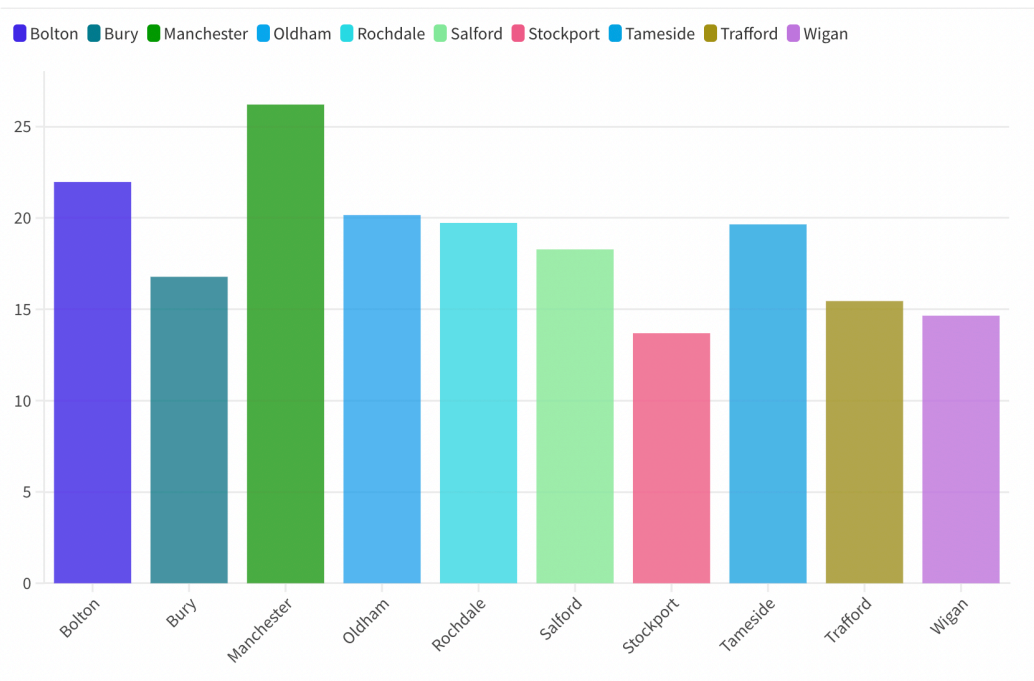North West Poverty Monitor – Resolve Poverty

North West Poverty Monitor and additional responsibilities at Resolve Poverty

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Percentage of people seeking debt advice in Greater Manchester local authorities in 2022 (featured in the Poverty Monitor)

Overview

At Resolve Poverty, the main project I have been working on is the Poverty Monitor, which is a free to access data resource which looks at poverty across the North West of England. It supports stakeholders to evidence poverty and it's causes using data shown in graphs, charts and maps. Thousands of researchers and organisations can use this Poverty Monitor to help tackle poverty. The Poverty Monitor includes data across a range of different themes and categories, such as education, health, debt, labour market and social security. This data ranges from being at ward level, to local authority and national.

Data Analysis

I have interpreted and collected datasets, and then determined and analysed whether they were useful or relevant enough for the Poverty Monitor. The data I collect is usually official data from the government, from sources such as StatXplore, ONS, or the official government website. I have to make sure the data is up to date, from an official source and is either at ward, local authority, regional or national level. The data I search for is very specific, usually being under a category such as education and relating to poverty. It has to be up to date and focused on the North West region, preferably broken down to local authority level. The data I collect is then put into an excel spreadsheet and put into a graph ready for the poverty monitor.
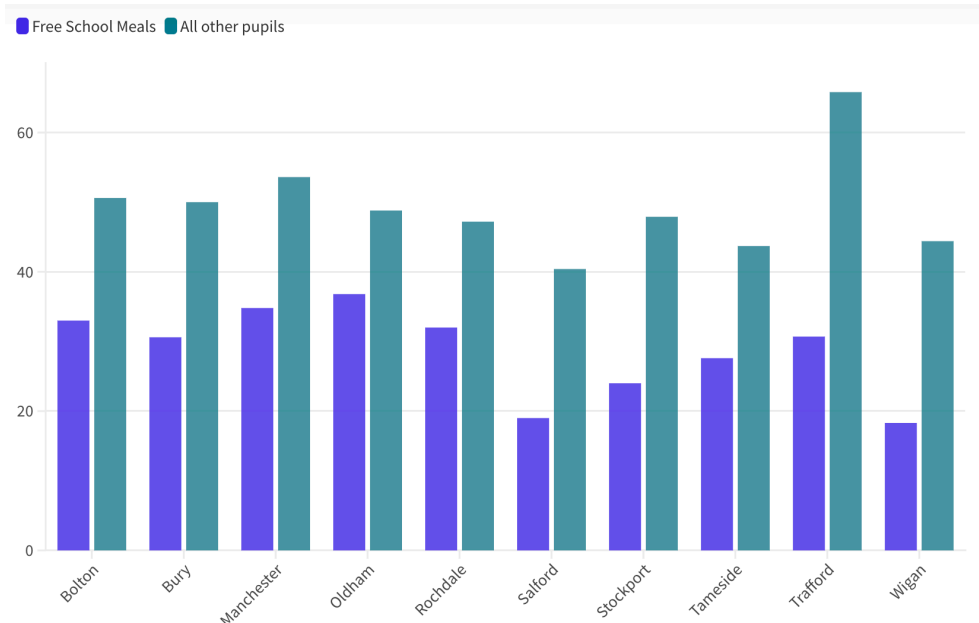
Findings

- The child poverty rate in the North West of England is higher than it is across the country as a whole.
- Two-thirds of working age adults and children experiencing poverty in the UK live in households where at least one person is in work.

- Report: Of the 29 county councils in England, 4 currently have an anti-poverty strategy in place. These are: Nottinghamshire County Council, Suffolk County Council, Surrey County Council and Warwickshire County Council.

Key Skills Learnt

- Learning about the ethics of collecting research.

- Time management and organisation

- Advanced my knowledge in the following software: Excel, Zoom, Outlook.

- My confidence in communication and completing tasks improved.

- Learning how to be a self-starter and teach myself how to do tasks and learn softwares.

- Gained skills in searching for data and filtering it down to meet requirements.

- Research skills gained in searching for case studies, articles and data

- Communicating data to an audience

- Organising emails and logging responses into spreadsheets

Percentage of FSM students who progressed to higher education in comparison to non-FSM students in Greater Manchester local authorities, 2021/22 (featured in Poverty Monitor)