

The English Indices of Deprivation 2019¹

The Indices of Deprivation 2019 combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England, and is the Government's official measure of multiple deprivation at low-level geography. The data is produced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation.

As with the previous release in 2015 the data has been produced at neighbourhood level via Lower Super Output Area's (LSOA), of which there are 32,844 in the country. This analysis will cover the Black Country, highlight areas in the top 20% and top 10% most deprived in the country for overall deprivation and compare results with those of the 2015 release.

Rank of Average Score

In regards to Local Authority rankings: **1 being the most deprived and 317** (the number of local authorities in England) **being the least deprived** in the country. The table below shows the Black Country Local authorities' rank in both the 2015 and 2019 datasets. With the exception of Wolverhampton, all of the Black Country boroughs are more deprived in 2019 compared with 2015. Dudley's ranking fell the most by 19 places. Although Sandwell only fell by 1 place, it is still the most deprived area in the Black Country.

The Black Country LEP is ranked as the 3rd worst LEP in regards to the rank of average score with only Liverpool City Region (ranked 1st) and Tees Valley (ranked 2nd) worse compared to a ranking of 2nd in 2015.

Local Authority*	2015	2019	Change in Rank
Dudley	110th	91st	-19
Sandwell	13th	12th	-1
Walsall	33rd	25th	-8
Wolverhampton	17th	24th	+7

*In 2015 there were 326 Local Authorities whilst in 2019 there are 317.

Local Enterprise Partnership**	2015	2019	Change in Rank
Black Country LEP	2nd	3rd	+1

** In 2015 there were 39 LEP's in England whilst in 2019 there are 38.

Proportion of LSOAs in most deprived 10% nationally

Overall deprivation is high in the Black Country; the proportion of LSOA's within the top 20% and top 10% most deprived areas in England stands at 45.6% and 19.1% respectively, compared to 42.6% and 18.7% in 2015.

In terms of the proportion of LSOA's within the most deprived 10% of areas within England the Black Country LEP is ranked as the 7th worst LEP (with 19.1%) with Liverpool City Region (33.9%), Tees Valley

¹ Please note, IMD should not be used to quantify how deprived a small area is, identifying deprived people, saying how affluent a place is, comparing with small area in other UK countries and measuring absolute change in deprivation over time. There are changes in methodology when new versions are released.



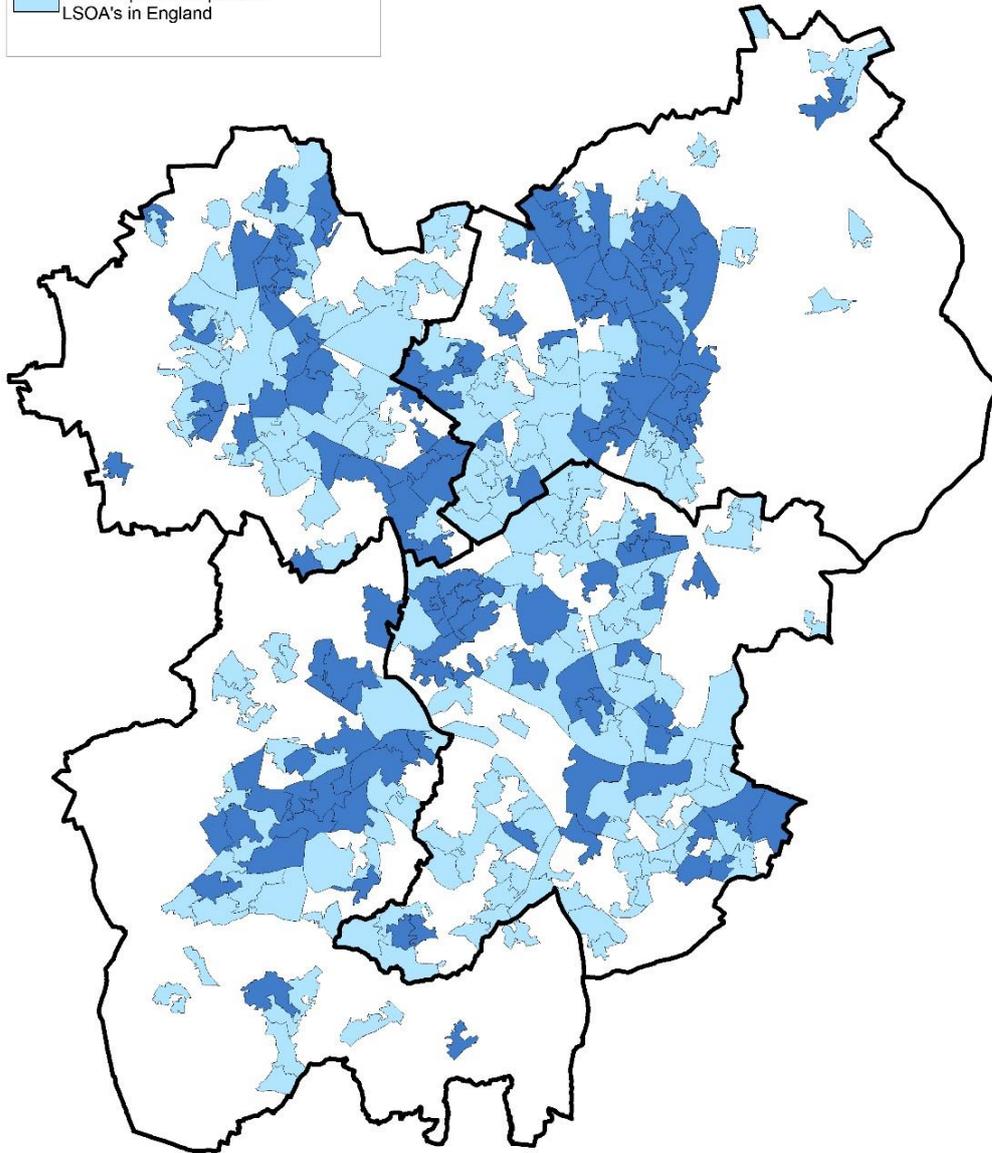
(29%), Greater Birmingham & Solihull (25%), Greater Manchester (23.3%), Humber (22.5%) and Lancashire (19.8%) all ranking worse.

It is important to note that by stating there are more 'deprived' areas, this does not mean that the Black Country is getting more deprived, it could mean that other areas are becoming more affluent. Levels of deprivation are therefore relative to other LSOA's or Local Authorities in England.

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- Most Deprived 10 percent LSOA's in England
- Most Deprived 20 percent LSOA's in England



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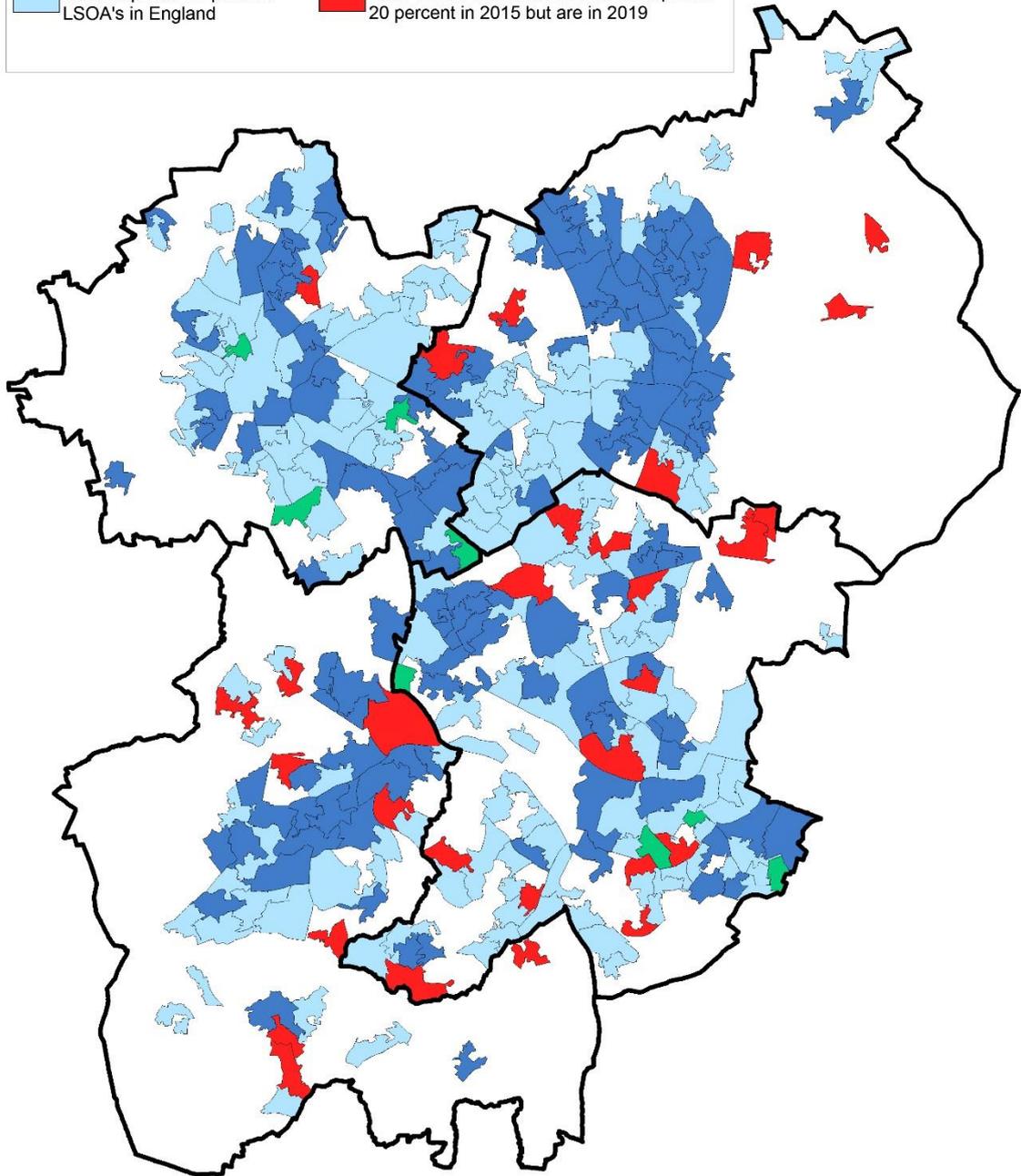
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 Most Deprived 10 percent LSOA's in England	 LSOA's that were in the most deprived 20 percent in 2015 but not in 2019
 Most Deprived 20 percent LSOA's in England	 LSOA's that were not in the most deprived 20 percent in 2015 but are in 2019



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