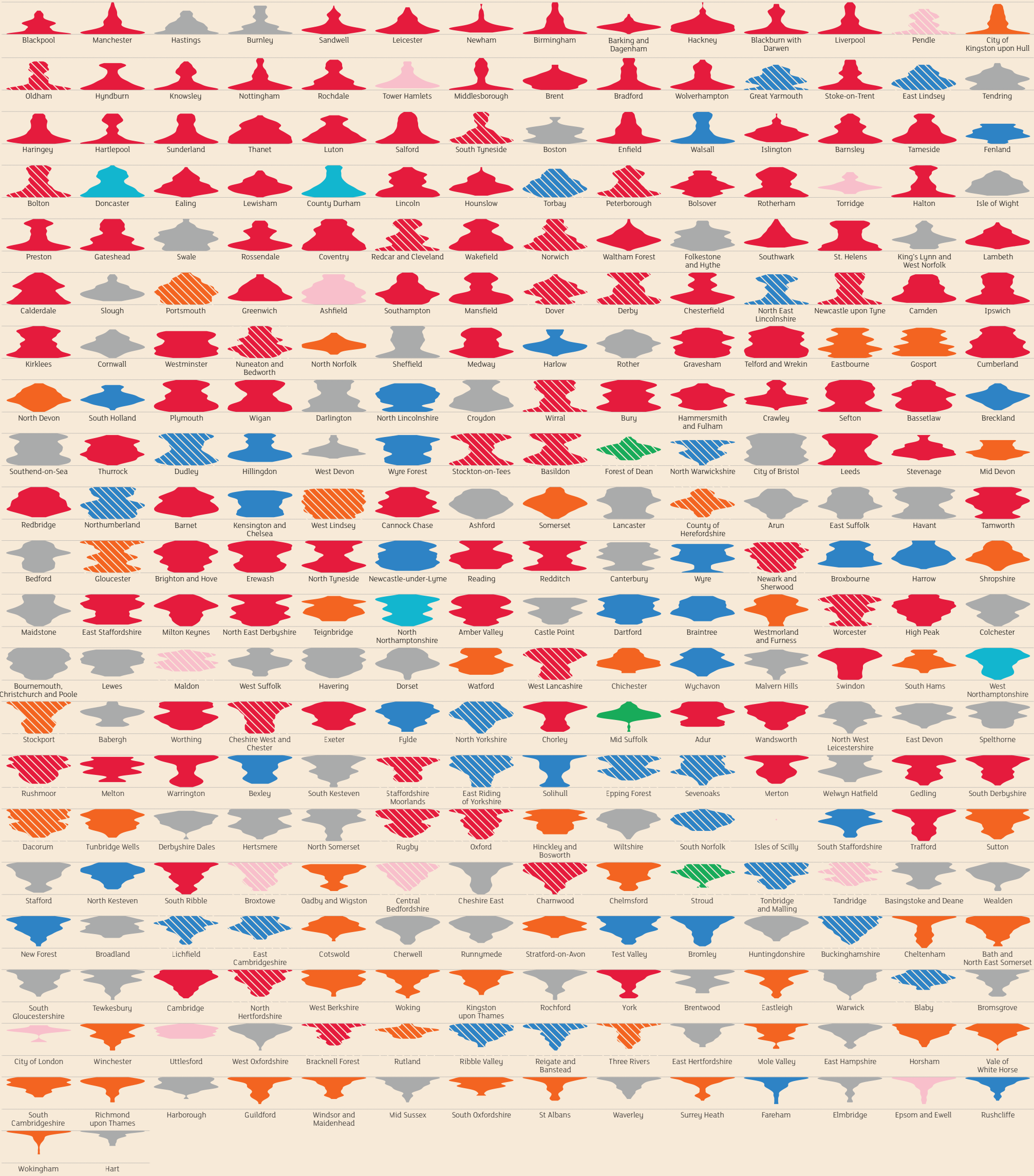


DEPRIVATION vs POLITICAL CONTROL

IN ENGLISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES (2025)



The English local authority districts are sorted according to the relative deprivation of the area using data from the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2025, with Blackpool being the most deprived and Hart least. Shapes show the relative deprivation profile of each local authority area, with a wider bottom indicating more deprivation and a wider top less deprivation.

The 296 local authorities are divided into Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) with each area containing approximately 1,500 residents. There are 33,755 LSOAs across England each one ranked according to their level of relative deprivation. These rankings are sorted into 20 sets (vintiles) each containing approximately 1,688 LSOAs. These are then matched with each local authority and the profile drawn from the amount of these vintiles in each area. All profiles have been normalised so they are the same width - if we didn't do this it would be difficult to see the profile characteristics of local authorities with smaller populations. Deprivation is measured across income, employment, education skills and training, health deprivation and disability, crime, barriers to housing and services and living environment domains.

Colour represents the dominant political control within that local authority. Bold colours denote majority control with cross-hatched colours expressing minority control. The Isles of Scilly consist of 1 LSOA that is in the 7th least deprived vintile. It is a *sui generis* council with a unique legal status, along with the City of London.

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