

# **CHANGING REGIONAL AND CITY POLICY IN THE UK AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR STATISTICS**

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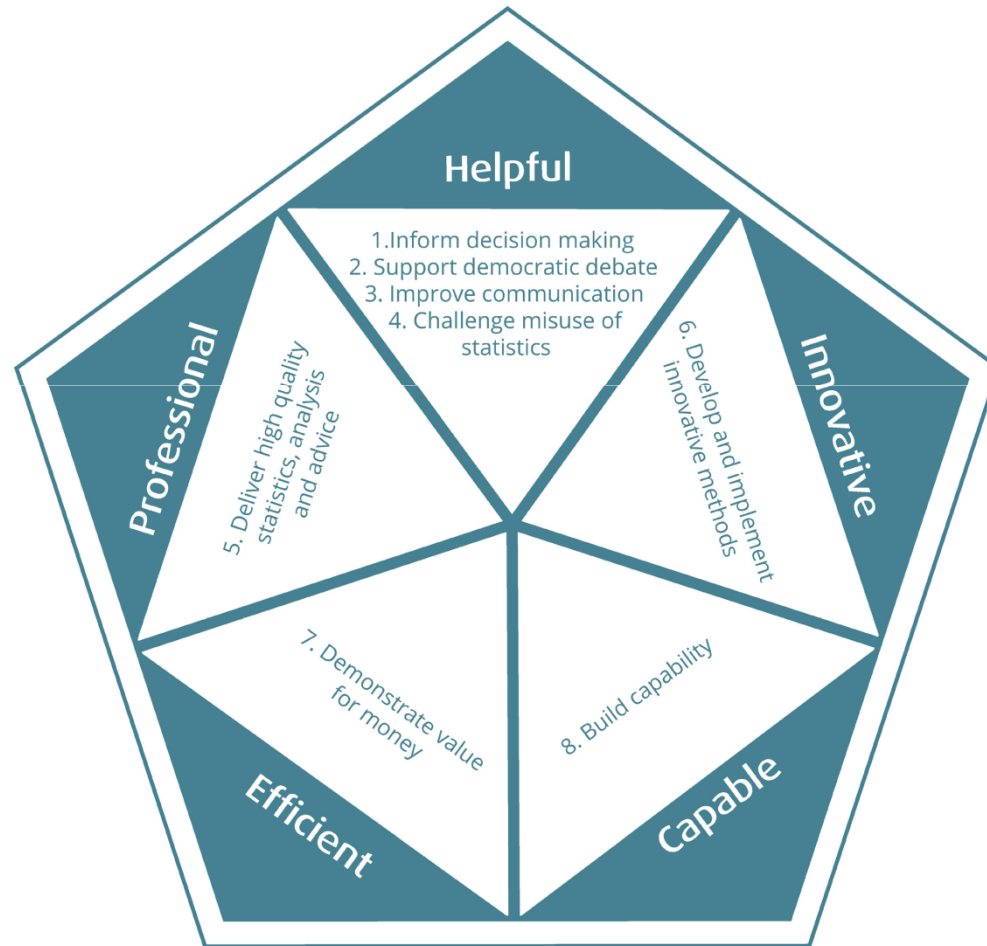
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## Recent Policy Developments

- 2010 Abolition of Regional Development Agencies announced.  
First Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) created.
- 2012 First City Deals announced by Deputy Prime Minister
- 2014 First mentions of 'Northern Powerhouse' policy by Chancellor.
- Announcement of Greater Manchester Devolution deal
  - Combined Authorities created in Liverpool, Sheffield, West Yorkshire, North East
- 2015/16 Further English devolution deals announced.

# Better Statistics, Better Decisions



## Bean Review of Economic Statistics

- Prompted by the growing difficulty of measuring output and productivity accurately in a modern, dynamic and increasingly diverse and digital economy.
- Concerns ONS was not making full use of new data sources
- For regional statistics, it encourages examining the potential for administrative data to fill some of the gaps.

# Recent Developments on Regional Statistics in ONS

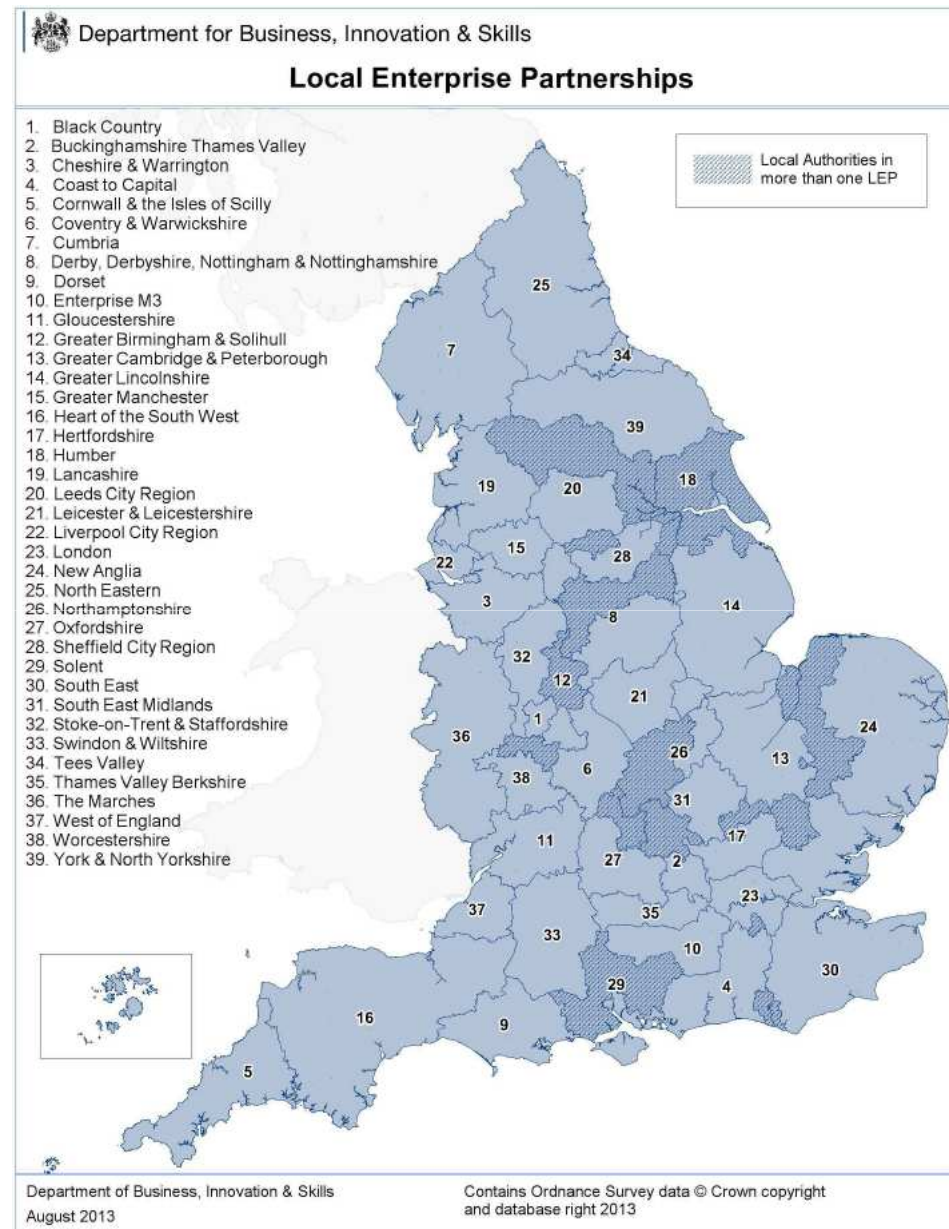
- 2010      Regional Short Term Indicators Pilot Published
  
- 2011      Abolition of ONS Regional Presence  
            First release of ONS Subregional Productivity Publication
  
- 2012-2014    Local Enterprise Partnership Profiles published + data added to Nomis
  
- 2013      First release of Regional GVA (Production Approach)
  
- 2014      First release of GVA for Local Enterprise Partnerships published  
            North of England Economic Indicators ad-hoc published
  
- 2015      City Regions Analysis ad-hoc published.  
            First release of GDHI for Local Enterprise Partnerships published  
            First release of House Price Statistics for Small Areas published
  
- 2016      First Regional/Country Economic Forums  
            Towns & Cities Geography Published.

# Local Enterprise Partnerships

**Local enterprise partnerships with highest and lowest gross value added per head growth rates, 2013 to 2014, England**

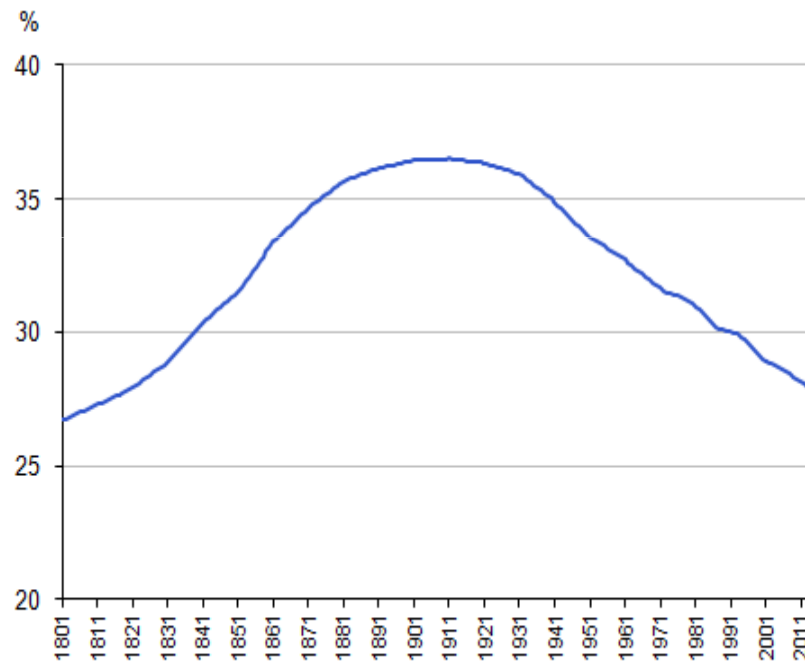
Local Enterprise Partnership	%
London	5.3
Hertfordshire	5.1
West of England	4.8
Tees Valley	4.6
Leicester and Leicestershire	4.6
Thames Valley Berkshire	1.9
Northamptonshire	1.9
Black Country	1.9
Coventry and Warwickshire	1.8
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	-0.1

Source: Office for National Statistics



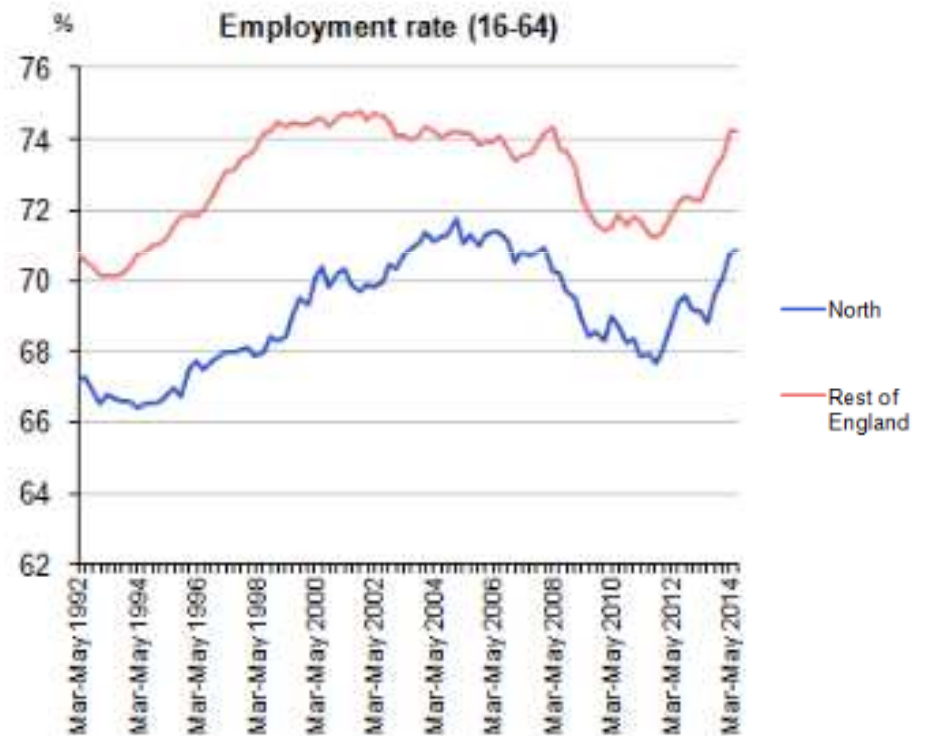
# North of England Economic Indicators

Population in the North of England as a share of total population in England 1801-2013



Source: Office for National Statistics

Employment Rates, 1992-2014





# City Regions

**Table 1: Economic output (Gross Value Added) by city region, 2013**

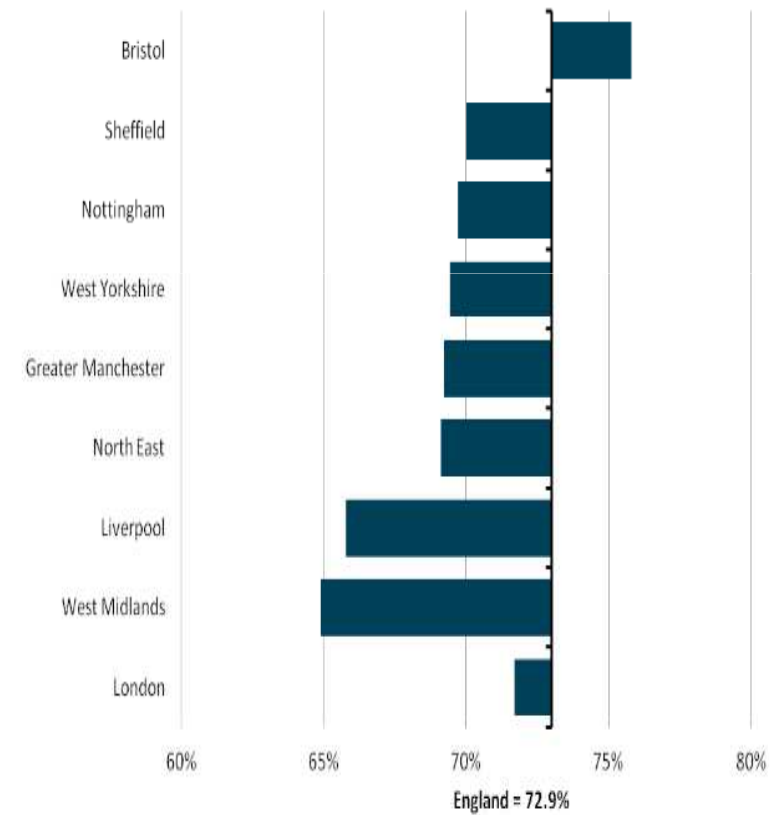
City Region*	Total GVA (£m)	Share of England GVA
Greater Manchester	56,265	4%
West Midlands	55,686	4%
West Yorkshire	46,237	4%
North East	33,933	3%
Bristol	29,309	2%
Liverpool	27,002	2%
Sheffield	22,560	2%
Nottingham	21,303	2%
Total City Regions	292,295	23%
London	338,475	26%

Source: Office for National Statistics

Note:

1. \* Defined as existing or potential Combined Authority areas.

**Figure 3: Employment rate by City Region**



# Towns and Cities Geography

**ONS Major Towns and Cities**

**Towns and Cities**

This statistical geography provides a precise definition of the major towns and cities in England and Wales. It has been developed specifically for the production and analysis of statistics, and is based on the built-up areas geography that was created for the release of 2011 Census data. 112 major towns and cities are included in the dataset.

An [article about Towns and Cities](#) describes the housing, deprivation and Census characteristics for this new geography.

For more information about the Towns and Cities geographies can be found [here](#).

For an questions about the Towns and Cities geographies email [ons.geography@ons.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ons.geography@ons.gsi.gov.uk)

**Towns and Cities**

**Regions**

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Nation  
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## How We Are Changing.

- Development of Regional Accounts Outputs
- Increased Flexibility with Geographies.
- Greater Stakeholder Engagement
- Increased Policy/Microdata Analysis
- Examining options for increased usage of Administrative Data, and Big Data, in regional statistics.

# Planned New Outputs

- Balanced GVA Measure.
- Household Final Consumption Expenditure and Regional Savings Ratio.
- Regional Short Term Indicators
- Country and Regional (Sub-UK) Public Sector Finance statistics