

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
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Response to Request for Information

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Business Rates

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you:

- 1) The average amount paid in business rates for the average business.
- 2) The average increase in business rates from 2007 to the latest available data.
- 3) The average relief given to businesses.
- 4) Business rates (or non-domestic rates) income by sector.

In response to questions 1 and 3, we can confirm that we hold this information. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain. Please see link below.

<http://data.wolverhampton.gov.uk/View/business>

As business rates vary so much accordingly to the type and size of business the information is available via published data sets. Our published data sets provide full details of current charges and reliefs and therefore you are able to work out any averages that you may require.

In response to questions 2 and 4, there are many factors which influence the amount of business rates which are chargeable. These factors vary according to the type of business. The government publish a range of documents which detail the changes in business rates over time and provide a view of the revenue generated by NNDR.

The publications which contain the most appropriate information are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-non-domestic-rates-collected-by-councils>

These documents provide both a high level view of charges and reliefs as well as detailed information for each local authority. The published data includes high level information back to 2005 and detailed information from 2009.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/valuation-office-agency-and-business-rates-non-domestic-rates>

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This provides further detailed information about business rates and how they are calculated