

Information about Devon

Devon Facts and Figures

Devon Facts and Figures brings together a range of statistics, gleaned from a number of sources, about the people of Devon, their social, employment, and economic circumstances, and the commercial and natural environment in which they live. It is intended to be a starting point for informing the people of Devon and to help researchers, planners, policy makers, commerce and industry in their searches for data.

The site is broken down into various sections to help you find the information you are looking for more easily. Data are regularly being added to the site, so if you cannot find what you are looking for please send an email to statistics@devon.gov.uk as it may be available elsewhere.

The website can be accessed using this link – [Devon Facts and Figures](#)

Devon Town Baseline Profiles produced by Devon County Council

A series of baseline profiles have been produced by the County Council's Corporate Information Service covering the area of Devon County Council. These profiles are an important resource contribution to local community planning work. The profiles provide a statistical overview, based on a series of facts and figures, of what life is like in each "Devon town" area. The profiles contain a baseline of information and are intended to provide the basis for further discussion and development within the County Council and with partners.

In light of these discussions the profiles can grow into more rounded pictures describing "how things are" for each area, as well as to set out the likely future actions that will be needed to redress any gaps in service or unmet needs. The profiles are structured around a series of themes to cover social, economic and environmental well being. This is a starting point in producing profiles about our "Devon town" areas in which considerable effort has been made to provide a comprehensive series of data. Further data will be added to subsequent editions as they become available, to provide a more complete picture and monitor trends.

The profiles can be viewed here – [Devon Town Baseline Profiles](#)

Geographical Information Systems

GIS is a computer-based tool for mapping and analysing things that exist and happen on earth. Map making and geographical analysis are not new, but GIS can perform these tasks better and faster than old manual methods.

GIS can display any data which is directly or indirectly spatially referenced to the earth - for example, in Devon County Council all highway information is geographically referenced and all pupils and Social Services clients have a postcode included in their records. Using GIS, data can be merged with information from other sources and displayed together whilst preserving confidentiality.

For further information and examples of the use of GIS [click here](#)

Devonline

Devonline, the Devon Portal, offers access to a wide range of information and services from the local authorities of Devon. You can access information directly from the County, Unitary and District Councils, Devon & Cornwall Constabulary, Devon Fire & Rescue Service and Dartmoor National Park. You can also find community information provided by a small pilot of Devon Town and Parish Councils.

For further information – www.devonline.gov.uk/

Devon Rural Strategy

The Devon Rural Strategy (DRS) has its origins in the aftermath of Foot and Mouth Crisis. At its first conference at the end of 2001 the newly formed Devon Strategic Partnership (DSP) decided that priority should be given to the development of a Rural Strategy. A Task Group was formed under the chairmanship of Professor Michael Winter of the University of Exeter and commenced its work early in 2002.

The purpose of the strategy as designated by the DSP is:

- “To address the problems and opportunities resulting from rurality, by proposing and prioritising projects and interventions and providing a framework for integrated delivery and funding.”

The vision for the strategy is:

- “Our Vision is for a prosperous and vibrant rural Devon in a sustainably managed environment securing a good quality of life for all, and fully valuing the diversity and distinctiveness of the County”

There are 5 aims under which there are objectives and under each objective, several priorities for action. The final version of the strategy was produced in July 2003, and is currently undergoing a major review.

For further information – www.drn.org.uk

South West ID

SouthWestID is an on-line library of information about South West England. It contains reports and statistics on a wide range of topics related to public policy and life in the region. Most of the information is collected to help policy development, and so relates to aspects of the economy, society and environment in the South West. It has been created in response to the growing demand for evidence to underpin public policy. The information will also be of interest to students, schools, businesses – indeed anyone seeking to influence or participate in the decision making process in public agencies in the South West. The information on SouthWestID will normally be available publicly, although occasionally some material – such as draft documents for consultation by partners – may require a password.

SouthWestID is a collaborative venture by a number of public bodies in the South West of England. Its origins lie in websites set up by local authorities to give information about their areas. When a number of local authorities and regional bodies wanted to turn old-fashioned web pages into an interactive database-driven system they realized that it would be far more effective to work together, using common definitions, sharing resources and spreading the maintenance load. SouthWestID is the result.

For further information – www.southwestid.org.uk/index.do

State of the South West

The State of the South West is a comprehensive review of the South West of England's economic, social, environmental and cultural life. It describes the current position and trends. It does not seek to make policy recommendations, but rather to help set an informed context in which policy for the region can be developed. It has been written by a wide partnership, drawing upon a broad range of expertise within the region. The State of the South West consists of 15 chapters, these are – population and migration, economy, labour market, skills & learning, transport and communication, housing, environment & natural resources, health, crime, social & welfare, culture, government & politics, climate, productivity, ageing population, state of the voluntary and community sector.

For further information – www.swo.org.uk/State_of_the_South_West/index.asp

State of the South West Environment

The State of the Environment 2006 report is available to download. It contains information on trends on a wide range of environmental issues in the region and gives a local, regional and national perspective. This report can either be [downloaded](#) or for a paper copy contact the [South West Environment Module](#)

Office for National Statistics - Neighbourhood Statistics

The Office for National Statistics is responsible for producing a wide range of economic and social statistics which are used by policy makers across government to create evidence-based policies and monitor performance against them. It also registers life events and holds the decennial census of the population.

A wealth of information is accessible on the following websites:
www.statistics.gov.uk and [Neighbourhood statistics](#)

Audit Commissions - Area profiles website

Area Profiles has been developed in partnership with local services over a period of three years. The Audit Commission have created guidance to help users paint a rich picture of the quality of life and service provision in a local area. An Area Profile helps you to focus on people and place, and identify priorities that cut across service boundaries.

Area Profiles are useful to:

- help local public service providers to identify where improvement is most needed locally;
- make publicly available a summary of data and information on the quality of life and local services; and
- aid government and regulators to concentrate strategically on those areas that most need support.

The Area Profiles website provides:

- guidance on how to create a profile of your local area;
- guidance on how to produce a profile that focuses on a particular citizen group (e.g. older citizens);
- contextual and performance data about the quality of life and services in a local area, including those in the Local Quality of Life Indicators: Supporting Local Communities to Become Sustainable (PDF, 886 Kb) published by the Audit Commission, ODPM (now DCLG) and DEFRA in August 2005;
- residents' and service users' views on the quality of life and local services; and
- Inspectorate judgements about local services.

For further information - [Audit Commission Area Profiles website](#)

Useful Links – this list is by no means complete

Affordable Housing

National Housing Federation	www.housing.org.uk
Housing Corporation	www.housingcorp.gov.uk
Land Registry	www.landreg.gov.uk
Communities and Local Government	www.communities.gov.uk/
Devon Strategic Housing Group	www.dshg.org.uk
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	www.jrf.org.uk/
South West Regional Assembly	www.southwest-ra.gov.uk

Culture

Department for culture, media and sport	www.culture.gov.uk
Culture South West	www.culturesouthwest.org.uk
Arts Council England	www.artscouncil.org.uk

Economy

South West Business & Economy Module	www.swbem.org.uk
NOMIS web	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Business Link – Devon and Cornwall	www.blinkdandc.com
South West RDA	www.swrda.org.uk

Environment

South West Environment Module	www.swenvo.org.uk
Environment Agency	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Met Office	www.metoffice.gov.uk
Natural England	www.naturalengland.org.uk/

Safer Devon

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary	www.devon-cornwall.police.uk
Home Office	www.homeoffice.gov.uk
Youth Justice Board	www.yjb.gov.uk
Reducing Re-offending Partnership SW	www.rpsouthwest.org.uk

Strong Communities

Communities and Local Government	www.communities.gov.uk
Devon Racial Equality Council	www.devonrec.org.uk/

Sustainable Energy

Met Office	www.metoffice.gov.uk
Centre for Sustainable Energy	www.cse.org.uk
Devon Sustainable Energy Network	www.dsen.org.uk