

**Measuring the
collective
wellbeing of
the people of
the UK**



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

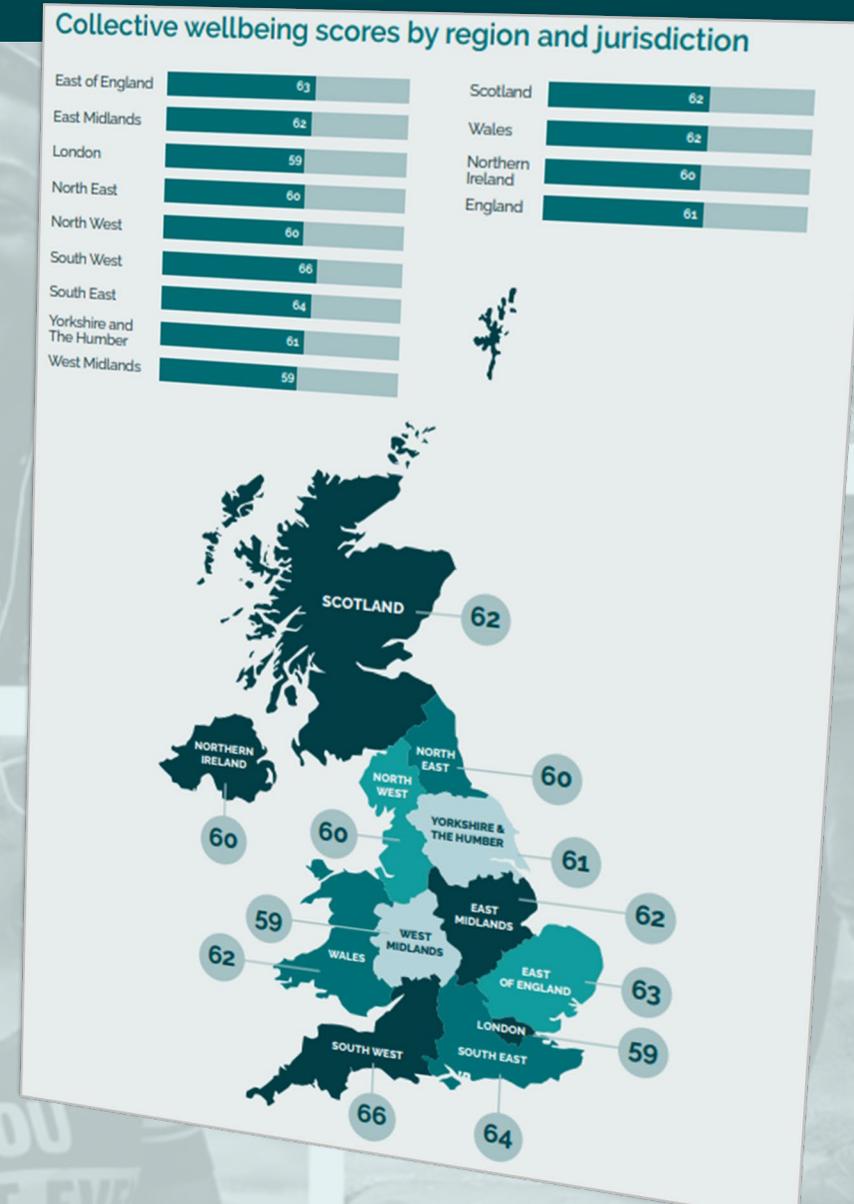
An index designed to measure how well we are living together.

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 (c.4,500 in England)
- 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

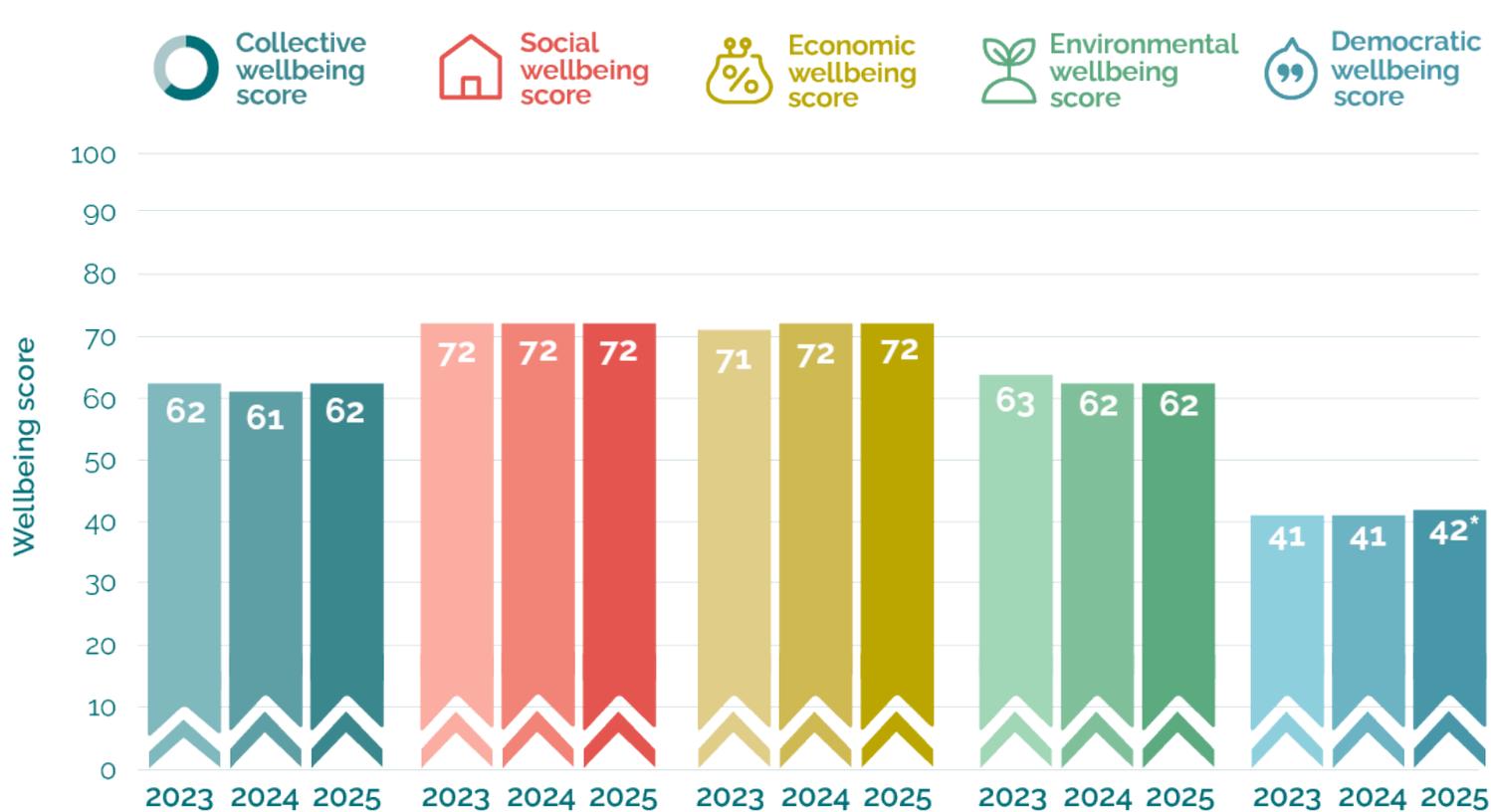




➤ Our guiding principles

- > Timely
- > Comprehensive
- > Robust
- > Relevant
- > Useful
- > Compliance with the UK Code of Practice on Statistics

Key findings: England



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

Social wellbeing: England

The social wellbeing score for England in 2025 is 72 out of a possible 100.

-  **68%** of people say they are in good general health, three percentage points higher than in 2023, while 35% of people say that it is easy to get a GP appointment at a time they need one, six percentage points higher than in 2023.
-  **65%** of people feel that they could rely on someone in their neighbourhood if they were alone and needed help. This is the same as in previous years but is significantly lower than in the other UK jurisdictions.
-  **44%** of people report they have been unfairly treated or discriminated against in the last 12 months, three percentage points higher than in 2023.

Economic wellbeing England

The economic wellbeing score for England in 2025 is 72 out of a possible 100.

-  **32%** of people are dissatisfied with the availability of jobs in their local area, ten percentage points higher than in 2023.
-  **21%** of people cannot afford to pay for a week's annual holiday away from home, unchanged on previous years.
-  **13%** of people cannot afford to keep their home adequately warm, an improvement of four percentage points since 2023.



Environmental wellbeing England

The environmental wellbeing score for England in 2025 is 62 out of a possible 100.

-  **84%** of people have problems with litter or rubbish on the street, three percentage points higher than in 2023.
-  **66%** of people experience problems with noise pollution, four percentage points higher than in 2023.
-  **41%** of people are dissatisfied with efforts to preserve the environment in the UK, though this is three percentage points lower than in 2023.

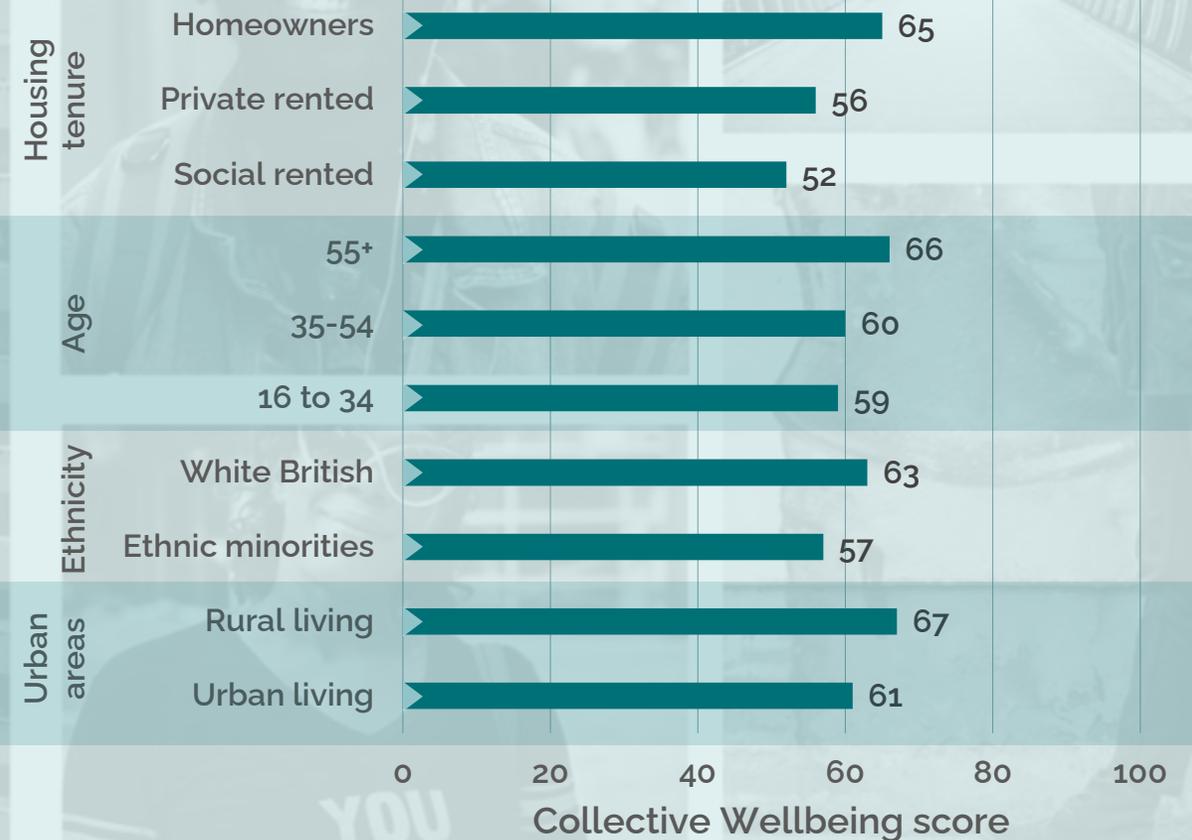
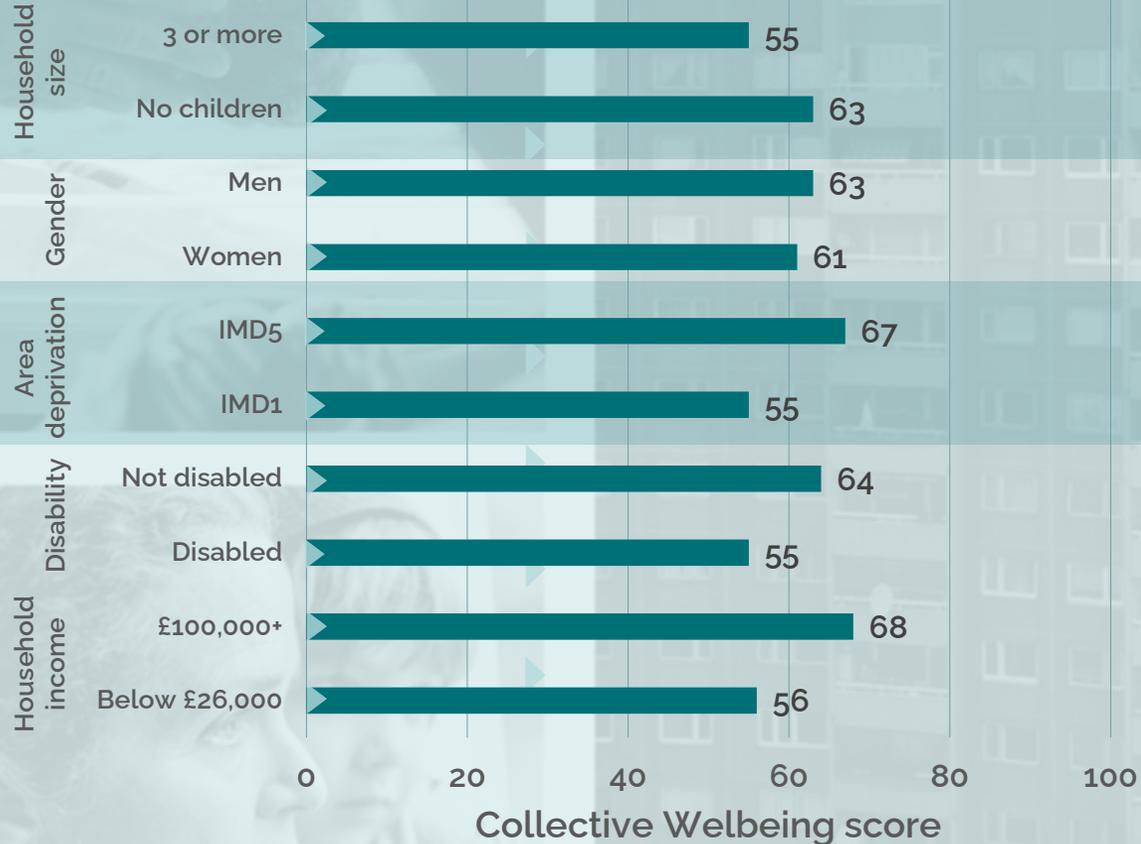
Democratic wellbeing England

The democratic wellbeing score for England in 2025 is 42 out of a possible 100.

-  **43%** of people in England have low trust in the UK Government, an improvement of nine percentage points since 2024 when over half (52%) had low trust. People in England are more likely to trust the UK Government than people in the other UK jurisdictions.
-  **41%** of people have low trust in big tech companies, six percentage points higher than in 2023.
-  **28%** of people have low trust in the local council for their area, three percentage points higher than in 2023.
-  Only **7%** of people feel that they can influence decisions that affect the UK, though this is one percentage point higher than in 2023.

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➤ We don't all have the same Life in the UK: England





Thank you.

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