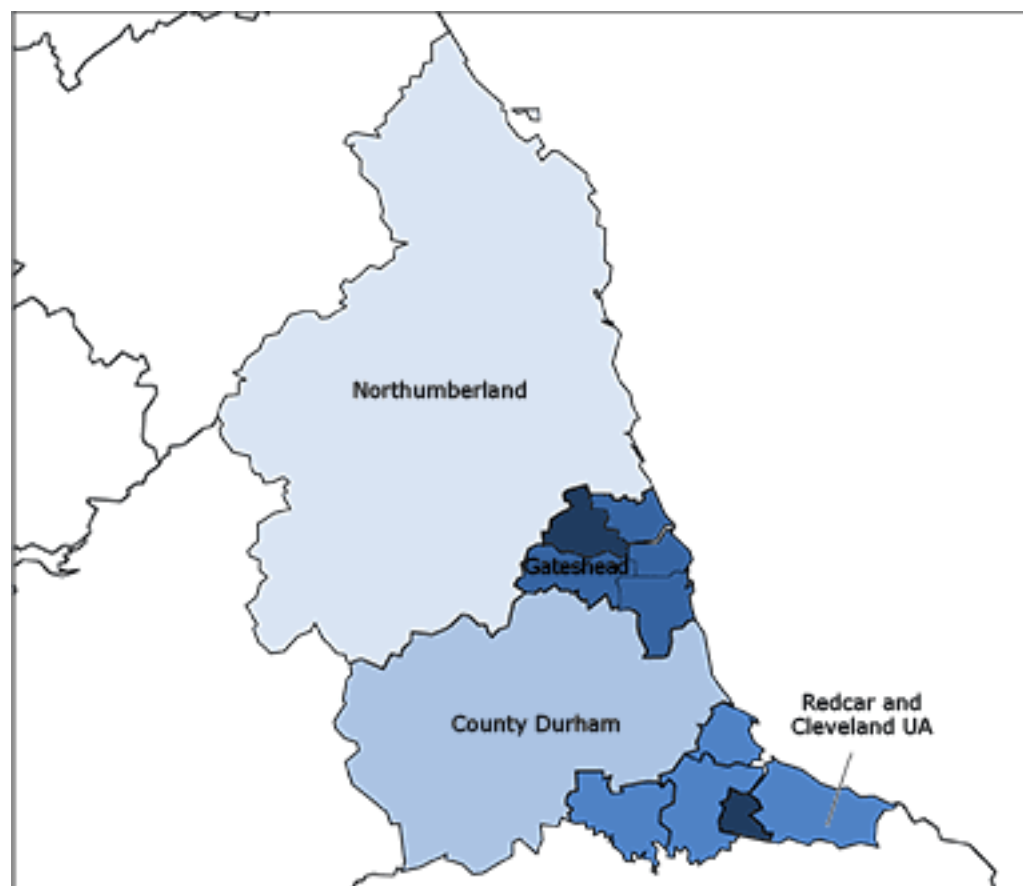


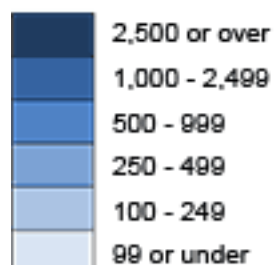
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North East Population Density Map 2009



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Population density, 2009 (people per sq km)



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The North East had a population of 2.6 million in mid-2009, an increase of 1.7 per cent since 2004. This compares with an overall increase of 3.3 per cent for the UK over the same period. (Table 1.2)

People aged 65 and over in the North East in 2009 made up 17.1 per cent of the population, compared with 17.7 per cent for the under-16s. This compares with averages for the UK of 16.4 per cent and 18.7 per cent respectively. (Table 10.2)

In the North East men aged 65 in 2007–09 could expect to live another 17.0 years and women 19.5 years. This compares with 17.8 and 20.4 years in the UK as a whole. (Table 6.8)

The unemployment rate in the North East stood at 10.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2010, higher than the UK rate of 7.9 per cent. (Table 1.1)

The proportion of children living in workless households in the second quarter of 2010 was higher in the North East (18.8 per cent) than the England average (15.9 per cent). (Table 8.6)

In April 2010, the median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees on adult rates who were resident in the North East was £443, lower than the UK median of £499. (Table 9.19)

Labour productivity (gross value added per hour worked) in the North East in 2009 was 9.8 per cent below the UK average. (Table 3.2)

In the North East, 48.1 per cent of pupils achieved five or more grades A*–C at GCSE level or equivalent including English and mathematics in 2008/09, compared with 49.8 per cent for England as a whole. (Table 4.8)

North East local authorities recycled or composted 35 per cent of household waste in 2009/10 compared with an England average of 40 per cent. (Table 5.11)

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