

**Road Defects**

**(including pothole) repairs**

Defects covers a wide range of issues (see list below).  We record reported issues from both the public and our own inspectors. Some defects may be fixed because of ad hoc routine repairs or are picked up during other schemes or projects including resurfacing programmes or plane and patch works.

**Budget Year**  **Reported Repaired**

**2020-21** 3123 6209

**2021-22** 4517 9592

**2022-23** 6022 5644

**2023 - 24** 3455 4984

**Classification of Highways Defects**

* Blocked/Damaged Drain or Gully
* Centre Road line faded or worn
* Damaged / Vandalised Salt Bin
* Damaged bollard(s)
* Damaged Drain Cover
* Damaged Manhole Cover
* Damaged or Broken Kerb stone
* Damaged or Broken paving slab
* Damaged redway bollard
* Damaged Utility access cover
* Directional Sign-Damaged
* Directional Sign-Missing
* Directional Sign-Facing wrong way
* Directional Sign-Unreadable/Faded
* Flooding - Road Flooded
* Footpath Damaged by Roots
* Footpath flooded
* Give Way Markings-Faded/ Worn
* Land- Damaged Footbridge
* Loose Utility access cover
* Missing bollard(s)
* Missing utility hole cover
* Missing paving slab
* Missing redway bollard
* Obstructed watercourse or drain ditch
* Oil/Diesel Spill
* Pothole
* Pothole on Footway
* Pothole on Redway
* Property Flooded
* Road/Redway Marking Faded/Worn
* Sign- Missing/Damaged
* Speed Roundel-Damaged
* Underpass flooded
* Warning Sign-Damaged

The figures below are for defect repairs carried out each month as a single activity. We also carry out maintenance works such as plane and patching that will include repairing potholes, but this activity is not reflected in the figures below due to nature of the work.

For example, in 22/23 we repaired 14,480 defects in total including the 5,644 listed below. The remaining 8,836 were included in resurfacing/plane and patching works during 22/23.

The total figure of defects repaired for 2023-2024 is expected to be 15,301.

Potholes are classed as a 'defect'. We record defects each month including potholes, cracks, damaged kerbs etc. so, the pothole statistic forms part of the figures below.

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This should be considered within the wider context of these statistics.

We do not hold data to show the length of time between recording a defect and a repair. Collating this data would take a significant amount of resource. We have Codes of Practice available to view on our website [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/) which provides a period for defect repairs to be carried out.

Highways expenditure can be viewed on the above website in the section [Budget book | Milton Keynes City Council (milton-keynes.gov.uk)](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/council-information-and-accounts/data-performance-and-spending/budget)

This section lists expenditure for the service back to 2013.

The cost of repairing a defect cannot be provided as an average due to the variety of factors including type of road, size of defect or traffic management required.  Schedule of rates from our current service provider are commercially sensitive.

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| **2022** | **Defects repaired** |
| April | 598 |
| May | 525 |
| June | 673 |
| July | 706 |
| August | 274 |
| September | 488 |
| October | 419 |
| November | 444 |
| December | 282 |
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| **2023** |  |
| January | 260 |
| February | 444 |
| March | 553 |
| April | 854 |
| May | 500 |
| June | 69 |
| July | 109 |
| August | 100 |
| September | 283 |
| October | 297 |
| November | 253 |
| December | 166 |
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| **2024** |  |
| January | 221 |
| February | TBC |
| March | TBC |