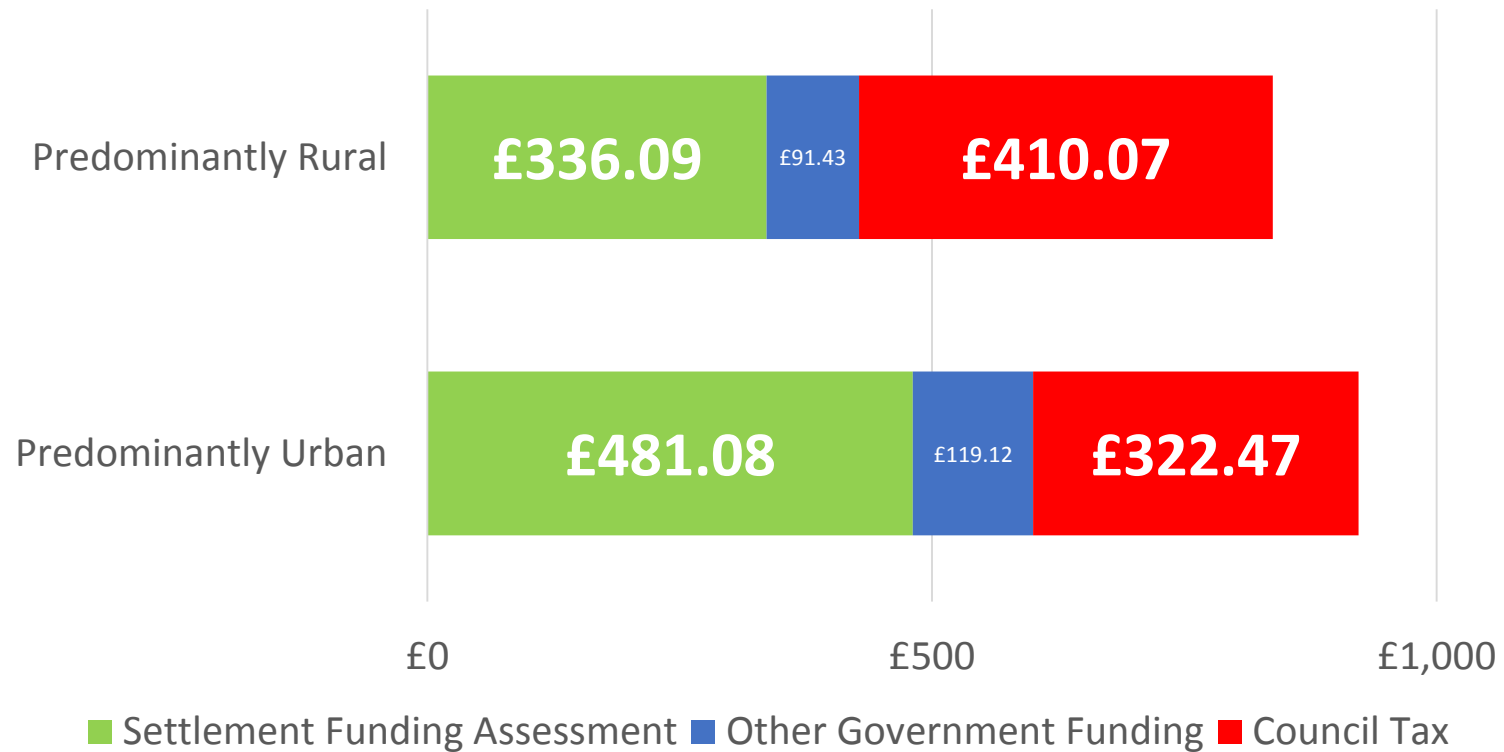


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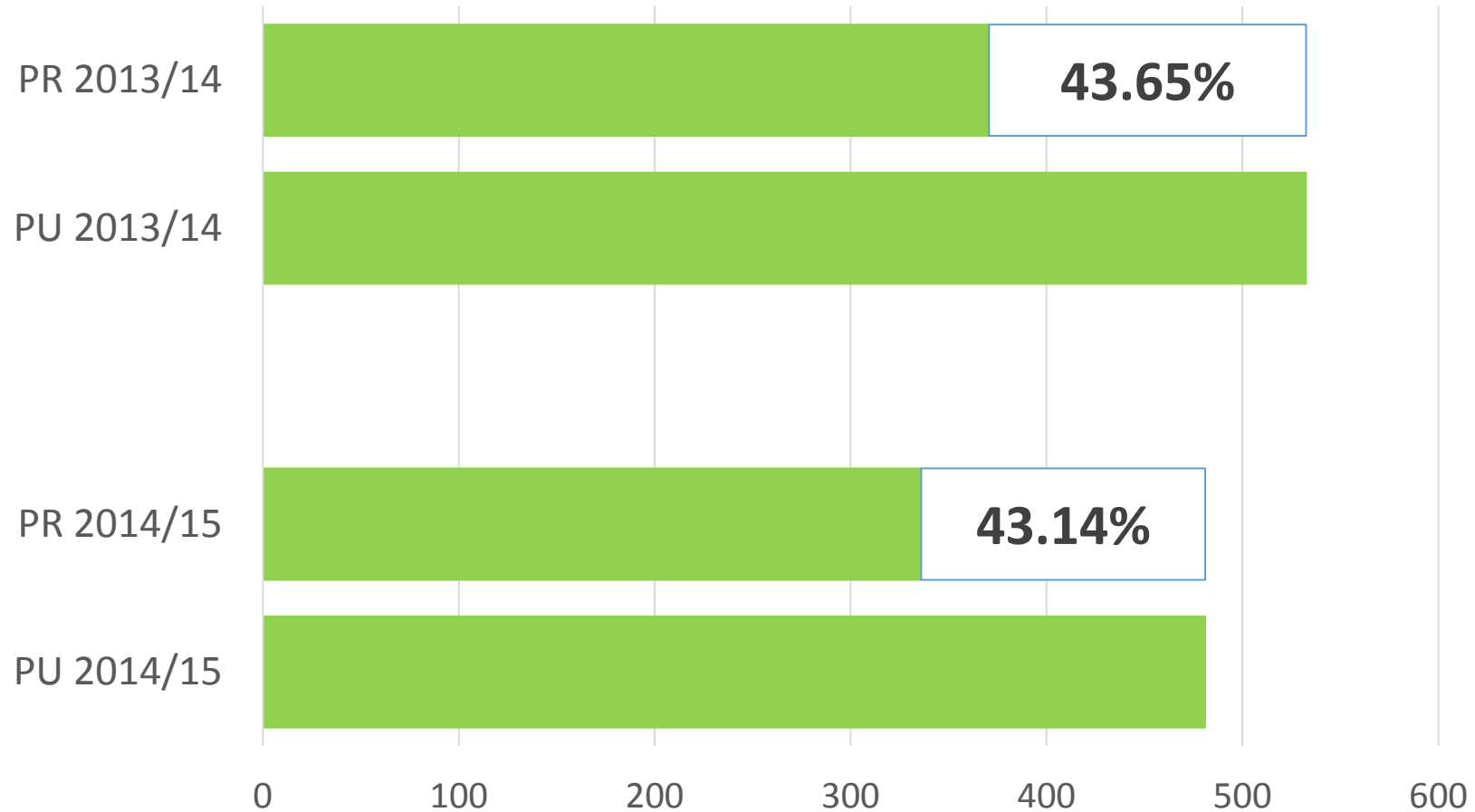
# Settlement Analysis

- In 2014/15, Spending Power per head in predominantly rural areas is about **£84 less per head** of population.
- This is despite the fact that rural residents pay, on average, **£87 per head more in Council Tax** than urban residents.
- This is mainly due to the significant disparity in Settlement Funding Assessment which sees urban authorities receive **£145 per head more in Government funding**.

# Settlement Analysis

- The 2014/15 settlement has barely reduced the gap between predominantly rural and urban authorities. **The gap over 43 per cent has only closed by a half percentage point.**
- This is despite the inclusion of ESSSA within SFA. However, for predominantly rural authorities, **ESSSA is worth 86p per head**, a very small proportion of the £134.99 difference in SFA.

# Change in Settlement Funding Assessment



# Comparison of Spending Power per dwelling

