

Most Similar Force (MSF) groups

MSF groups are determined by the Home Office. They are groups of police force areas that have been found to be the most similar to each other based on an analysis of demographic, social and economic characteristics relating to crime. With the exception of City of London Police and British Transport Police (where identifying a most similar force is not possible), each force area has its own group of up to seven force areas that it is 'most similar' to.

MSF groups are designed to help make a fairer comparison between police forces than the average of all forces across England and Wales can sometimes offer. Although caution should still be used in making comparisons between forces, even in the same MSF group.

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| Force | Avon and Somerset |
| MSF group | Staffordshire |
| | Derbyshire |
| | Essex |
| | Hampshire |
| | Hertfordshire |
| | Kent |
| | Sussex |
| Force | Bedfordshire |
| MSF group | Leicestershire |
| | Nottinghamshire |
| | Hertfordshire |
| | Kent |
| | Hampshire |
| | Essex |
| | South Yorkshire |
| Force | Cambridgeshire |
| MSF group | Warwickshire |
| | Thames Valley |
| | Gloucestershire |
| | Wiltshire |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Staffordshire |
| | Devon and Cornwall |

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| Force | Cheshire |
| MSF group | Northamptonshire |
| | Derbyshire |
| | Staffordshire |
| | Wiltshire |
| | Devon and Cornwall |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Suffolk |
| Force | City of London Police |
| MSF group | <i>No MSF group</i> |
| Force | Cleveland |
| MSF group | Merseyside |
| | Northumbria |
| | Greater Manchester |
| | West Yorkshire |
| | Humberside |
| Force | Cumbria |
| MSF group | Lincolnshire |
| | Norfolk |
| | North Wales |
| Force | Derbyshire |
| MSF group | Staffordshire |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Cheshire |
| | Northamptonshire |
| | Essex |
| | Kent |
| | Wiltshire |
| Force | Devon and Cornwall |
| MSF group | Wiltshire |
| | Suffolk |
| | Warwickshire |
| | North Wales |
| | West Mercia |
| | Norfolk |
| | North Yorkshire |
| Force | Dorset |
| MSF group | Surrey |
| | Cambridgeshire |
| | Gloucestershire |
| | Thames Valley |
| | Warwickshire |
| | Sussex |
| | West Mercia |

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| Force | Durham |
| MSF group | Gwent |
| | Humberside |
| | South Wales |
| | Northamptonshire |
| Force | Dyfed Powys |
| MSF group | Lincolnshire |
| | Cumbria |
| | Norfolk |
| Force | Essex |
| MSF group | Hertfordshire |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Hampshire |
| | Staffordshire |
| | Leicestershire |
| | Sussex |
| | Derbyshire |
| Force | Gloucestershire |
| MSF group | West Mercia |
| | Warwickshire |
| | North Yorkshire |
| | Cambridgeshire |
| | Wiltshire |
| | Devon and Cornwall |
| | Suffolk |
| Force | Greater Manchester |
| MSF group | West Midlands |
| | Merseyside |
| | West Yorkshire |
| | Cleveland |
| | Northumbria |
| | South Yorkshire |
| | South Wales |
| Force | Gwent |
| MSF group | Humberside |
| | Durham |
| | South Wales |
| | Lancashire |
| | Northumbria |
| | Northamptonshire |
| | South Yorkshire |

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| Force | Hampshire |
| MSF group | Hertfordshire |
| | Sussex |
| | Essex |
| | Leicestershire |
| | Thames Valley |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Staffordshire |
| Force | Hertfordshire |
| MSF group | Hampshire |
| | Essex |
| | Leicestershire |
| | Sussex |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Staffordshire |
| | Thames Valley |
| Force | Humberside |
| MSF group | Gwent |
| | South Wales |
| | Lancashire |
| | Northumbria |
| | Durham |
| | South Yorkshire |
| | West Yorkshire |
| Force | Kent |
| MSF group | Nottinghamshire |
| | Essex |
| | Staffordshire |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Northamptonshire |
| | Derbyshire |
| | Hertfordshire |
| Force | Lancashire |
| MSF group | South Wales |
| | South Yorkshire |
| | Northumbria |
| | Nottinghamshire |
| | Humberside |
| | Kent |
| | West Yorkshire |
| Force | Leicestershire |
| MSF group | Hertfordshire |
| | Hampshire |
| | Sussex |
| | Essex |
| | Bedfordshire |
| | Nottinghamshire |
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| Force | Lincolnshire |
| MSF group | Norfolk |
| | North Yorkshire |
| | North Wales |
| | West Mercia |
| | Suffolk |
| | Devon and Cornwall |
| | Cumbria |
| Force | Merseyside |
| MSF group | Cleveland |
| | Greater Manchester |
| | West Midlands |
| | Northumbria |
| | West Yorkshire |
| | South Yorkshire |
| Force | Metropolitan Police |
| MSF group | West Midlands |
| | Greater Manchester |
| | West Yorkshire |
| Force | Norfolk |
| MSF group | North Wales |
| | Suffolk |
| | North Yorkshire |
| | West Mercia |
| | Devon and Cornwall |
| | Lincolnshire |
| | Wiltshire |
| Force | North Wales |
| MSF group | Suffolk |
| | Norfolk |
| | Devon and Cornwall |
| | Wiltshire |
| | West Mercia |
| | Warwickshire |
| | North Yorkshire |
| Force | North Yorkshire |
| MSF group | West Mercia |
| | Norfolk |
| | Gloucestershire |
| | Lincolnshire |
| | Suffolk |
| | North Wales |
| | Devon and Cornwall |

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| Force | Northamptonshire |
| MSF group | Cheshire |
| | Derbyshire |
| | Staffordshire |
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| | Avon and Somerset |
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| | Nottinghamshire |
| Force | Northumbria |
| MSF group | South Wales |
| | West Yorkshire |
| | Lancashire |
| | South Yorkshire |
| | Humberside |
| | Gwent |
| | Cleveland |
| Force | Nottinghamshire |
| MSF group | Kent |
| | Bedfordshire |
| | Lancashire |
| | Essex |
| | South Yorkshire |
| | Leicestershire |
| | Hertfordshire |
| Force | South Wales |
| MSF group | Lancashire |
| | Northumbria |
| | Humberside |
| | South Yorkshire |
| | Gwent |
| | West Yorkshire |
| | Nottinghamshire |
| Force | South Yorkshire |
| MSF group | West Yorkshire |
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| | Northumbria |
| | South Wales |
| | Nottinghamshire |
| | Bedfordshire |
| | Kent |

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| Force | Staffordshire |
| MSF group | Avon and Somerset |
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| | Hertfordshire |
| | Northamptonshire |
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| Force | Suffolk |
| MSF group | Devon and Cornwall |
| | North Wales |
| | Wiltshire |
| | Norfolk |
| | Warwickshire |
| | West Mercia |
| | North Yorkshire |
| Force | Surrey |
| MSF group | Dorset |
| | Thames Valley |
| | Cambridgeshire |
| Force | Sussex |
| MSF group | Hampshire |
| | Hertfordshire |
| | Thames Valley |
| | Leicestershire |
| | Essex |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Staffordshire |
| Force | Thames Valley |
| MSF group | Sussex |
| | Hampshire |
| | Cambridgeshire |
| | Hertfordshire |
| | Essex |
| | Avon and Somerset |
| | Leicestershire |
| Force | Warwickshire |
| MSF group | Wiltshire |
| | Devon and Cornwall |
| | West Mercia |
| | Suffolk |
| | Gloucestershire |
| | Cambridgeshire |
| | North Wales |

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| Force | West Mercia |
| MSF group | North Yorkshire |
| | Warwickshire |
| | Gloucestershire |
| | Suffolk |
| | Devon and Cornwall |
| | Wiltshire |
| | Norfolk |
| Force | West Midlands |
| MSF group | Greater Manchester |
| | Merseyside |
| | West Yorkshire |
| Force | West Yorkshire |
| MSF group | South Yorkshire |
| | Northumbria |
| | Lancashire |
| | South Wales |
| | Greater Manchester |
| | Nottinghamshire |
| | West Midlands |
| Force | Wiltshire |
| MSF group | Devon and Cornwall |
| | Warwickshire |
| | Suffolk |
| | North Wales |
| | West Mercia |
| | Norfolk |
| | Cheshire |
| Force | British Transport Police |
| MSF group | <i>No MSF group</i> |