

Appendix 2

Number of Local Authorities = 153

Statistical Neighbours – Local Authority Interactive Tool (LAIT), May 2025

Statistical neighbour models provide one method for benchmarking progress. For each local authority (LA), these models designate several other LAs deemed to have similar characteristics. These designated LAs are known as statistical neighbours.

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) was commissioned in 2007 by the Department to identify and group similar LAs in terms of the socio-economic characteristics, each LA was assigned 10 such neighbours. However, following the 2021 Census, the department undertook an extensive review of the policy indicators and background variables used within the model and revised neighbours from May 2025. Further details are available in the associated technical note on the [Local Authority Interactive Tool \(LAIT\) gov.uk landing page](#)

Coventry's statistical neighbours

Pre-2007-2024	From May 2025
Bolton	Bolton
Derby	Derby
Leeds	Hillingdon
Medway	Luton
Peterborough	Peterborough
Portsmouth	Rochdale
Sheffield	Southampton
Southampton	Stoke-on-Trent
Tameside	Walsall
Walsall	Wolverhampton

See in the [LAIT Tool guide](#) to see the socio-economic characteristics used.

Advanced Level Performance Points Tables

A Level

A* 60

A 50

B 40

C 30

D 20

E 10

Tech Level

Distinction 50

Merit 35

Pass 15