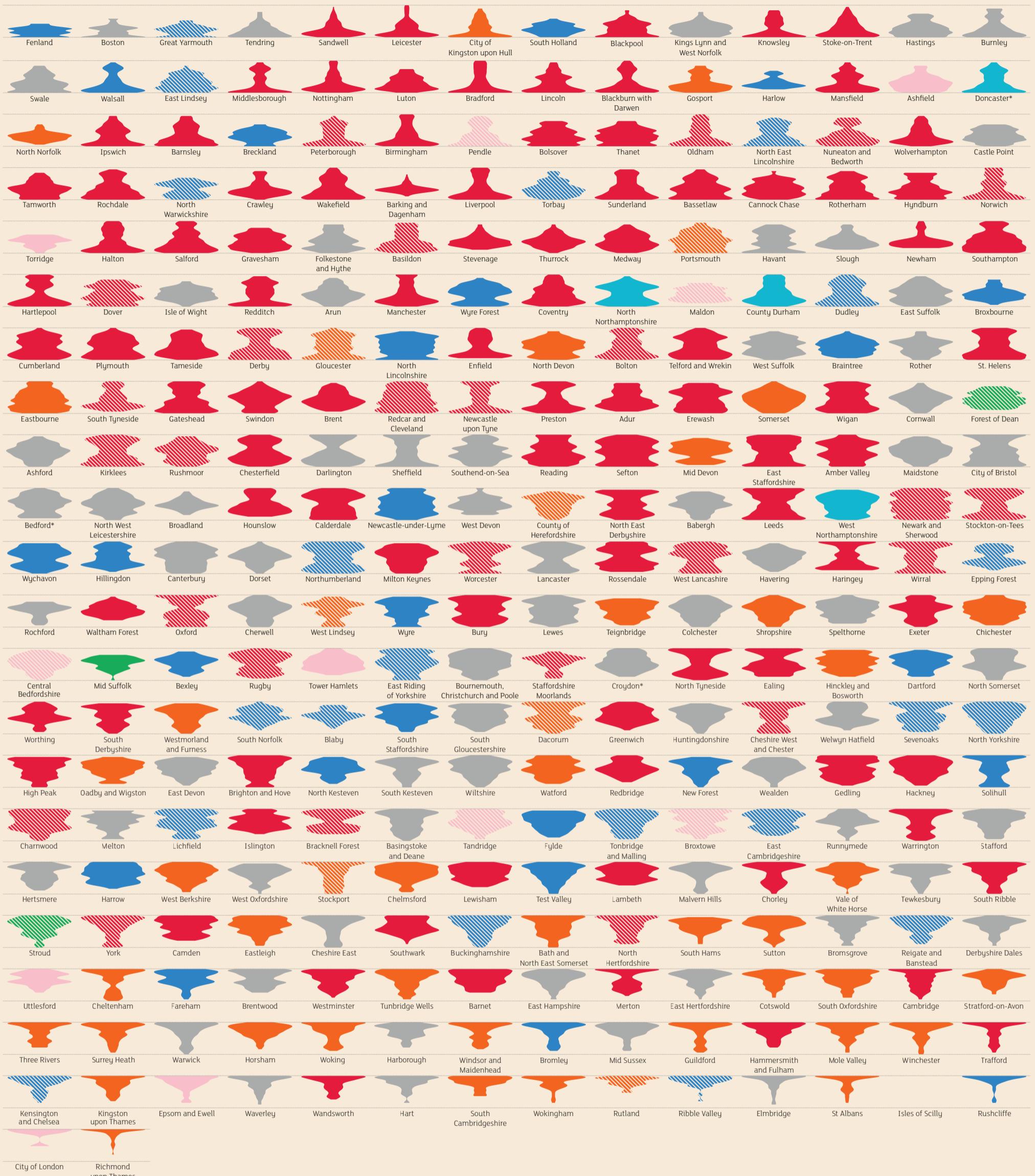


EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING DEPRIVATION vs POLITICAL CONTROL IN ENGLISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES (2025)



The English local authority districts are sorted according to the relative Education, Skills and Training deprivation of the area using data from the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2025, with Fenland being the most deprived and Richmond upon Thames least. Shapes show the relative deprivation profile relating to each local authority area, with a wider bottom indicating higher relative 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 (vigintiles) each containing approximately 1,688 LSOAs. These are then matched with each local authority and the profile drawn from the amount of these vigintiles 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. The Education, Skills and Training index is a component of the IMD and it is constructed from the following indicators: Key Stage 2 attainment, Key Stage 4 attainment, Entry to higher education, Pupil absence, Persistent pupil absence and Adult skills. The Education, Skills and Training index has a 13.5% weighting within the IMD.

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 aren't visualised due to small sample size (n=1 LSOA). It is a sui generis council with a unique legal status, along with the City of London. *Indicates an elected mayor differing from the represented party.

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- English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2025 released by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - <http://www.gov.uk>;
- Political control data current as of 7th December 2025 from Open Council Data - <http://opencouncildata.co.uk/>;
- Political party colours taken from Wikipedia: WikiProject Politics of the United Kingdom/Index of United Kingdom political parties meta attributes (accessed 4th December 2025 - https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=WikiProject_Politics_of_the_United_Kingdom&oldid=1000000000)

Conservatives	Reform
Green	Other
Labour	No overall control
Liberal Democrats	Minority control