

FOI DOF/2023-0393

Would you be able to provide me with:
the total amount of rates, in pounds and by percentage, not collected in each year over the last three years in Northern Ireland and broken down by council area?

DoF response

The Department can confirm it holds the information that would fall within the scope of the request.

The tables below show the position for uncollected rates in each of the last three years, by council area at 31st March each year. Uncollected rates have been calculated as total amount of rates due, (after discounts were applied) less total amount collected for each year (at 31st March). Percentages are calculated as Uncollected Rates as a percentage of total amount of rates due (after discounts applied).

The total amount of rates not collected in 2022/23 (as at 31st March 2023)

Council	Rates not collected	
	£	%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	£6,366,250	5.7%
Ards and North Down	£9,773,538	7.8%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	£15,693,881	10.4%
Belfast	£44,698,074	11.7%
Causeway Coast and Glens	£7,563,638	7.1%
Derry City and Strabane	£12,513,663	10.5%
Fermanagh and Omagh	£8,263,505	9.6%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	£10,086,508	8.1%
Mid and East Antrim	£10,073,429	7.7%
Mid Ulster	£5,959,269	8.7%
Newry, Mourne and Down	£16,963,932	12.9%
NI Total	£147,955,687	9.7%

The total amount of rates not collected in 2021/22 (as at 31st March 2022)

Council	Rates not collected	
	£	%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	£6,730,853	7.0%
Ards and North Down	£8,412,008	7.5%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	£13,567,375	10.4%
Belfast	£38,685,101	11.8%
Causeway Coast and Glens	£6,835,368	7.3%
Derry City and Strabane	£10,243,157	10.1%
Fermanagh and Omagh	£7,530,948	10.2%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	£8,495,350	8.0%
Mid and East Antrim	£8,617,166	10.9%
Mid Ulster	£5,398,847	6.0%
Newry, Mourne and Down	£16,000,786	13.8%
NI Total	£130,516,959	9.8%

The total amount of rates not collected in 2020/21 (as at 31st March 2021)

Council	Rates not collected	
	£	%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	£5,202,901	6.0%
Ards and North Down	£8,029,725	7.7%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	£11,395,768	9.4%
Belfast	£33,322,247	11.5%
Causeway Coast and Glens	£5,159,025	6.0%
Derry City and Strabane	£9,461,516	10.2%
Fermanagh and Omagh	£6,353,170	9.3%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	£5,789,113	6.0%
Mid and East Antrim	£5,879,139	8.0%
Mid Ulster	£8,079,076	9.4%
Newry, Mourne and Down	£14,928,142	13.8%
NI Total	£113,599,822	9.3%