


About us

- Carnegie UK is an independent policy foundation.
- For more than 100 years we have been working to improve the wellbeing of people across the UK and Ireland.
- One of our strategic aims is to:



Put wellbeing at the heart of decision-making

Growing support for a wellbeing approach to public policy by working with governments and policymakers at all levels in the UK and Ireland to think differently about how we understand society and contribute to social progress.

Our vision

Carnegie UK

Improving our collective wellbeing is about everyone having what they need to live well now, and into the future.

The Collective Wellbeing vision:

Everyone having what they need to live well now and in the future.



Social wellbeing

We all have the support and services we need to thrive.



Economic wellbeing

We all have a decent minimum living standard.



Environmental wellbeing

We all live within the planet's natural resources.



Democratic wellbeing

We all have a voice in decisions that affect us.

Life in the UK Wellbeing Index

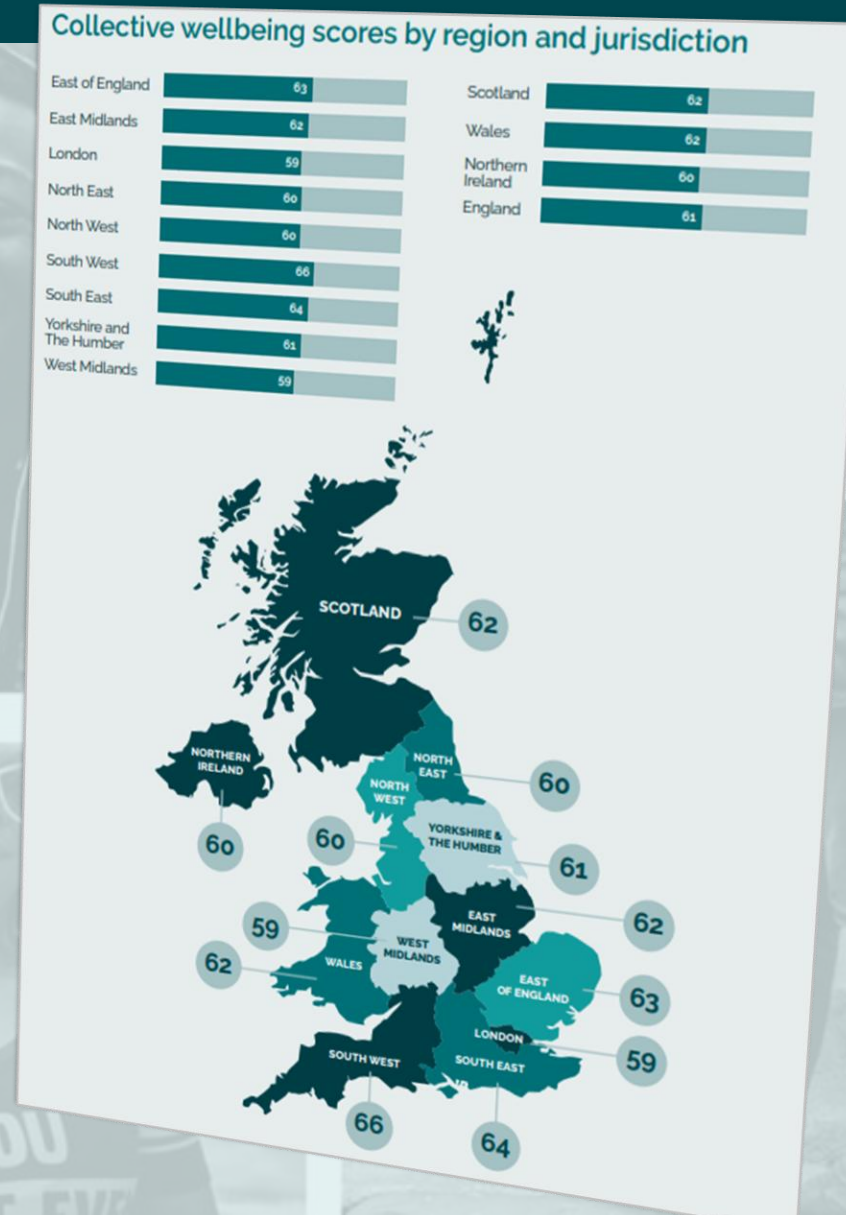
An **index** designed to **measure how well we are living together**.

A **single figure** that captures our collective wellbeing by looking at the social, economic, environmental, and democratic dimensions of our lives.

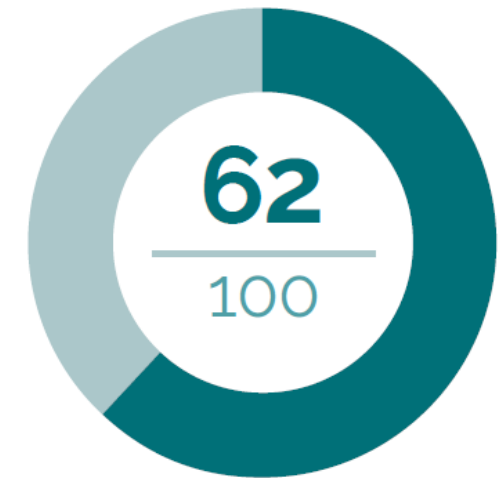
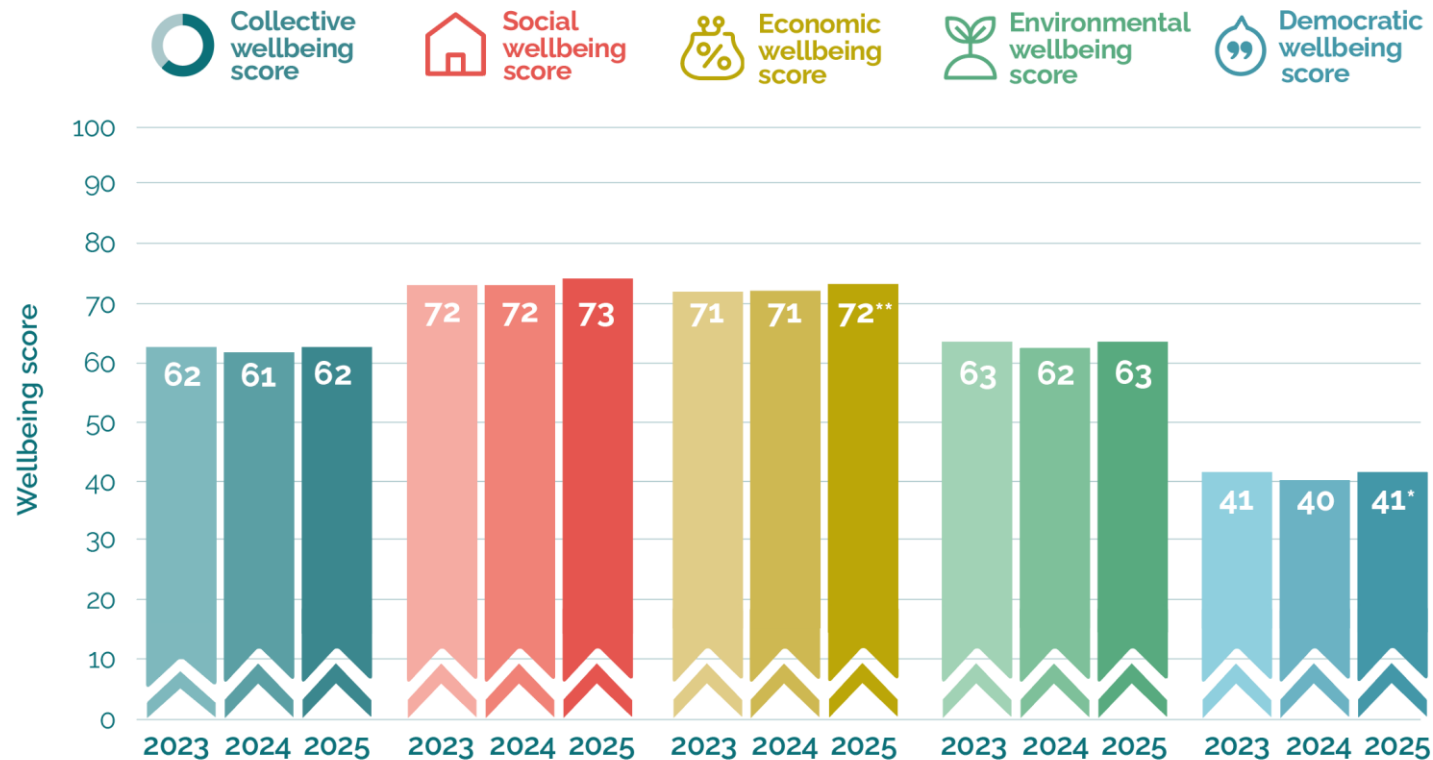
Index inspired by the arguments of Stiglitz, Sen and Fitoussi Report by the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress

Key facts:

- Index now in year 3 with a commitment to run until at least 2030
- Sample size of around 7000 each year
- 26 question survey run by Ipsos
- Good survey sizes for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
- Booster applied to capture experience of minority ethnic groups
- Multi-year trend and demographic analysis now possible
- Increased data visualisation from 2025 onward



Key findings: UK



The collective wellbeing score for the UK in 2025 is 62 out of a possible 100.

*Denotes statistically significant vs 2024 result, ** denotes statistically significant vs 2023 result.

Data Dashboard Overview

Introduction to our data dashboard

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Visualising the Data with DataWrapper

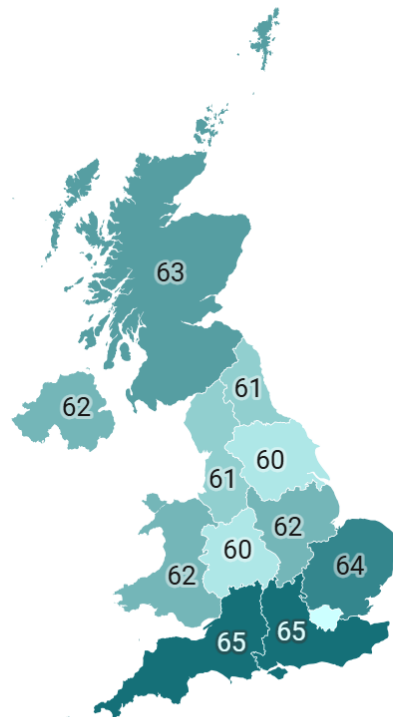
- The Life in the UK Data Dashboard is built using DataWrapper.
- DataWrapper is a simple, powerful web tool for creating accessible charts, maps and tables - no coding skills required.
- Visualisations are responsive and easy to embed online and in PowerPoint.
- Options are available to download visualisations, export data and share on social media.
- Built-in colour blindness checks and previews for different formats.
- Supports team collaboration allowing multiple people to work on the same projects.

Visualising the Data with DataWrapper

You can look at the scores across the UK by the different domains of wellbeing:

Collective **Social** **Economic** **Environmental** **Democratic**

Collective wellbeing score (out of 100)

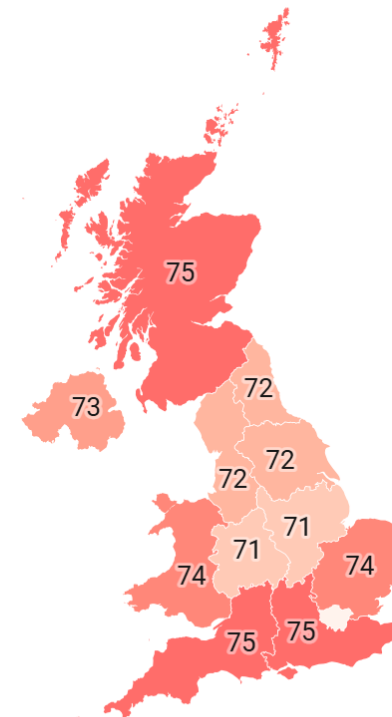


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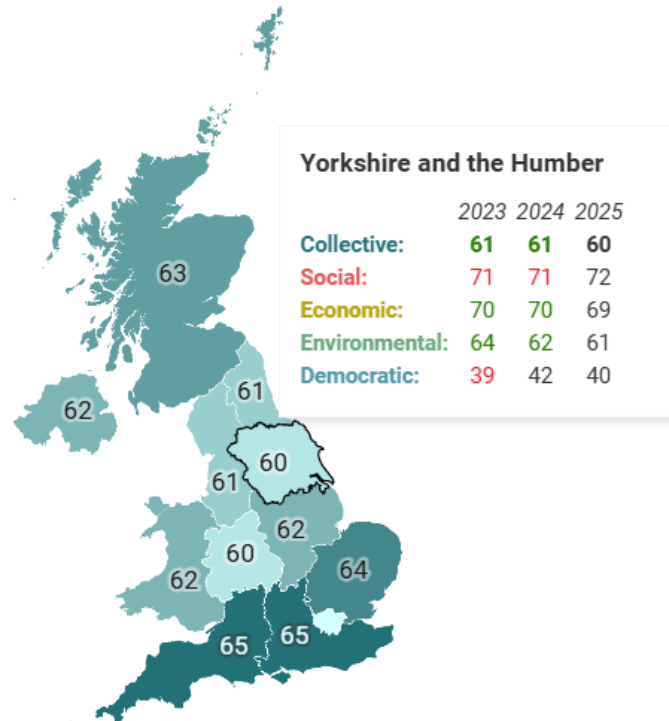
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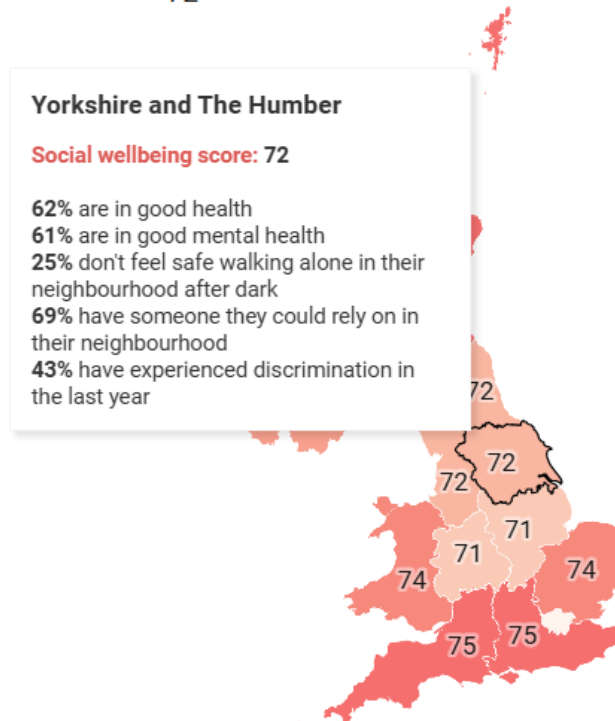
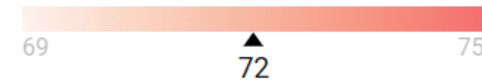
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Enhancing
the
dashboard



Use the
data in
your work



We need
feedback

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Life in the UK Wellbeing Index 2025

Life in the UK reports and launch webinar:

<https://carnegieuk.org/life-in-the-uk-index/>

Life in the UK Data Dashboard:

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Visualising national well-being

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The challenge of national well-being

National well-being brings together very different types of data



Topics



Disciplines



Units



Geographies



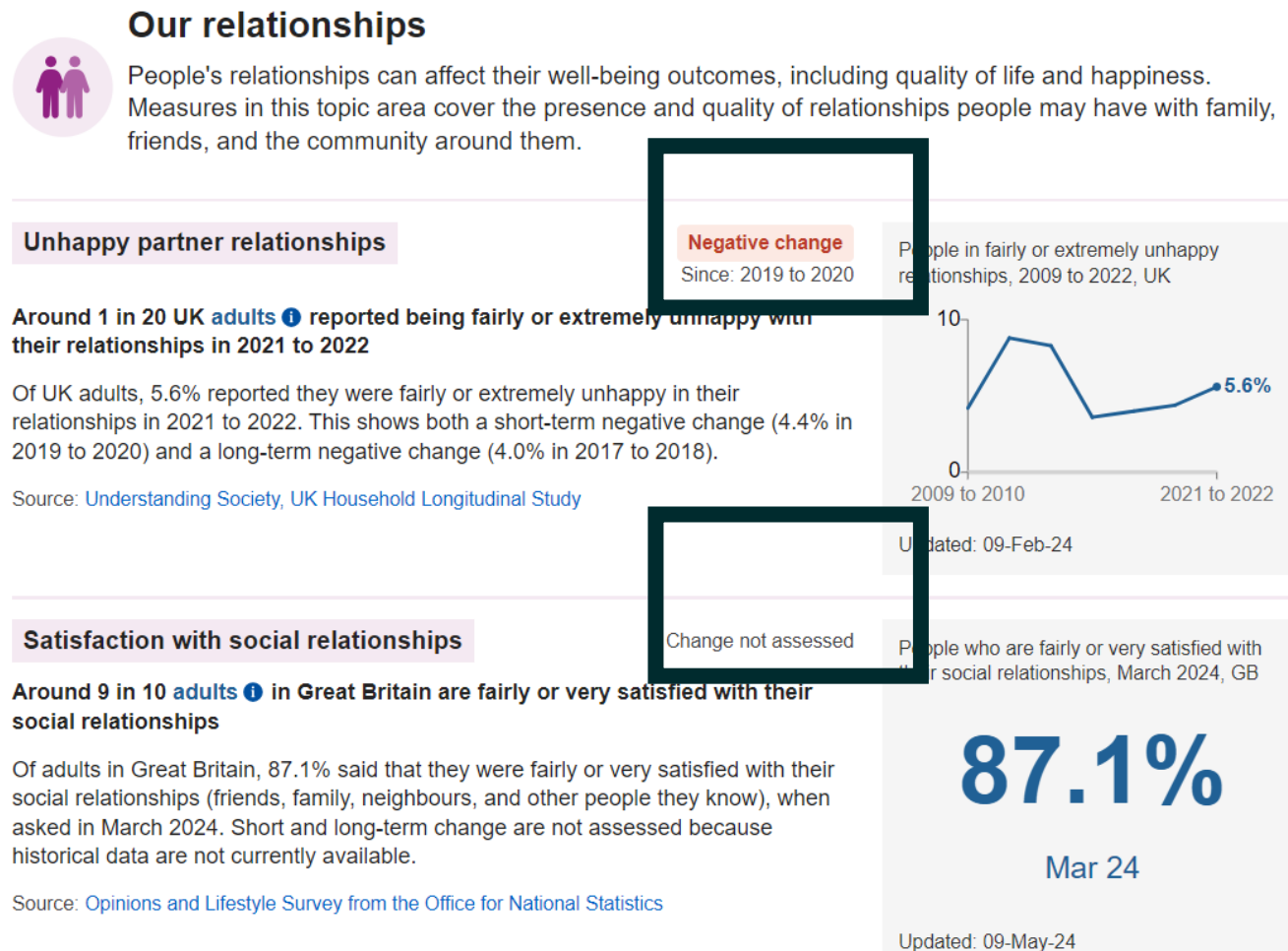
Frequencies

The importance of language

1. Personal Well-being thresholds

2. UK MNW change labels

Figure 5: Proportions reporting very low, low, medium and high



Supporting users

Dashboards need support structures

- Clear definitions
- Intuitive filters
- Consistent colours
- Accessible design

Voter turnout

Negative change

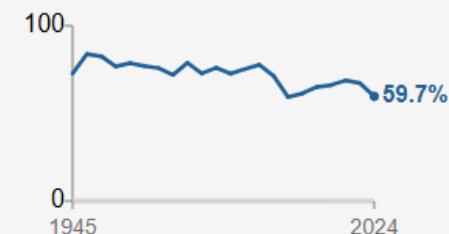
Since: 2019

Just under 6 in 10 registered voters voted in the 2024 General Election, the lowest turnout since 2001

At the 2024 UK general election, voter turnout was 59.7%. This shows a negative change in both the short term (67.3% in 2019) and the long term (68.8% in 2017).

Source: [Voter Turnout from the House of Commons Library](#)

Voter turnout in UK general elections, 1945 to 2024, UK



Updated: 08-Aug-24

Trust in UK government

Positive change

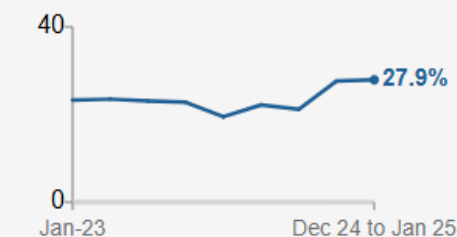
Since: Nov-23

Roughly 3 in 10 adults ¹ in Great Britain tend to trust the UK government

Of adults in Great Britain, 27.9% said that they tend to trust the UK government, when asked in December 2024 to January 2025. This shows a short-term positive change (19.5% in November 2023). Long-term change is not assessed because data for these comparisons are not available.

Source: [Opinions and Lifestyle Survey from the Office for National Statistics](#)

People who tend to trust the UK government, January 2023 to January 2025, Great Britain



Updated: 11-Feb-25

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Young People in the UK

Well-being

1 in 5 young people aged 16-24 reported symptoms of mental ill-health in 2013-14



All data are sourced from the Understanding Society survey

Closing message



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BRIDGE



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