

**Local Authority Districts (non-metropolitan districts, unitary authorities, London Boroughs, metropolitan districts, Scottish council areas, Northern Irish district council areas)**

Local authority (LA) is a generic term for any level of local government in the UK. Local Authority Districts comprise a number of different geographies which evolved historically according to the local government structure that existed for the different parts of England and the other countries of the UK. They are:

- 1) Non-metropolitan Districts (LAD) that form the lower tier of the two-tier local government structure found in many parts of England. They are subdivisions of the non-metropolitan (shire) counties;
- 2) Unitary Authorities (UA) in England and Wales that are areas with single tiers of local government;
- 3) London Boroughs (LB) which are the local government areas within Greater London. The City of London (which has a different legal status) is often considered as a borough for statistical purposes. The London boroughs and the City of London together cover the whole Greater London area;
- 4) Metropolitan Districts (MD) which are subdivisions of the 6 metropolitan county areas of England. Since the abolition of the metropolitan county councils in 1986 the metropolitan district councils have been unitary administrations;
- 5) Council Areas (CA) which were established across the whole of Scotland in 1996. Their respective councils form the single tier of local government in Scotland;
- 6) District Council Areas (DCA) which were established across the whole of Northern Ireland in 1996. Their respective councils form the single tier of local government in Northern Ireland.

Details of the code ranges:

<b>Data description</b>	<b>Range of codes</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Local Authority District	E06000001-56 E07000001-239 E08000001-36 E09000001-33 W06000001-24 S12000001-44 95A-95Z 'missing'	England (UA) England (LAD) England (MD) England (LB) Wales Scotland Northern Ireland no information available

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