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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI799537929**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Business Rates Arrears & SME Financial Stress Data.

You have requested the following information:

**Please provide the following data for your local authority area for each financial year from FY 2014/15 to FY 2024/25 (or the latest available year):**

**1. The total number of business rates accounts (hereditaments) liable for business rates at year end.**

2014/15	8,300
2015/16	8,317
2016/17	8,543
2017/18	8,863
2018/19	8,911
2019/20	8,853
2020/21	8,861
2021/22	8,926
2022/23	8,897
2023/24	8,832
2024/25	8,860

**2. The total amount of business rates billed (£).**

Please see attached document titled 131589a.

### 3. The total amount of business rates collected (£).

Please see attached document titled 131589b.

### 4. The total value of business rates arrears outstanding at year end (£).

Please see attached document titled 131589c.

### 5. The number of business rates accounts in arrears at year end.

Please see attached document titled 131589d.

### 6. The number of liability orders sought in respect of unpaid business rates.

Financial Year	Number of liability orders granted
2014/15	Not recorded
2015/16	Not recorded
2016/17	Not recorded
2017/18	1,203
2018/19	662
2019/20	628
2020/21	0
2021/22	1,123
2022/23	959
2023/24	1,000

Where the information is not recorded, we are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

### 7. The number of cases referred to enforcement agents (bailiffs) for non-payment of business rates.

2014/15	704
2015/16	734
2016/17	788
2017/18	1,210
2018/19	794
2019/20	498
2020/21	54
2021/22	679
2022/23	847
2023/24	745
2024/25	505

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Yours faithfully

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