Domestic tourism: April 2025

Estimates of the volume and value of day visits taken by British residents in Great Britain and in England Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey / Published 8 July 2025



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Introduction

- This report includes monthly estimates for the volume and value of domestic overnight trips (incl. domestic holidays) and domestic tourism day visits taken by British residents in Britain and in England in April 2025.
- This is a short summary of recent trends in domestic overnight and day trips, and will be followed by:
 - Quarterly reporting, incl. regional data, trip purpose, destination type and other top-level analysis
 - Annual reporting, incl. deep dive analysis
- Monthly data can be volatile, especially for spending, and looking at the past three months provides a more robust view.
- The GBTS data from 2022 onwards has been published as statistics in development. More information on this can be found on the <u>Office for Statistics Regulation website</u>.
- The statistics in this release are based on a new combined online survey (called Great Britain Tourism Survey), covering both, overnight trips and day visits. This survey replaces the separate Great Britain Tourism Survey (overnight trips) and Great Britain Day Visits Survey (day visits) which ran until the end of 2019. Due to the methodological changes post 2019, the data from 2022* onwards cannot be compared to the results up to 2019. (* data for 2020 and 2021 is not published, as due to Covid pandemic lockdowns, the complete calendar year data was not available.)
- Further information on the recent methodology changes and user notes (including guidance on limitations of comparability with GBTS data up until 2019) are available in the 'Supporting documents' section on these two webpages <u>domestic</u> <u>overnight trips webpage</u> and <u>domestic day trips webpage</u>.
- This survey is conducted by an independent market research agency BMG Research Limited and sponsored by VisitEngland, VisitScotland and Visit Wales. Detailed results for Scotland and Wales are published by VisitScotland (overnight trips and day visits) and <u>Visit Wales</u> respectively.



Domestic tourism in April 2025: England

Overnight Trips and Tourism Day Visits - Overall England story

- As in some previous months, there was a trend of opposite shifts for overnight and day trips. In April 2025, overnight trips were down 21% year-on-year, while tourism day visits were up 10%. Monthly volumes are volatile, being impacted by a variety of factors, such as cost-of-living pressures, with some choosing day trips instead of holidays. Looking at a steadier view of year-to-date figures, both overnight and day visits were slightly down vs 2024, and also below 2023 and 2022.
- The total spend on both overnight and day trips was £5.4bn in April, up 11% on April 2024. Year-to-date spend is up.

Overnight Trips – England summary

- Volume: In April 2025, Britain residents took 5.9 million overnight trips in England, which was down 21% on April 2024, also below April 2023 and April 2022. Year-to-date volume decreased by 2% from 25.4 million in 2024 to 24.8 million in 2025, it was also down vs 2023 and 2022.
- Value: Spend on overnight trips in England by Britain residents decreased year-on-year by 12% to £1.9bn in April 2025. Year-to-date spend of £8.5bn was 29%above a weak April 2024, also above 2023 and 2022.
- **Trip purpose:** The April year-on-year decline was visible across all trip types.

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Tourism Day Visits – England summary

- Volume: In April 2025, Britain residents took 68.6 million day visits in England, which was up 10% on April 2024, while below 2023 and 2022. Year-to-date volume was down 3% from 264 million in 2024 to 253 million in 2025.
- Value: Spend on tourism day visits in England by Britain residents increased year-on-year by 28% to £3.5bn in April 2025. Year-to-date spend decreased by 3% from a £13.1bn in 2024 to £12.7bn in 2025.
- Activities: The largest increase in volume was noted for taking part in sports or outdoor leisure activities, which also increased volume year-to-date.

As monthly bases are smaller than quarterly or annual, the percentage changes needed to be statistically significant are larger, appearing more volatile than quarterly or annual changes.



England and Britain: key metrics

Image: Person standing near lake watching a rainbow in cloudy sky. Cumbria; England ©VisitBritain/Mark Gilligan

Domestic tourism in April 2025





Domestic overnight trips and day visits: England

Overnight trips (of any purpose)	April 2024	April 2025	Year on year change	Past 3 months to April 2024	Past 3 months to April 2025	Year on year change	Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2025	Year on year change
Visits (million)	7.5	5.9	-21%	18.8	18.5	-2%	25.4	24.8	-2%
Nights (million)	19.4	17.7	-9%	48.8	48.6	0%	68.8	67.3	-2%
Spend (£ million)	£2,130	£1,872	-12%	£4,852	£6,100	26%	£6,585	£8,511	29%

Holidays									
Visits (million)	2.4	2.1	-15%	5.2	5.4	4%	6.8	6.9	2%
Nights (million)	8.4	7.3	-13%	17.9	17.0	-5%	22.9	22.0	-4%
Spend (£ million)	£812	£711	-12%	£1,737	£1,848	6%	£2,345	£2,562	9%

Tourism day visits									
Visits (million)	62.1	68.6	10%	208.2	191.9	-8%	263.7	252.6	-4%
Spend (£ million)	£2,722	£3,491	28%	10,166	9,323	-8%	£13,081	£12,710	-3%



Domestic overnight trips and day visits: Britain

Overnight trips (of any purpose)	April 2024	April 2025	Year on year change	Past 3 months to April 2024	Past 3 months to April 2025	Year on year change	Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2025	Year on year change
Visits (million)	9.0	7.2	-20%	22.2	21.8	-2%	30.1	29.2	-3%
Nights (million)	24.7	21.5	-13%	59.8	58.1	-3%	83.6	80.5	-4%
Spend (£ million)	£2,681	£2,252	-16%	£5,846	£7,209	23%	£7,976	£10,011	26%

Holidays									
Visits (million)	3.1	2.7	-15%	6.4	6.6	3%	8.4	8.5	1%
Nights (million)	11.3	9.3	-18%	22.2	20.7	-6%	28.3	27.0	-5%
Spend (£ million)	£1,122	£873	-22%	£2,185	£2,237	2%	£2,927	£3,121	7%

Tourism day visits									
Visits (million)	70.8	80.1	13%	238.0	221.6	-7%	301.7	289.6	-4%
Spend (£ million)	£3,206	£3,951	23%	11,776	10,711	-9%	£15,094	£14,520	-4%



England and Britain: volume and value by month

Image: Person standing near lake watching a rainbow in cloudy sky. Cumbria; England ©VisitBritain/Mark Gilligan

Domestic tourism monthly trend: England, volume

Overnight trips (million):



Holidays (million):









Domestic tourism: England, volume (million)

Overnight trips	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	7.3	6.9	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.0	10.6	10.2	10.2	9.8	8.7	10.1
2023	7.8	7.6	7.0	9.0	7.2	7.6	9.3	10.4	9.6	7.9	7.0	9.1
2024	6.5	5.6	5.8	7.5	7.2	7.9	7.7	10.4	9.6	6.4	7.3	7.8
2025	6.3	5.7	6.9	5.9								

Holidays	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	2.0	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	4.3	4.2	3.6	3.5	2.4	2.1
2023	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.3	4.1	3.4	2.4	2.1	2.3
2024	1.6	1.4	1.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.6	3.2	2.0	1.9	1.8
2025	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.1								

Tourism day visits	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	62.3	53.4	63.7	83.0	68.1	79.4	100.5	85.2	85.0	100.0	74.7	95.8
2023	63.2	73.8	79.2	88.4	73.9	90.8	96.7	94.8	85.7	107.2	79.2	97.0
2024	55.6	74.8	71.3	62.1	86.0	85.8	73.9	108.4	73.6	69.0	66.6	79.3
2025	60.6	56.3	67.1	68.6								



Domestic tourism: England, spend (£ million)

Overnight trips	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£1,684	£1,635	£1,781	£1,902	£1,843	£1,981	£2,959	£3,038	£2,594	£3,106	£2,304	£1,939
2023	£1,968	£1,842	£2,010	£2,144	£2,007	£2,049	£2,509	£2,910	£2,592	£1,982	£1,814	£2,220
2024	£1,730	£1,304	£1,419	£2,130	£2,073	£2,260	£2,512	£3,441	£3,190	£2,021	£2,692	£2,562
2025	£2,411	£1,897	£2,331	£1,872								

Holidays	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£695	£673	£724	£787	£703	£886	£1,494	£1,411	£1,144	£1,338	£883	£549
2023	£433	£579	£647	£811	£862	£819	£1,148	£1,404	£1,191	£707	£604	£764
2024	£607	£425	£500	£812	£817	£810	£804	£1,456	£1,267	£717	£729	£696
2025	£714	£666	£471	£711								

Tourism day visits	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£2,823	£1,987	£2,572	£3,406	£2,798	£3,681	£3,733	£2,954	£4,275	£4,245	£3,359	£3,690
2023	£2,570	£2,991	£3,614	£3,373	£3,095	£3,941	£4,234	£4,077	£3,834	£5,121	£3,883	£4,847
2024	£2,915	£3,619	£3,824	£2,722	£4,769	£4,197	£3,888	£5,429	£4,180	£4,523	£3,496	£4,841
2025	£3,387	£2,684	£3,147	£3,491								



Domestic tourism: England, average spend per trip

Overnight trips	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£231	£238	£223	£238	£237	£281	£278	£297	£254	£318	£265	£193
2023	£254	£243	£286	£240	£279	£268	£270	£280	£270	£250	£258	£244
2024	£266	£235	£246	£283	£288	£287	£326	£332	£333	£316	£368	£329
2025	£384	£333	£338	£316								

Holidays	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£344	£320	£260	£304	£289	£355	£349	£333	£315	£381	£371	£268
2023	£304	£313	£348	£286	£332	£328	£344	£346	£354	£298	£287	£326
2024	£389	£310	£355	£332	£333	£319	£323	£403	£399	£352	£387	£391
2025	£480	£453	£251	£340								

Tourism day visits	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£45	£37	£40	£41	£41	£46	£37	£35	£50	£42	£45	£39
2023	£41	£41	£46	£38	£42	£43	£44	£43	£45	£48	£49	£50
2024	£52	£48	£54	£44	£55	£49	£53	£50	£57	£66	£52	£61
2025	£56	£48	£47	£51								



Domestic tourism monthly trend: Britain, volume

Overnight trips (million):





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September

Domestic tourism: Britain, volume (million)

Overnight trips	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	8.6	8.0	9.4	9.3	9.4	8.5	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.8	10.2	11.9
2023	9.1	8.9	8.2	10.5	8.3	9.0	11.1	12.4	11.5	9.3	8.3	10.7
2024	7.8	6.6	6.7	9.0	8.3	9.1	9.2	12.0	11.2	7.9	8.7	9.2
2025	7.4	6.7	7.9	7.2								

Holidays	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	2.4	2.6	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	5.2	5.3	4.3	4.4	3.0	2.5
2023	1.8	2.2	2.2	3.5	3.0	3.0	4.2	5.1	4.2	2.9	2.4	2.7
2024	2.0	1.6	1.6	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.1	4.2	3.8	2.6	2.3	2.2
2025	1.9	1.7	2.3	2.7								

Tourism day visits	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	70.7	62.1	73.1	94.3	78.6	95.0	116.3	101.4	93.1	110.4	84.4	115.9
2023	73.9	84.0	90.8	100.1	85.1	105.8	111.6	108.8	97.0	115.9	88.7	109.8
2024	63.6	86.2	81.0	70.8	97.6	94.3	84.1	121.9	84.6	77.9	76.1	90.3
2025	68.0	63.4	78.1	80.1								



Domestic tourism: Britain, spend (£ million)

Overnight trips	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£1,954	£1,953	£2,128	£2,259	£2,262	£2,349	£3,466	£3,629	£3,024	£3,738	£2,795	£2,426
2023	£2,306	£2,195	£2,383	£2,578	£2,290	£2,471	£3,116	£3,535	£3,082	£2,400	£2,171	£2,726
2024	£2,125	£1,527	£1,639	£2,681	£2,430	£2,627	£3,001	£4,097	£3,972	£2,629	£3,151	£3,034
2025	£2,802	£2,220	£2,736	£2,252								

Holidays	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£789	£789	£877	£971	£893	£1,058	£1,792	£1,782	£1,357	£1,640	£1,116	£705
2023	£552	£712	£742	£1,030	£985	£1,016	£1,475	£1,739	£1,465	£898	£692	£968
2024	£740	£489	£574	£1,122	£966	£942	£1,021	£1,805	£1,589	£1,025	£875	£857
2025	£884	£751	£613	£873								

Tourism day visits	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£3,109	£2,462	£2,953	£3,908	£3,260	£4,326	£4,389	£3,522	£4,574	£4,849	£3,779	£4,612
2023	£3,006	£3,349	£4,348	£3,874	£3,550	£4,718	£4,868	£4,574	£4,263	£5,446	£4,431	£5,557
2024	£3,318	£4,252	£4,317	£3,206	£5,366	£4,637	£4,349	£6,024	£4,733	£5,039	£4,119	£5,481
2025	£3,809	£3,019	£3,741	£3,951								



Domestic tourism: Britain, average spend per trip

Overnight trips	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£227	£243	£227	£243	£242	£276	£278	£298	£257	£317	£275	£204
2023	£254	£246	£292	£245	£278	£274	£280	£285	£268	£257	£261	£254
2024	£273	£232	£245	£299	£292	£290	£326	£342	£355	£334	£361	£329
2025	£377	£333	£346	£312								

Holidays	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£330	£308	£264	£302	£282	£348	£348	£336	£316	£374	£373	£284
2023	£312	£317	£342	£292	£334	£336	£354	£344	£347	£305	£290	£356
2024	£376	£299	£348	£359	£332	£326	£332	£427	£413	£387	£378	£395
2025	£469	£442	£271	£329								

Tourism day visits	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2022	£44	£40	£40	£41	£41	£46	£38	£35	£49	£44	£45	£40
2023	£41	£40	£48	£39	£42	£45	£44	£42	£44	£47	£50	£51
2024	£52	£49	£53	£45	£55	£49	£52	£49	£56	£65	£54	£61
2025	£56	£48	£48	£49								

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Other domestic data sources, sample sizes and definitions



Image: A couple sitting outside the pub on a bench having a drink. Perthshire, Scotland. @VisitBritain/Andrew Pickett

Sample size: nations

Overnight trips	April 2024	April 2025	Past 3 months to April 2024	Past 3 months to April 2025	Year-To-Date 2024	Year-To-Date 2025
Britain	739	556	1707	1673	2364	2256
England	582	414	1357	1309	1877	1765

Holidays	April 2024	April 2025	Past 3 months to April 2024	Past 3 months to April 2025	Year-To-Date 2024	Year-To-Date 2025
Britain	240	193	476	479	641	629
England	173	136	358	357	481	466

Tourism day visits	April 2024	April 2025	Past 3 months to April 2024	Past 3 months to April 2025	Year-To-Date 2024	Year-To-Date 2025
Britain	694	715	2183	1994	2947	2567
England	560	529	1700	1508	2283	1958

Sample Guidance:

If sample size between **less than 30** - it is not recommended to use this data. If sample size is between 30 and 100 - it is recommended to only use this data as indicative, it is not very reliable If sample size is **100 or more** - this is the recommended level of data to use



Definitions (1/3)

Great Britain Domestic Overnight Trip

To qualify as an eligible Great Britain Domestic Overnight Trip the following criteria must be met:

- involved a stay of at least one night in one or more of the GB nations
- trip is not taken on a frequent basis takes place less often than once a week

Definition of an overnight trip: all trips where someone stays away from home for at least one night, meeting the above criteria, for whatever purpose.

Key Measures

- **Volume** an estimate of what the grossed-up number of overnight trips undertaken by the population would be if the quota sample is representative of the whole GB population. Estimates include adult and child trips.
- Value an estimate of what the total expenditure relating to the volume of overnight visits undertaken by the population would be if the quota sample is representative of the whole GB population.
- **Nights** an estimate of what the grossed-up number of nights spent on overnight trips undertaken by the population would be if the quota sample is representative of the whole GB population.

Journey Purpose

- Holiday the main purpose of the trip was for holiday, pleasure or leisure
- VFR Visiting Friends and Relatives (VFR) the main purpose of the trip was for visiting friends and relatives, including VFR trips that were combined with a holiday.
- **Business** the main purpose of the trip was for business
- UK stay, part of outbound an overnight stay in the UK as part of an overseas trip
- **Miscellaneous** the main purpose of the trip was for another type of trip taken not covered by the above classifications including personal events, public events, or for study, medical, religious purposes



Definitions (2/3)

Great Britain Domestic Tourism Day Visit

To qualify as an eligible Great Britain Domestic Tourism Day Visit the following criteria must be met:

- Lasted 3 hours or more (including travel time)
- Undertake 1 or more eligible leisure activities
- Must not have been over night
- Is undertaken less often than once a week
- Includes a visit to a place outside of the local authority where the trip started.
 - With the exception of visits where the main activity is a visitor attraction, attending a public event or to watch live sport. In these cases, the need to have visited outside of the starting local authority is removed.

Key Measures

- Volume an estimate of what the grossed-up number of day visits undertaken by the population would be as the survey sample is representative of the whole GB population. Estimates include adult and child visits.
- Value an estimate of what the total expenditure relating to the volume of day visits undertaken by the population would be as the survey sample is representative of the whole GB population.



Definitions (3/3)

England regions

- For geographical classification standard GB regions are used, as defined by the Office for National Statistics.
- A trip might include overnight stays in more than one regions. In this report, the regional data (volume and value) is based on all regions stayed in overnight or visited on a day trip. The current approach to volume and value is as follows:
 - Region's overnight trip volume is based on trips, which included an overnight stay in that region
 - Region's day visits volume is based on visits, which included a visit to that region
 - Region's nights volume is based on nights stayed in that region
 - Region's overnight trips total spend is based on proportional spend allocated based on a proportion of nights stayed in that region
 - Region's day visits total spend is based on spend reported for each region and re-proportioned to the total spend postcalculations of spend estimate

Trip dates

The trips are allocated to each calendar month based on the trip return date.

(NB: The trip allocation to calendar months was improved in the methodological review, providing data more accurately assigned to each calendar month.)







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