

Living and working in Dorset

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Population of Dorset

779,884 residents (2021 Census)

46%
live in rural
areas

The county welcomes **25**
million day-visitors each year



Highlights of Dorset

- There is approximately 88 miles of coastline in the county, excluding the shoreline of Poole Harbour. It stretches from Lyme Regis in the west to Highcliffe in the east.
- Home to an international airport, cross channel ferry and two universities.
- Two hours from London by rail.
- Weymouth has a bustling port and home to sailing for the Olympic Games.
- Poole Harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the world.
- Dorset is one of the most rural counties in the UK and has more kilometres of footpaths and bridlepaths than roads.
- Dorset's Golden Cap - near Morcombelake in Bridport - is the highest point on the South Coast of Great Britain, measuring at 191 meters (672 ft) above sea level.
- The Jurassic Coast - famed for its fossils, dinosaur bones and rock formations - is England's first (and only) UNESCO natural World Heritage Site.
- Dorset landscapes and towns have featured in many a Hollywood blockbuster, including Wonka, Dunkirk, World War Z and Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

About Dorset Police

- **Top 10 safest counties in England and Wales**
- **'Good' HMICFRS report**
- **Neighbourhoods, response, specialist ops and police staff opportunities**
- **Great team with strong regional links**



Education

In **2025, 71.7%** of Dorset's students achieved GCSE grades 4 and above – the highest in South West England

<https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>



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We are recruiting

We love Dorset. Join us and make a difference in our communities.



We recruit for a wide variety of roles, including four entry routes to become a police officer, police staff investigators, detention officers, contact centre officers, police community support officers and a range of volunteer routes.

Find out more and how to apply here:

<https://recruitment-dcp-dp.org/dorset-police-careers/>

