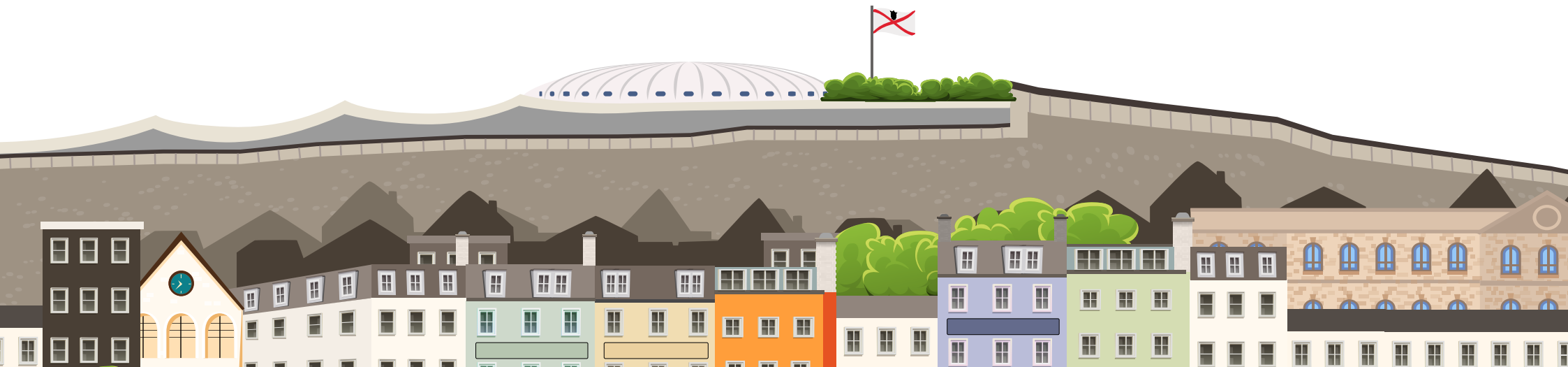


How Jersey Spends Money

Public Spending Statistics 2024

A Summary for young people



Hello

The Government of Jersey looks after many important services on the Island. We want to make sure we are helping everyone and improving lives.

Government spending affects EVERYTHING in your life - from the quality of your education to whether there's a bus service to get you to work, from having clean beaches to visit to knowing there's support for your family when they need it.

The Numbers:

Jersey spent almost **£1.8 BILLION** in 2024.

To put that in perspective - that's over **£14,000** on each islander - enough to buy everyone in Jersey: **19 new iPhones each!**



We're spending more!

Our spending went UP by **5.1%** from 2023 once **adjusted for inflation**.

What does "adjusted for inflation" mean?

Inflation was about **6%**, so, if the government spent:

£100 million on something in 2023 **>>> £106 million** on the same thing in 2024. Without understanding inflation, you might think:

"Wow, they spent £6 million more!"

But adjusting for inflation shows we actually **spent the same**. Both amounts had the same "buying power". The extra £6 million just covers everything being 6% more expensive.

So, after taking inflation into account, government spending in 2024 still went up by **5.1%** - that's an extra **£86.3 million** in real terms.

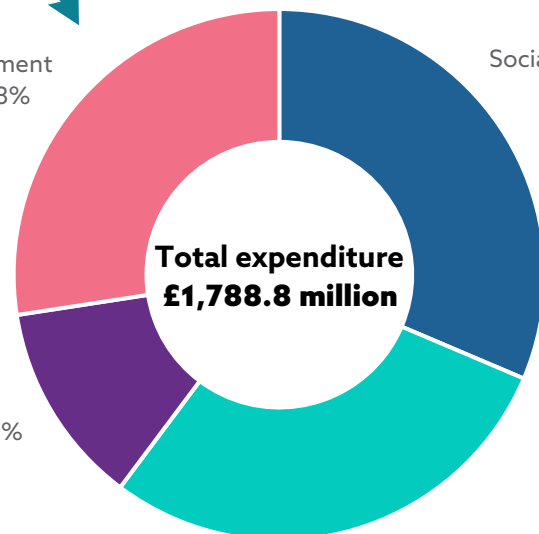
How the Government spent the budget

Other government spending, 28%

Education, 12%

Health, 29%

Social protection, 31%



i All the comparisons in this document are adjusted for inflation.

The Big 3: Where most money goes >> 72% of ALL government spending goes to 3 main areas:

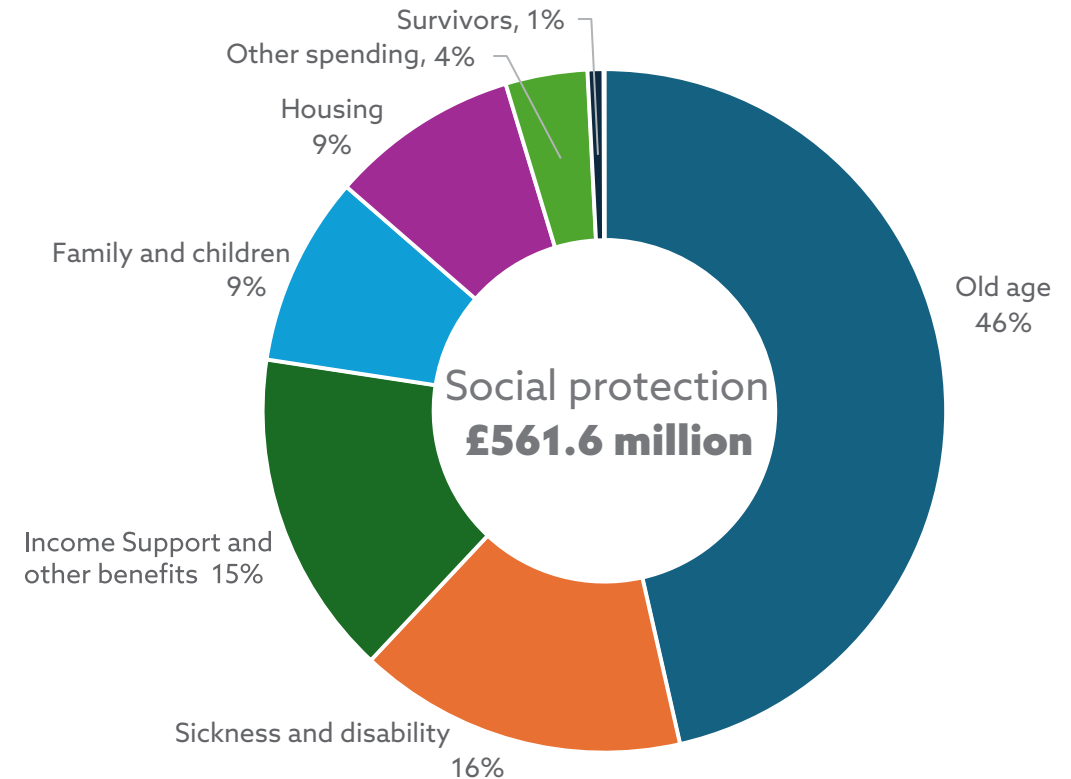
Social protection

(31% - £561.6 million)

What is it? Money to help people when they need it most:

- Pensions for grandparents and other pensioners.
- Income support for families struggling financially.
- Benefits for people who can't work due to illness.
- Housing support.

i Nearly half of this (47%) goes to old age pensions!



>> In 2024 Social Protection has an extra: £23.3 million

- Old age pensions (+£8.2m)
- Sickness & disability (+£6.5m)
- Housing (+£5.1m)

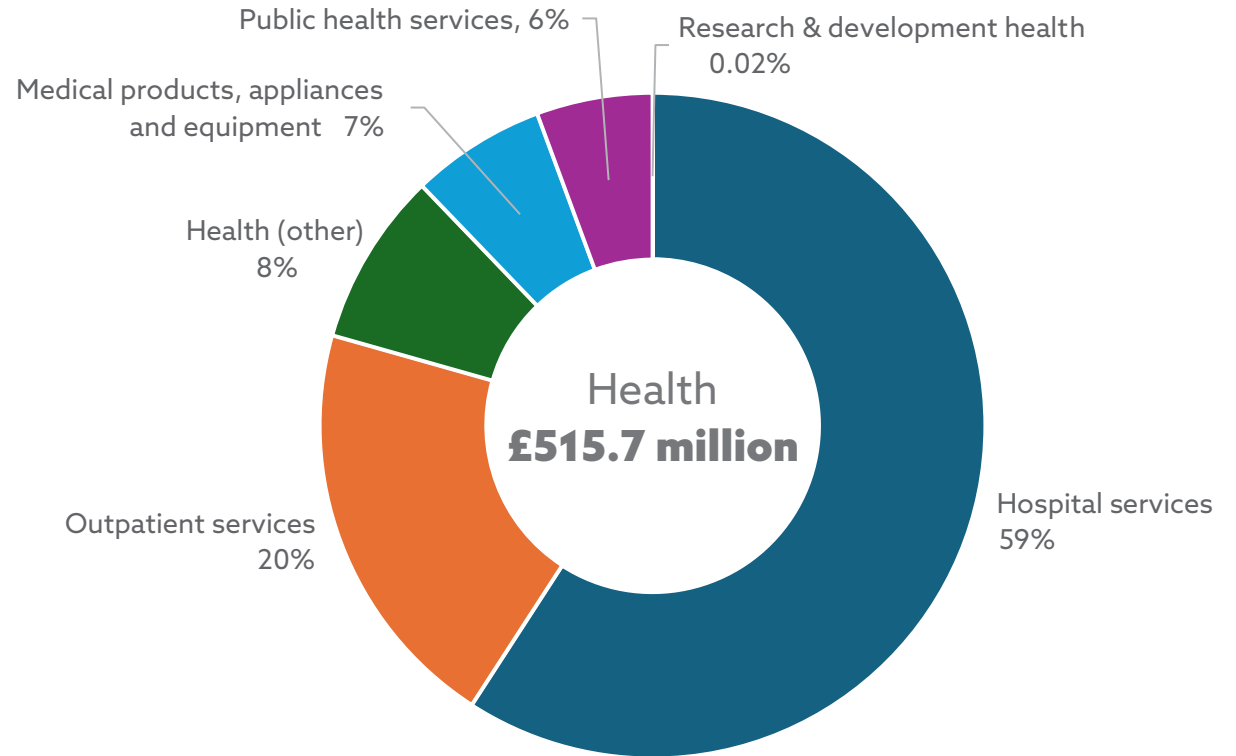
Health

(29% - £515.7 million)

What is it? Keeping everyone healthy and treating illness:

- Running the hospital.
- GP visits and outpatient appointments.
- Prescriptions and medical equipment.
- Public health (like vaccinations).

i Jersey spends MORE on health (as a % of total spending) than ANY other developed country in the world!



➤ In 2024 Health has an extra: £15.2 million

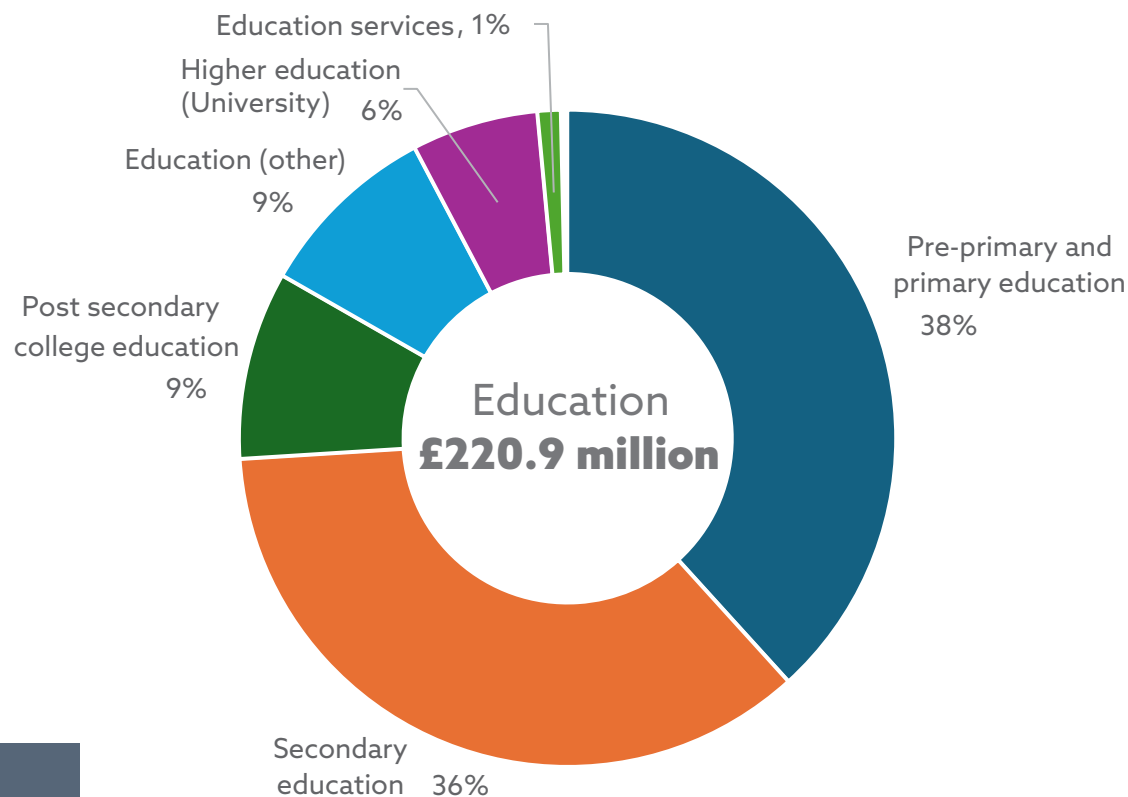
- More people needed hospital treatment (+£12.7m).
- Increased outpatient services (+£4.7m).

Education

(12% - £220.9 million)

What is it? Your schools, colleges, and learning:

- Primary schools (ages 4-11): 38% of education budget.
- Secondary schools (ages 11-18): 34% of education budget.
- Highlands College: 10% of education budget.
- University student finance: 8% of education budget.
- Adult learning and other education: 10%.



➤ In 2024 Education has an extra: £15.3 million

- **£7.1 million extra** for pre-primary and primary education.
- **£8.6 million extra** for secondary education.

The other stuff:

What makes up the remaining 28%



General government

£187.4m (↑ from £164m)

New central office move, repairs, insurance, parish spending.



Public order and safety

£106.6m (slightly ↓ from £107.2m)

Police, fire service, courts, prison.



Economics

£74.7m

Supporting businesses, maintaining roads, agriculture support.



Environment

£64.5m (↑ from £53m)

Waste management, protecting our beautiful coastline and countryside.



Culture and recreation

£44.2m (↑ from £40m)

Libraries, museums, sports facilities, arts.



Housing and community

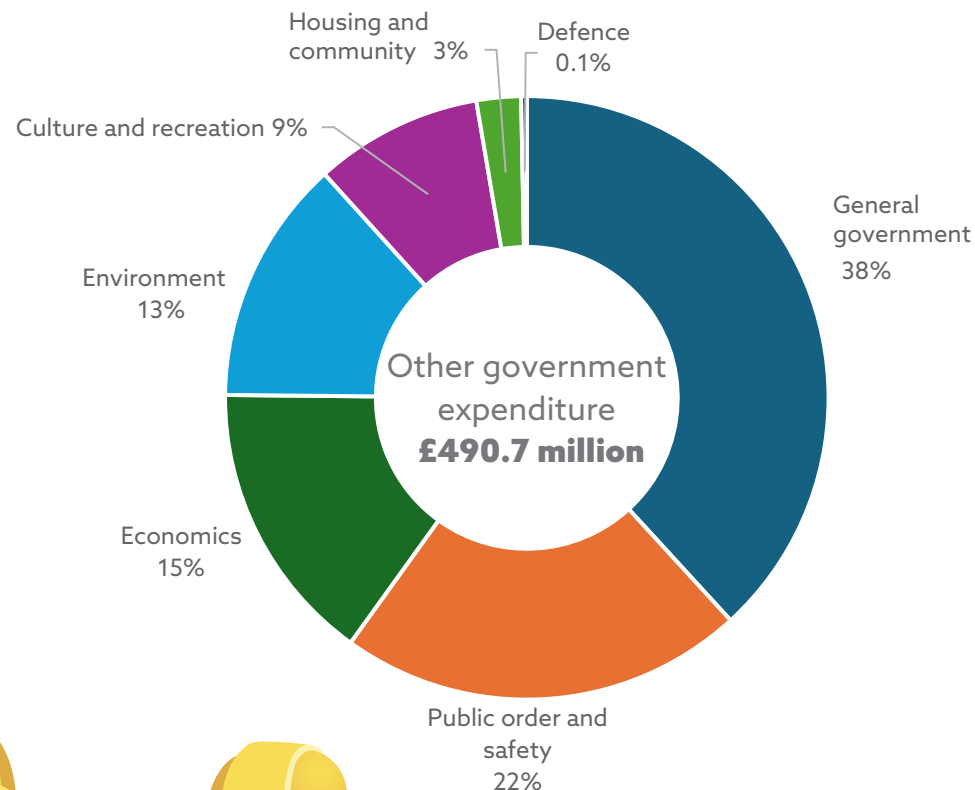
£11.7m (↑ from £9m)

Planning services, community development, street lighting.



Defence

£1.5m (0.1 %) Stays small



How Jersey stacks up against other countries

We're Pretty Unique!

Total Spending: Only Ireland spends less (as a % of economy).

- Most countries spend 40-50% on government services.
- Jersey spends just 25%.

Health Spending:

- Jersey spends 29% of government money on health.
- Next highest is the USA at 27%.
- UK spends 20%.

Defence Spending: Jersey spends almost nothing!

- Just 0.1% (compared to 2-3% in most countries).
- Why? The UK protects us - we pay them a contribution.

Education:

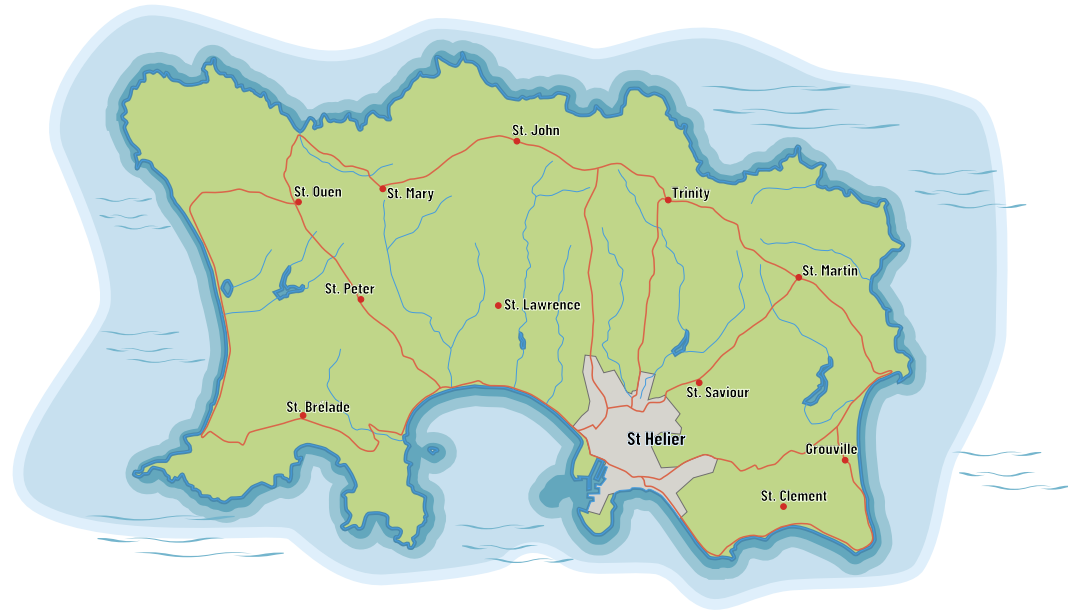
- 12% of spending goes to education.
- Higher than most developed countries.
- UK spends 11%.

Social Protection:

Jersey spent a higher proportion on social protection, health and education combined than most OECD countries. Only four OECD countries spent a higher percentage.

Small island, BIG challenges

Why does Jersey spend differently than big countries?



The Small Island Effect:

- **Fixed Costs:** We still need a full hospital, court system, and government for the 103,650 people who live here.
- **No Economies of Scale:** We can't share costs with millions of other people like big countries can.
- **Higher Wages Needed:** We have to pay more to attract doctors, teachers, etc. to live on a small island.
- **Everything's More Expensive:** Being an island means we have to import almost everything.

The Finance Industry Effect:

Our economy looks **HUGE** because of all the financial services. It makes government spending look small as a percentage. But the actual money spent per person is pretty normal!

What this means for YOUR future

If you're in education:

- That £220.9 million education budget directly affects YOUR class size, teacher quality, and resources.
- University students get financial support from the government.
- Highlands College gets significant funding for vocational training.

If you get sick:

- Free healthcare at point of use.
- Prescription costs are subsidised.
- Mental health services are part of the health budget.

If you want to start a business:

- The Government are spending £74.7 million on supporting the economy.
- This includes support for new businesses and entrepreneurs.

If you need housing help:

- The Government provides housing support through the social protection budget.
- Planning services help manage development on our small island.

Thanks for reading

Understanding where the money goes helps you:

- Make informed choices in elections.
- Understand why some services are better funded than others.
- Have your say on what YOU think the priorities should be.
- Appreciate the complexity of running a small island nation.

Your voice matters! The decisions made about this £1.79 billion will shape Jersey's future - and that's **YOUR** future too!

Want to know more?

Check out the full report at stats.je or follow [@JsyStats](https://twitter.com/JsyStats) for regular updates on how your island is doing!

