gov.uk: Support for people sleeping rough in England, March 2022.](#)



Number of Households in Temporary Accommodation

Combination of council provided data and household estimates from Census 2021.

Data provided by GM local authorities.

[ONS: Population and Household estimates, England and Wales: Census 2021](#)



Number of Employed Individuals referred to A Bed Every Night.

Data kept locally at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.



Bank of England Interest Rate

[Bank of England Database: Bank Rate History and Data](#)



Inflation Rate

[ONS: Consumer Price Inflation Tables](#)



Universal Credit Share

The proportion of Universal Credit claimants, as a proportion of 2021 population estimates.

[Stat-Xplore: Universal Credit Claimants](#)

[ONS: Estimates of the population for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland](#)

Median Monthly Pay

Median monthly pay from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, seasonally adjusted.

[ONS: Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information](#)



The proportion of Universal Credit claimants, as a proportion of 2021 population estimates.

Data provided by GM local authorities. ...



Food Parcels Distribution Levels

Data provided by GM local authorities.

Healthy Start Vouchers Uptake ..



That Bread and Butter Thing – Transaction Levels ..

Trussell Trust

[Full year and mid year stats](#)



Free School Meals Eligibility ..

Fuel Prices

Weekly road fuel prices, averaged over the month.

[GOV.UK - Weekly road Fuel Prices](#)



Energy Price Cap

[Ofgem - Check if the energy price cap affects you](#)

[House of Commons Library - Domestic energy prices](#)



Warm Homes Oldham ..

Tameside fuel poverty support

Data provided by Tameside council.

Fuel grant approvals

Data provided by Manchester council and Trafford council.

Fuel vouchers

Data provided by Rochdale council.

Personal budgeting support..

GM Fire and Rescue Service incidents related to Cost of Living

Data provided by GM Fire and Rescue Service

Domestic Abuse Incidents

Data kept locally at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

Acquisitive Crime

Data kept locally at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

GM Resident Survey Questions

Data kept locally at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.