

ENGLAND'S FRAGMENTED COUNTRYSIDE

ENGLAND AND THE REGIONS

Calculations of national and regional areas disturbed by noise and visual intrusion

Region	Region area (km ²)	Early 1960s		Early 1990s		2007		Net change in disturbed area from 1990s to 2007 and area of equivalent size
		disturbed area (km ²)	% of region	disturbed area (km ²)	% of region	disturbed area (km ²)	% of region	
East Midlands	15810.76	4080.32	25.81%	6460.60	40.86%	7934.19	50.18%	1,473 km ² Area over half the size of Derbyshire (2551km ²)
East of England	19574.10	4275.67	21.84%	7549.64	38.57%	9714.99	49.63%	2,165 km ² Area over half the size of the Suffolk (3856 km ²)
North East	8676.41	2127.07	24.52%	2644.24	30.48%	3010.00	34.69%	366 km ² Area three times the size of Newcastle upon Tyne (115 km ²)
North West	14922.52	4548.54	30.48%	6185.73	41.45%	7245.02	48.55%	1,059 km ² Area half the size of Cheshire (2108 km ²)
South East and London	21002.05	7947.37	37.84%	12380.00	58.95%	14541.15	69.24%	2,161 km ² Area the size of the county of West Sussex (2025 km ²)
South West	24388.83	3565.48	14.62%	7351.67	30.14%	10355.96	42.46%	3,004 km ² Area larger than the county of Dorset (2573 km ²)
West Midlands	13003.80	3650.40	28.07%	5578.94	42.90%	6396.88	49.19%	818 km ² Area three times the size of Birmingham (268 km ²)
Yorkshire and the Humber	15564.03	3739.15	24.02%	5774.35	37.10%	7141.36	45.88%	1,367 km ² Area over twice the size of Leeds (552 km ²)
ENGLAND TOTAL	132942.50	33934.00	25.53%	53925.17	40.56%	66339.54	49.90%	12,415 km² 9% of England or an area nearly the size of the West Midlands region (13,004 km²)