

**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.



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

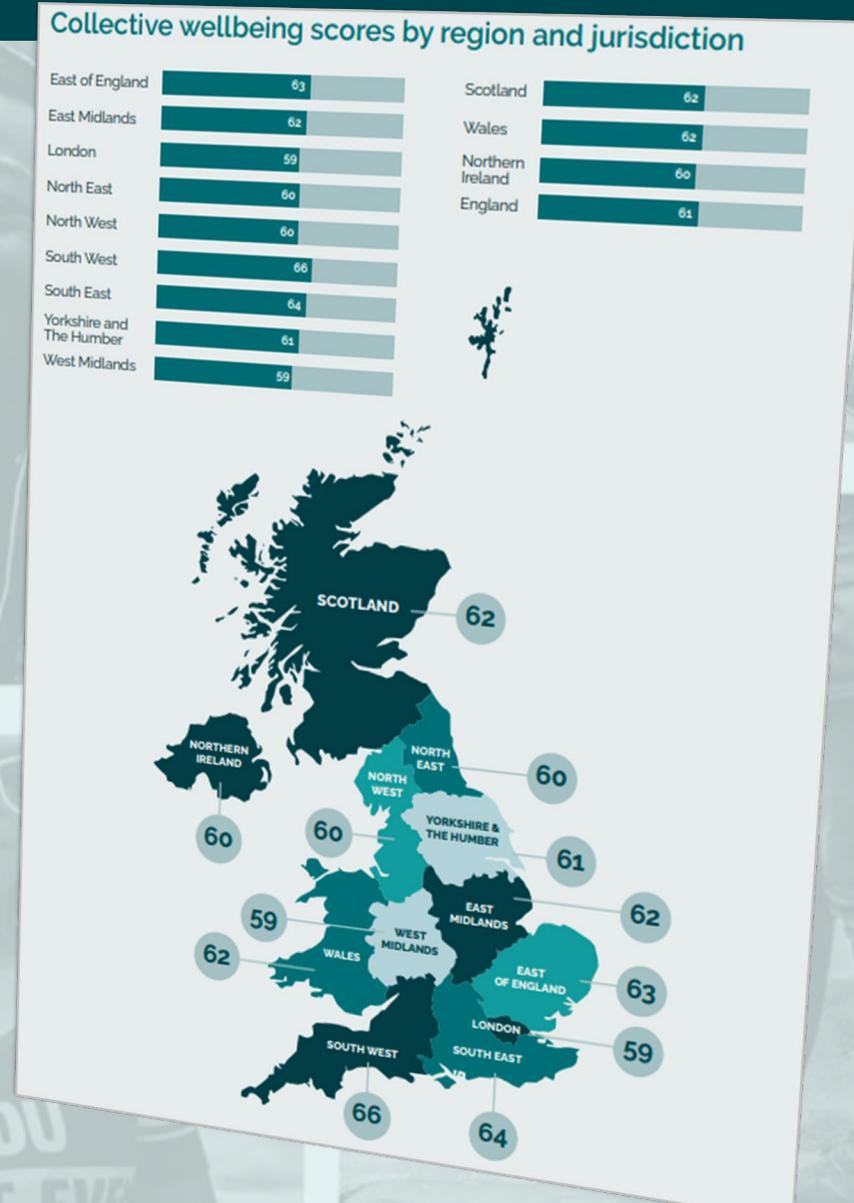
An index designed to measure how well we are living together.

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. 600 in Wales)
- 26 question survey run by Ipsos
- Good survey sizes for Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England
- 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: Wales



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

➤ Social wellbeing: Wales

The social wellbeing score for Wales in 2025 is 74 out of a possible 100. This is statistically significantly higher than the UK average of 73.

- **77%** of people feel safe walking alone in their local neighbourhood after dark, higher than the UK average of 71%.
- **71%** of people agree that if they were alone and needed help, they could rely on someone in their neighbourhood to help them, five percentage points higher than the UK average of 66%.
- **64%** of people are in good general health or good mental health, unchanged on previous years.
- **38%** of people experienced discrimination in the last year, six percentage points lower than the UK average of 44%.
- **32%** of people find it difficult to access public transport that can get them where they need to go, higher than the UK average of 19%.

➤ Economic wellbeing: Wales

The economic wellbeing score for Wales in 2025 is 71 out of a possible 100.

- **68%** of people can afford to pay for a week's annual holiday away from home, unchanged on previous years.
- **65%** people can afford to pay a necessary but unexpected expense of £850, unchanged on previous years.
- **38%** are dissatisfied with the availability of job opportunities in their local area. This is significantly higher than the UK average of 32%.
- **79%** of people can afford to keep their home adequately warm, including in the winter months, similar to previous years.

➤ Environmental wellbeing: Wales

The environmental wellbeing score for Wales in 2025 is 65 out of a possible 100.

- **83%** of people have problems with litter or rubbish on the street in their neighbourhood, unchanged on previous years.
- **71%** of people are satisfied with the quality of their local public, green, or open space, unchanged on previous years.
- **23%** of people are happy with efforts to preserve the environment in the UK, seven percentage points lower than in 2024.

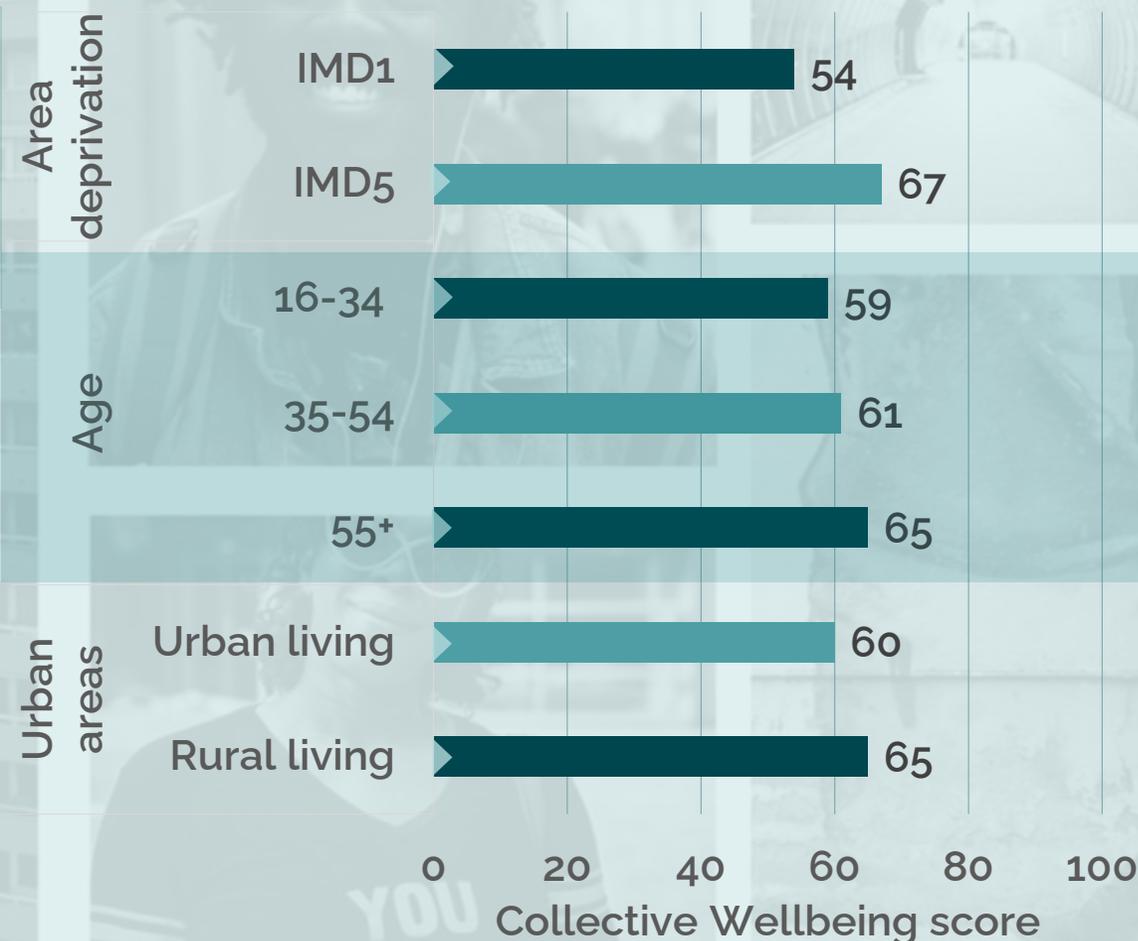
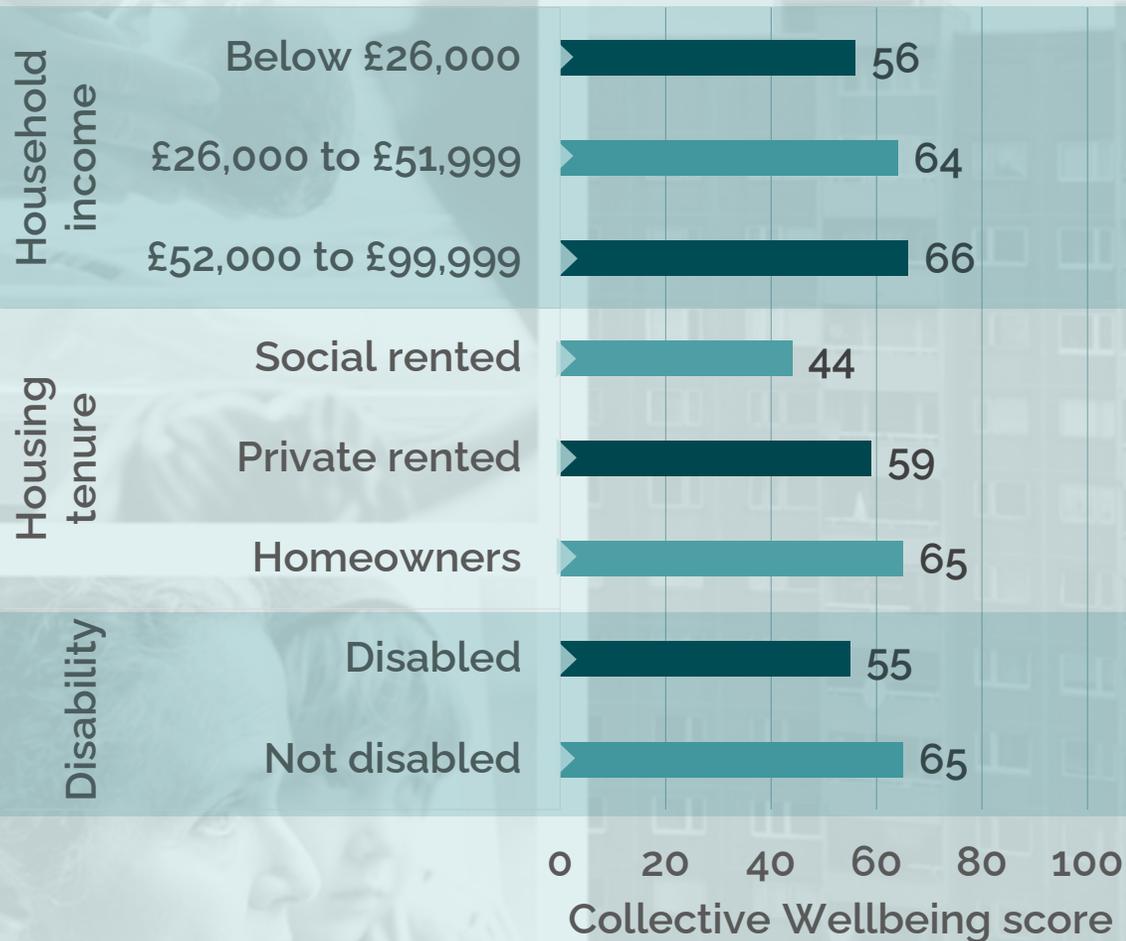
➤ Democratic wellbeing: Wales

The democratic wellbeing score for Wales in 2025 is 38 out of a possible 100.

- 67% of people have low trust in social media, 11 percentage points higher than in 2023.
- 53% of people have low trust in the UK Government, higher than the UK average of 45%.
- 45% of people have low trust in big tech companies, nine percentage points higher than in 2023.
- 44% of people have low trust in Welsh Parliament members, nine percentage points higher than in 2023.
- 43% of people have low trust in the Welsh Government, seven percentage points higher than in 2023.
- 6% of people feel that they can influence decisions affecting the UK, four percentage points higher than in 2023, while 8% feel they can influence decisions affecting Wales.

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➤ We don't all have the same Life in the UK (Welsh results)





Thank you.

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