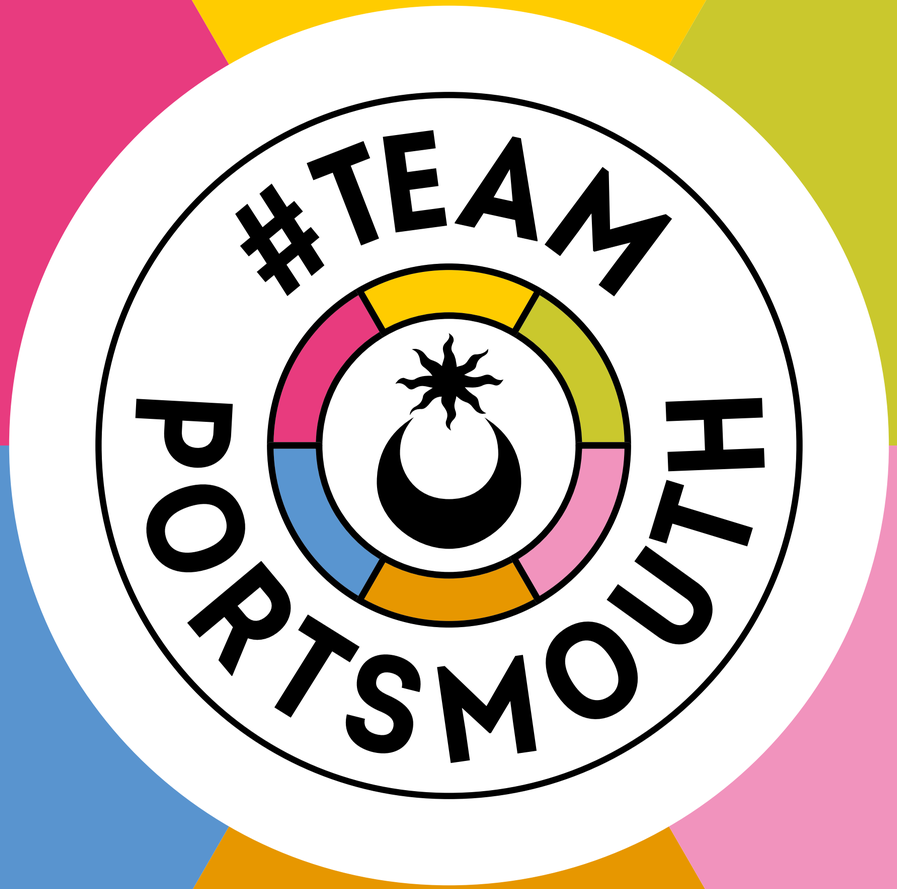


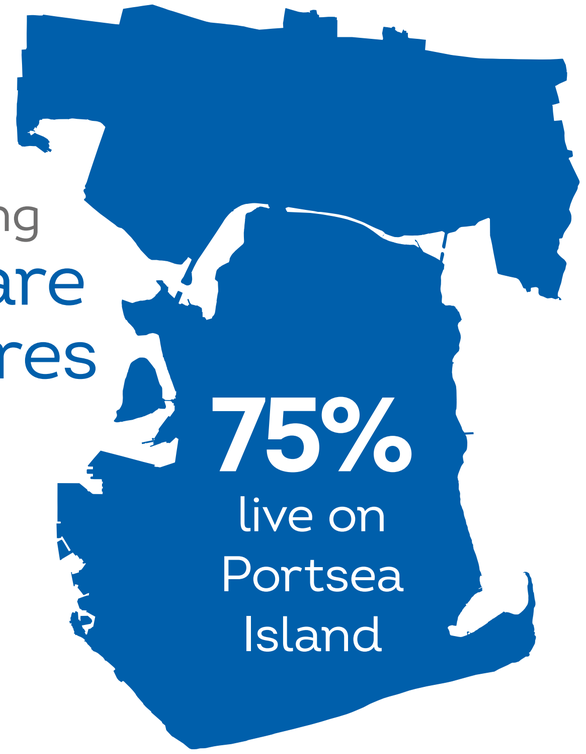
Team Portsmouth
City Vision

About Portsmouth

Population
208,400

Second most densely populated local authority outside London

Compact city covering **40** square kilometres



Age

ONS mid-2022 estimate

135,100 people aged 18–64 years

31,300 people aged 65+ years

4,300 people aged 85+ years

9% of population are 20–24, compared with 6% nationally

Ethnic minorities

2021 Census

46,337 residents from ethnic minorities

Overall percentage of ethnic minorities increased from **16%** in 2011 to **22.3%** in 2021. (England 26.5%)

% ethnic minorities by age group

26.1% people aged 0–17 years

30% people aged 18–39 years

18.3% people aged 40–64 years

6.8% people aged 65+ years

About Portsmouth

Languages

90.8%
of residents (182,731 people) aged three years and over had **English as a main language**

18,544
Portsmouth residents (9.2%) did not identify English as their main language

The most common main languages, other than English, were:

Romanian **1.25%**

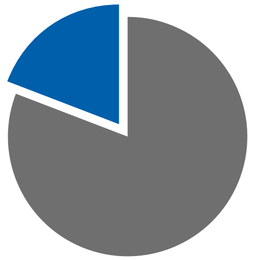
Bengali **0.81%**

Polish **1.14%**

Portuguese **0.48%**

Disability

2021 Census



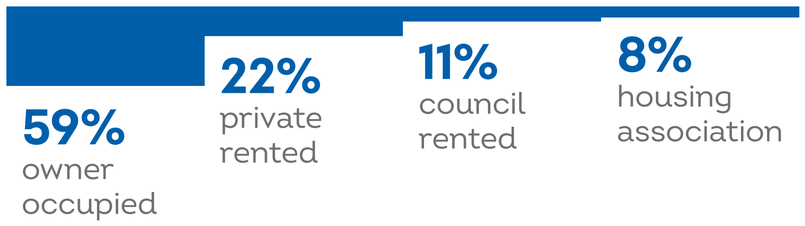
19.2%
of Portsmouth residents have a disability compared to 17.7% across England

8.1%
identify as disabled: "day-to-day activities limited a lot"
compared to 7.5% across England

11.1%
identify as disabled: "day to day activities limited a little"
compared to 10.2% across England

Housing

89,000
homes

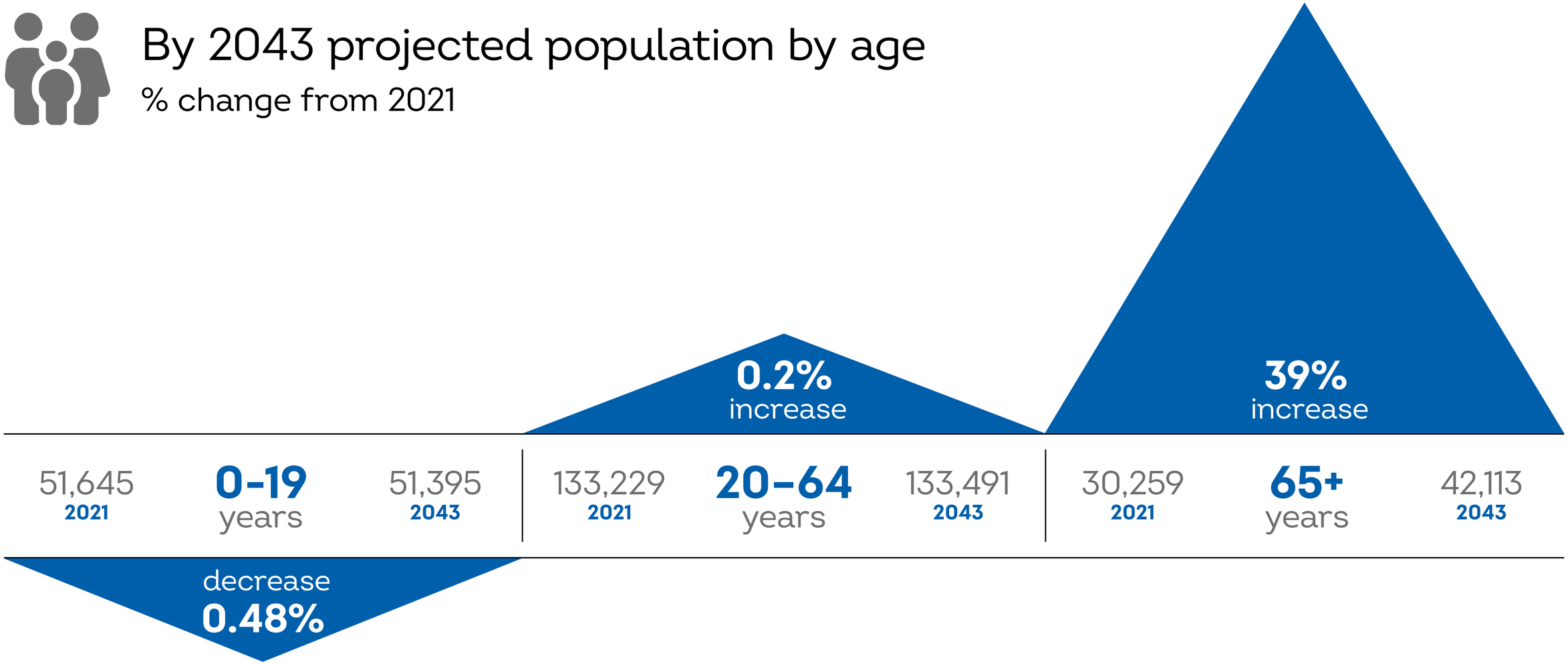


Almost **50% built before 1919**, and **63% terraced**, more than twice England average

Future population projections

By 2043 projected population by age

% change from 2021



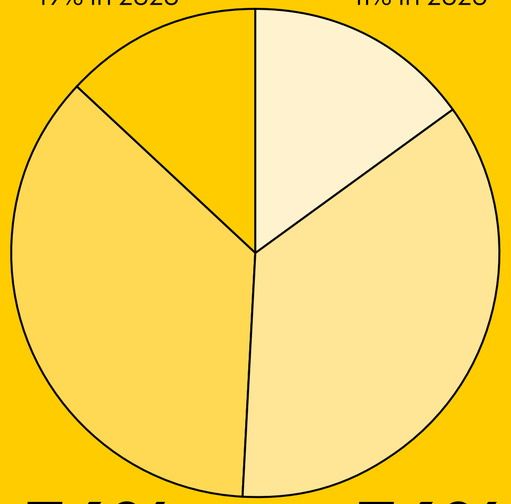
Healthy and happy city

Happiness in the city

When asked "Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday? score out of 10."

13%
9–10
19% in 2020

15%
0–2
11% in 2020



36%
7–8
38% in 2020

36%
3–6
32% in 2020

Deprivation

57th
most deprived local authority in England
(out of 317)

Deaths

In Portsmouth in 2020 there were

254 deaths
in people under the age of 75 from causes considered to be preventable

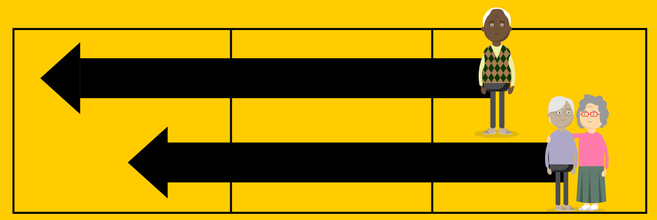
Life expectancy

Men **78.5** **82.4** Women

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Healthy life expectancy

Men **15 years shorter** and women **14 years shorter** in most deprived areas compared to least deprived



Causes

The main causes of the life expectancy gap are:

Cardiovascular disease

Cancer

Respiratory disease

Rates of these are all significantly higher in Portsmouth than in England

Dentists & GPs

2,213
people per one dentist
(more people per dentist than the national average of 2,040)

3,504
people per one GP
(more people per GP than the national average of 2,353)

Healthy and happy city

Mental health

12.9%

of residents report having a long-term mental health problem compared to 11% in England

2,520

children and young people accessed at least one mental health service in the 12 months to May 2022 (an increase from 2,150 in July 2021)

Alcohol

1 in 5 people

(22%) are drinking to unhealthy levels, with up to 4,400 adults estimated to be alcohol dependent

Homelessness

1,842

people homeless or threatened with homelessness at any one time

100

people in rough sleeping pathway accommodation

21%

of households who made homelessness applications in 2022 contained children

November 2023 based on portsmouth.gou.uk/jsna

Smoking

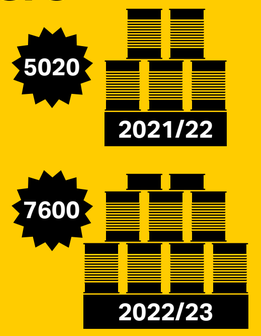
15% of Portsmouth adults are estimated to smoke, rising to **21%** of manual workers. Smoking remains the biggest preventable cause of ill-health and early death

Children living in relative low income families

2021/22 figures

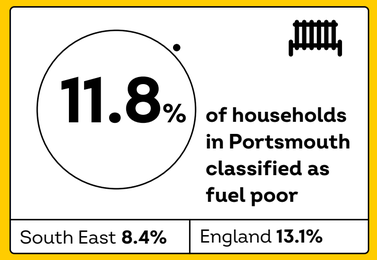
Food bank vouchers

In 2022/23 7,600 vouchers were fulfilled at Portsmouth Food Bank. This is an increase of 51% from 2021/22 when 5,020 vouchers were fulfilled



Fuel and energy

Based on 2021 data, 11.8% of households in Portsmouth were classified as fuel poor, based on having low income and high cost



Housing

£895

Average rent for a two-bedroom property in Portsmouth (2023/24)

£725

Maximum housing allowance towards renting a two-bedroom property in Portsmouth (2023/24)

Healthy and happy city

Sport and fitness

39
sport and activity halls in the city

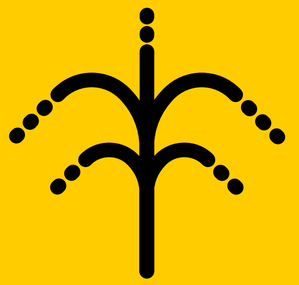
33
dance and fitness studios

Indoor tennis centre

KGV Football complex opened in 2024

On track for new centre in Bransbury Park 2026

Indoor and outdoor skateparks



3
free splashpools

Refurbishing Hilsea Lido

Lifelong learning

Our education system

49 infant and primary schools

9 secondary schools

1 all-through school

5 special schools, including two multi-site provision

1 University Technical College

1 GFE College

4 independent schools

14 multi academy trusts

150+ early years settings

48,500 children aged 0-18 in the city

27,279 school-age children *Jan 2024 census*

Attending **62** maintained schools

16,300 hours a child spends in school up to 16

34.3% eligible for free school meals (compared to **24.6% nationally**) *June 2024*

2,145 children with Educational, Health and Care Plans *June 2024*

4,115 children receiving Special Educational Needs support *Jan 2024 census*

1,051 children receiving targeted early help

880 children receiving statutory help and protection

Lifelong learning

Looked after children

390
children in care

363
care-experienced young people

Mental and emotional support

1,500+
children and young people referred for mental health support from CAMHS

2,000+
receiving lower levels of emotional wellbeing and support

New special free school opened in 2023 providing specialist education for children with high levels of social communication and interaction difficulties

NEETs

5%
of 16-19 year olds are not in education, employment or training

Dec 23 - Feb 24 average

Attendance

600
children attending school less than 50% of the time at year end *(July 2022)*

Children meeting expected reading standard

Portsmouth is ranked

148/152
local authorities at end of primary school

147/152
local authorities at end of secondary school

All data November 2023 based on portsmouth.gou.uk/jsna unless stated otherwise

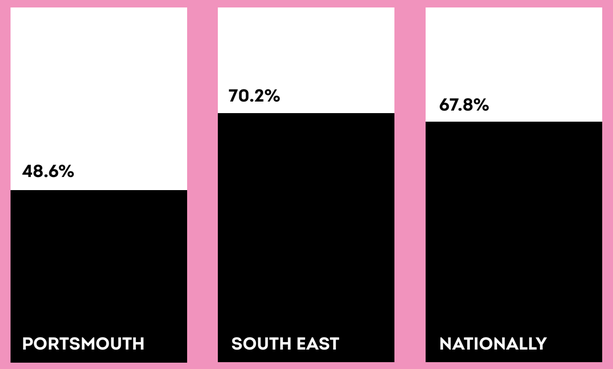
Lifelong learning

Higher education

28,000
university students

University of Portsmouth **Gold rated** for teaching excellence

1,350
apprenticeships in 22/23



Relatively few people with degree level skills. **Only 48.6% of adults** qualified to this level against 70.2% in the SE and 67.8% nationally

Higher proportion of people with no qualifications (7.3%) compared to SE (5.1%) and national (6.5%)

Adult learning

In 2023/24. the Employment, Learning and Skills service supported over **1,000** people to gain work, retain jobs and progress personally

In 2023/24 there were **4,288** enrolments for accredited adult and family learning for **2,247** learners through the Employment, Learning and Skills service

Thriving economy

Employment

Working age population
140,400

2,000 new jobs created last year (2023)

Median gross weekly pay for residents is
£653.60
(lower than national – £682.60 or South East (£723.50)

but
workplace earnings generated are higher than national and South East (£726) resident earnings

40,000 workers commute in, and **30,000** commute out

3.6%
adults unemployed, against 3.8% nationally

19.8%
are economically inactive, compared to 21.4% UK

City supports high quality jobs, but it is not necessarily our residents who benefit from those opportunities

Thriving economy

Transport

30 minutes to nearest airport

Portsmouth International Port

UK's most successful municipal port and second busiest cross-channel port

Contributes **£189m** per annum to the local economy, and **£390m** nationally (2017)

1.7 million
passengers a year

250,000
freight lorries, a million vehicle movements per year

Tourism and culture

Tourism economic impact
£644,953,287

9 million
visitors per annum

UK's 2nd coolest city to live
Nomads Nation 2023

Technology

Gigabit
full fibre network service

£7m CCIXR
Centre for creative and immersive extended reality

Naval base:
Home to £6.2bn 65,000-tonne aircraft carriers

Thriving economy

Business and investment

£6.7bn GVA
growth of 8.9%

£2bn regeneration plan creating 7,000 more jobs

Home of the **National Maritime Systems Centre**

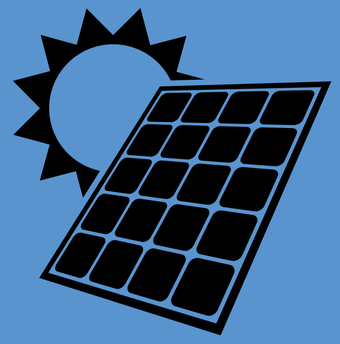
7,880 businesses in 2019 **V** **7,630** businesses in 2023

920 business start-ups

£400m vision to reshape the University Quarter

Environmental

Carbon neutral city by **2030**
our vision



£8.5m largest investor in rooftop solar power of any UK council

Retail – Gunwharf Quays

The south coast's leading premium shopping destination

Top three UK outlet shopping destination

£45m investment plan

Thriving economy

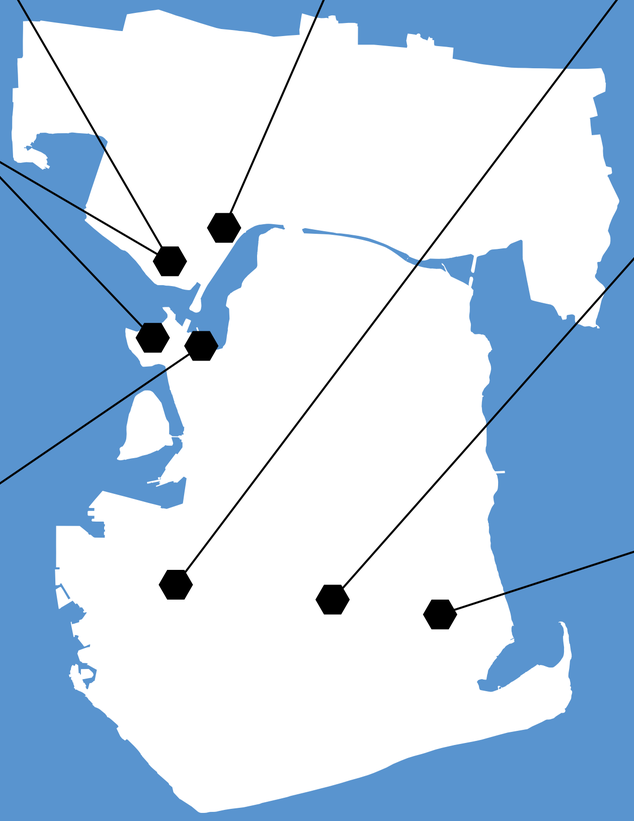
Strategic sites included in the Local Plan pre-submission

Horsea Island Open Space
68 hectares open space
Busway linking Tipner to Port Solent

Tipner West and Horsea Island East
814-1,250 homes
58,000 m² marine hub
Flood defences
New bridge

Tipner East
1,056 homes
716m² commercial space
Flood defences
Transport hub
2,650 car parking spaces

Lakeside North Harbour
50,000 m² commercial space



Portsmouth City Centre
4,158 homes
1,546m² commercial space
Enhanced culture and leisure offer

Fratton Park and the Pompey Centre
710 homes
Expanded stadium, hotel, mixed conference and event facilities

St James' and Langstone
417 homes
Retention of public access and parkland access

Easy travel

Public transport

5.1% of people travel to work by bus, more than the national average of 4.2% *(C2021 statistic)*

624 electric buses launched in 2024

9.4m passenger journeys by local bus in 2023 *(DfT)*

Over **6.29 million** people going to and from Portsmouth by train April 2022 to March 2023

1,242 taxis registered in Portsmouth

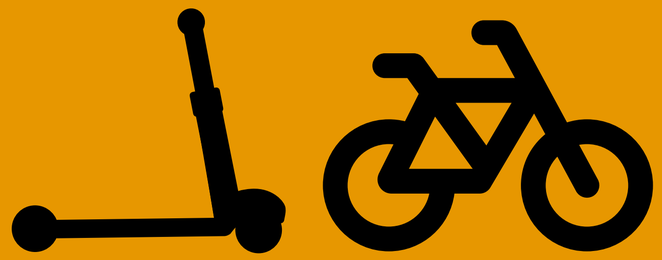
200 hackney carriages

1,042 private hire vehicles

Over **2 million** users of the park and ride since it opened in 2017

Easy travel

Cycling and walking



Over
90,000
people have taken
1.2 million
rides since rental e-scooter and bike share schemes launched in March 2021 and October 2022

17 bike hangars installed since 2021

More than
1,200
children walked over **28,300** miles in Pompey walk to school challenge in 2023

Roads

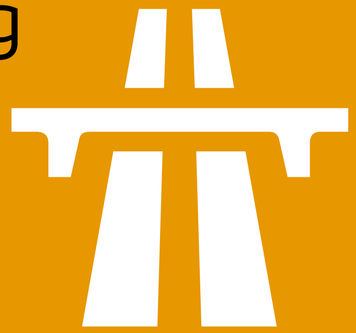
One of the first cities in the UK to lower speed limit to 20mph in residential areas

Easy travel

Vehicles

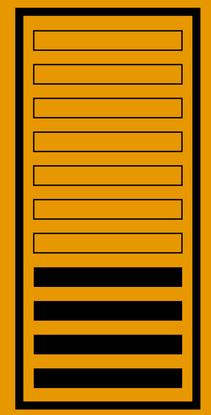
Cars registered in the city has grown from **90,600** in 2011 to **107,400** in 2021

60% of all commuting trips were drivers or passengers in private cars or vans



121% increase in electric vehicles in the city in the last two years

2,805 electric vehicles registered in 2023, projected to increase to **59,330** by 2040



Culture and creativity

Heritage

- **19** scheduled monuments
- **13** Grade I listed, 33 Grade II* listed and 408 Grade II listed buildings
- **3** registered parks and gardens
- **267** locally listed buildings
- **25** conservation areas

Theatres

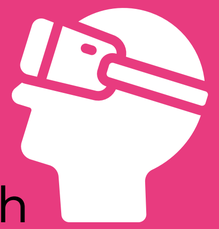
Two Grade II* listed Matcham theatres

Creative Industries

Portsmouth Creates

- 85 entries in Portsmouth Creates directory
- We Create Markets during Covid hosted 184 creative businesses and welcomed 14,815 visitors over three weekends

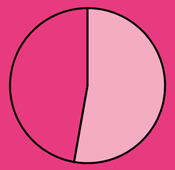
Home of Centre for Creative and Immersive Extended Reality at University of Portsmouth



Portsmouth Creative Census in 2016

58% of the creative businesses surveyed were sole traders

53% of businesses had started within the past five years



36% of creatives surveyed were graduates of the University of Portsmouth

Culture and creativity

Libraries

BookFest attendance

1,200

(up from 925 previous year)

Summer Reading Challenge

1,472

(up from 1,393 previous year)

Home delivery packs

2,217

(up from 830 previous year)

Digital engagement

Comprising e-magazines, newspapers, music streaming, music download, audio books.

381,243

(up from 362,000 last year)

Events

356 events in 22/23

276 events in 23/24

Economic impact of **Great South Run**

1 in 5 runners staying overnight in the city.

80% stayed within the city.

£4.45m for Portsmouth

Economic impact of **Victorious Festival**

37% of audience stayed overnight.

97% of those staying, stayed in Portsmouth.

£22m for Portsmouth

Museums

10

accredited museums in the city, 6 of these are run by the council

National level museums

National Museum of the Royal Navy and the Mary Rose

Green city

Parks, countryside and green flags

180
green sites

110
play parks

3
Green Flag sites

55 acres
of designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Milton Common
140 bird species, **22** species of butterfly and is a Site of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINC)

Volunteering
Volunteers at countryside sites contributed
11,123
hours in 23/24

Cleaner air

5
air quality management areas

Year 2022, net emissions are
751,569
tonnes CO_2e

Transport is the leading contributor with **33.4%** of total emissions

Emissions have **reduced by 48%** since 2005

Emissions have **reduced by 5%** since 2021

Green city

Power and energy

£30m

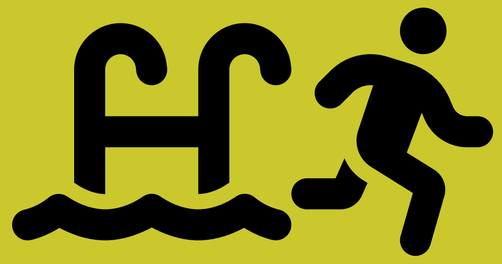
Low Carbon Projects Fund
Driving investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency and other carbon mitigation projects

Portsmouth International Port

£19m

Government funding for SeaChange, supplying shore power to visiting vessels, cutting noise and emissions, improving air quality

University of Portsmouth completed **Ravelin Sports Centre**, which operates with ultra-low energy consumption



c£32m

of free domestic energy schemes delivered since May 2022, reducing energy costs and saving 100 tonnes of CO_2 emissions every year

Trees and greening

86,500
trees in Portsmouth,

the council is responsible for
35,500
trees in the city, including
8,500
street trees looked after by Colas.

9.8%
tree canopy coverage

£500,000
invested in greening the city since 2021

Ocean

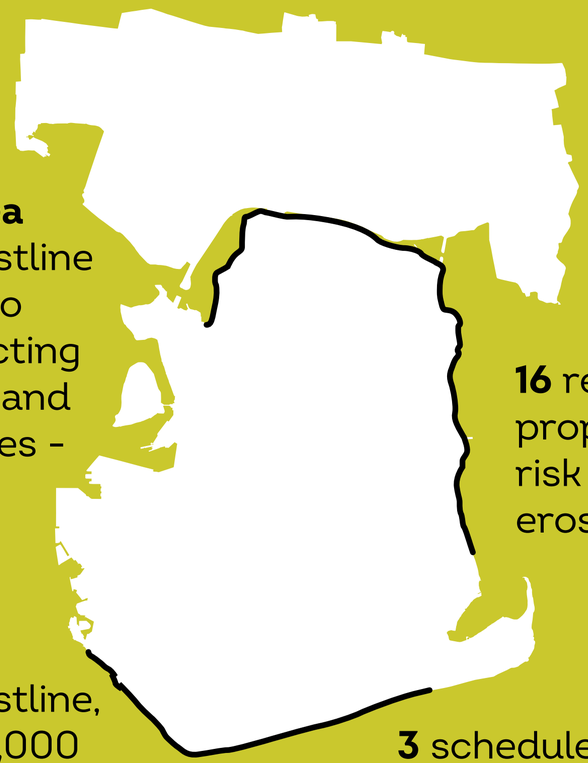
Good bathing water quality at Eastney Beach but water rated Poor at Southsea East

Solent Oyster Restoration project established by UoP to create a model for habitat restoration

Green city

Coastal defences

Major schemes to support resilience:



North Portsea
8.4km of coastline from Tipner to Milton, protecting 4,200 homes and 500 businesses - £63.7m

Southsea
4.5km of coastline, protecting 10,000 homes and 704 businesses – £180m

4 critical access routes at risk from flood water

16 residential properties at risk of coastal erosion

3 scheduled monuments and **74** listed structures at risk

Reducing and recycling

Around **3,400** tonnes of domestic waste collected every month, of which 27.9% is recycled (compared with 44.1% recycled from households in England 2021).

40% of rubbish put out for collection is food waste: citywide food waste collection now established

Revolution Plastics Institute established by University of Portsmouth in response to the escalating global plastic pollution crisis