

Coventry Food Charter

10 FACTS about food and poverty in Coventry 2017/18

Emergency food supplied to people in crisis

Coventry Foodbank

Coventry foodbank (part of the network of Trussell Trust foodbanks) provided

15,415

three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis in the year to March 2017. In the current year Coventry foodbank has already experienced a 20% increase in demand.



Low income

Of those people receiving food from Coventry foodbanks, 6034 gave the reason as 'low income' – higher than any other foodbank in the country.



Multiple deprivation

(% of residents living in neighbourhoods amongst the 10% most deprived in England)

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| COVENTRY | ENGLAND |
| 18.5% | 10% |

Households in poverty

31% of children in Coventry live in poverty according to the Child Poverty Action Group*

* children living in households with an income below 60% of the national median income after housing costs

Children in low-income families

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| COVENTRY | ENGLAND |
| 25.1% | 19.9% |

Sources:

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/195/facts_about_coventry/2450/headline_insights
<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/health-profiles/data#/page/1/gid/1938132701/pat/6/par/E12000005/ati/101/are/E08000026/iid/91872/age/1/sex/4>
<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/whats-on/food-drink-news/truth-saving-food-sell-dates-12507336>
Education Data Team Key Statistics Report

Free school meals

The percentage of pupils eligible for FREE school meals

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| COVENTRY primary | ENGLAND primary |
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| 16.3% | 14.7% |
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| COVENTRY secondary | ENGLAND secondary |
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| 16.4% | 13.8% |
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| COVENTRY special | ENGLAND special |
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| 41% | 37.4% |
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Food waste

Coventry households

throw away about

£300 a year worth of food

for no good reason (about 30% of their food)

That brings the amount of food sent to landfill in 2015 to 7.3 million tonnes, costing UK families £700 per year

Nutritional Food

Food poverty is not just about not having enough food to eat, but also access to nutritional food – if you have very little money, you are unlikely to be able to afford fresh fruit and vegetables, as they are more expensive than 'fast food'



Obesity in children (Year 6)

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| COVENTRY | ENGLAND |
| 24.2% | 20.0% |

and both figures are increasing.



Growing food in Coventry

Coventry has over **3,000** allotments

= just under **1million**

square metres of food growing space already under cultivation

For further information please visit

www.coventrypartnership.com/feeding-coventry

or email feedingcoventry@coventrypartnership.com

Coventry Food Charter

5 things you can do to help

-  1 Sign up to the Coventry Food Charter now! You can help us work to end food poverty, produce more food locally, reduce food waste and promote a Sustainable Food City by signing the Charter. It doesn't cost anything but your time.
-  2 Reduce the amount of food you waste at home by only buying what you intend to eat, using up your leftovers and using your new food composting caddy to recycle any waste food.
-  3 Donate to foodbanks if you shop at your local supermarket – or you can usually donate directly to your local foodbank.
-  4 Grow your own fruit and vegetables! You don't have to have an allotment – you can grow some crops in pots or on your windowsill or balcony if you haven't got a garden.
-  5 Buy from local and community-owned food producers where you can – this will help Coventry become a Sustainable Food City and bring more opportunities for training, employment and community participation to the city.

You can sign up to the **Coventry Food Charter** at
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If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the information above, please contact **feedingcoventry@coventrypartnership.com**

"Reducing food waste is a tricky business. In January, statistics from the Waste and Resources Action Programme, which advises the UK Government, showed household food waste increased 4.4 per cent between 2012 and 2015, missing the target to cut household waste 5 per cent by 2015."