

Research and analysis: Carrier bag charge: summary of data in England

Updated: Updated following further checks with retailers. The total voluntary donation figure for 2017 to 2018 has been revised due to errors in reporting. Other minor revisions have been made to the donation, gross and net proceeds figures for 2016 to 2017 only.

Since 5 October 2015, large shops in England have been required by law to charge 5p for all single-use plastic carrier bags. They are required by law to report certain information to Defra, and they provide other information on a voluntary basis.

These publications summarise the data collected by Defra for:

- the second year – from 7 April 2017 to 6 April 2018
- the first full year – from 7 April 2016 to 6 April 2017
- the first 6 month reporting period – from 5 October 2015 to 6 April 2016

We publish the [full datasets on data.gov.uk](#) including:

- [Single-use plastic carrier bags charge, England methodological summary \(2017-18\)](#)
- [Single-use plastic carrier bags charge, England data \(2016-18\)](#)