

[Official Statistics: Statistical Digest of Rural England](#)

Updated: Minor adjustments to wording on page 1 of the Deprivation section to improve clarity of text.

A compendium of rural urban statistics on a wide range of social and economic Government policy areas.

The latest edition of the Digest is for September 2018 and includes updates to:

- Accessibility to services – overall measure of accessibility to services
- Housing
- Deprivation
- Innovation

Related information:

- [Rural economy – statistical indicators](#)
- [Rural living – statistical indicators](#)
- [Local level data sets](#)

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[Official Statistics: Rural transport, travel and accessibility statistics](#)

Updated: Published today, new analysis showing an overall measure of accessibility of services in rural areas.

Rural transport and travel

Differences in travel behaviour, levels of mobility and access to services for people living in different settlement types.

Metadata

Indicators:

- travel behaviour
- distance travelled
- car and bus availability
- overall measure of accessibility of services

Data Source: [Department for Transport – National Travel Survey](#)

Coverage: England

Rural classification used: Office for National Statistics Rural Urban Classification

Rural accessibility to services

Measuring accessibility by the time taken to travel to particular service locations.

Metadata

Indicators:

- the number of key service locations and the percentage of people with 'reasonable' access by using public transport /walking and car

Data source: Department for Transport core accessibility indicators at Lower Super Output Area level

Coverage: England

Rural classification used: Office for National Statistics Rural Urban Classification

Additional information:

- [Department for Transport travel time, destination and origin indicators to key sites and services, by Lower Super Output Area](#)
- [Rural services statistical series](#)

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Statement from Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Statement from Greg Clark following his appointment as the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.