



**Wigan<sup>♥</sup>  
Council**

I am seeking information about reported and recorded sinkholes on roads. This is a definition of a sinkhole: "A sinkhole is a type of void that has no natural external surface drainage. Basically, this means that when it rains, all of the water stays inside the sinkhole and typically drains into the subsurface over time dissolving the rocks beneath. This creates underground spaces and caverns."

My request: for the time period January 2020 to June 30th 2025, please provide the following:

1. The total number of sinkholes reported by the public each year in your region

We do not have specific reports of sinkholes, as they are classified under general highway defects. As such, they are not identified separately as 'sinkholes' in our records and cannot be distinguished from other types of highway defects in our reporting system

2. The total number of sinkholes officially recorded each year in your region
3. A list of the officially recorded sinkholes in your region, with these details:
4. Date sinkhole was reported (if reported by a member of the public)
5. Date sinkhole was officially recorded
6. Location of sinkhole (road or street name)
7. Depth (metres) - this can be approximate
8. Width (metres) - this can be approximate
9. What was the cost of the repair of the road due to this sinkhole?
10. What date was the repair completed?
11. Was the road closed due to this sinkhole (Y/N)?
12. What date was the road closed due to this sinkhole?
13. If the road closed, what date did the road reopen?

We do not hold this information