

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Your Council Tax explained

How Cheshire West & Chester Council spends its budget on services that benefit the community



Cheshire West
and Chester

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How much more will council services cost me each week in **2026/27**?

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Weekly increase of **4.99%** for a **band D** property would be

2025/26

Band D was **£38.04 a week**

2026/27

Band D will be **£39.94 a week**

Increase

£1.90 a week



Council tax bands in England are classified from A to H, based on the value of the property on 1 April 1991. Band D is the average Council Tax used nationally when comparing council tax levels across England.

Q Where does every **£100** of your Council Tax go?

Adult Social Care	£52.02
Protecting your health and wellbeing	£0.91
Children's Social Care	£22.62
Support to Schools	£7.65
Transport, Roads, Footpaths and Cycle Routes	£2.09
Clean and Green Streets	£2.30
Waste Management and Recycling	£6.90
Culture, Libraries and Archives	£1.98
Customer Services and Engagement	£1.03
Housing and Homelessness	£1.92
Support to Businesses and Regeneration	£0.58



Support if you need a little extra help

We know many households are facing financial pressures. If you're worried about money, here are some of the ways we can support you.

Benefits Calculator

You may not be receiving all the financial support you're entitled to. Our online benefits calculator can quickly show whether you could claim extra help. Before you start make sure you have some accurate information to hand about your;

- savings
- income, including your partner's (from payslips, for example)
- existing benefits and pensions (including anyone living with you)
- outgoings (such as rent, mortgage, childcare payments)
- Council Tax bill



Visit our Benefits Calculator page on the Cheshire West and Chester website.

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/benefitscalculator

Cost of Living support

If you need help with day-to-day essentials such as energy costs or food, we can guide you.

- Council Tax Reduction - check your eligibility and apply online.
- Money and debt advice - for impartial advice on benefits, debt management and welfare rights
- Our HELP Scheme, which can assist in an emergency with food, furniture, or essential household items



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Your Council Tax for 2026/27

Your Council Tax supports Council, Police and Fire Services

The band D charges are:



£2,076.79

Cheshire West and
Chester Council Services



£295.44

Police element



£100.09

Fire and Rescue
Authority element

Total Council Tax charge

£2,472.32

Key Council facts:

Population
371,652

This includes:

0-15 year olds	63,122
16-64 year olds	228,247
Over 64 year olds	80,283



People living in neighbourhoods in the 10% most deprived in England

29,512



Children in care*

552



Green Flag parks and green spaces

10



Leisure centres

12



Libraries **23**



Businesses

13,565



Miles of road

1,420



Miles of footway

1,518

