

## Precept proposals decided in England and Wales

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**All police and crime commissioners (PCC) across England and Wales have disclosed their precept proposals for 2013/14.**

The figures range from a freeze in the precept in 12 force areas, which enables forces in England to access a one per cent increase in their Government grant for the next two years, to seven per cent in South Wales.

On a party basis, Labour PCCs have the highest mean increase in the rate of 2.94 per cent, ranging from 1.95 per cent in Nottinghamshire to South Wales' aforementioned seven per cent rise.

In comparison, Conservative-run forces had an average increase of 1.08 per cent and independent-run forces increase their precept by 1.83 on average.

On the Conservative side, nine of the PCCs opted for freezes in the precept rate. At the high-end, Dyfed Powys registered a 3.9 per cent rise.

Independent-run forces had precept rates ranging from a freeze in West Mercia, Warwickshire, and Avon and Somerset, to a 3.98 per cent increase in North Wales.