Regional Profiles: Key Statistics - North East, August 2012

Population density: by local or unitary authority, 2010

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:
1. Mid-year population estimates published on 30 June 2011

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Interactive map

The North East covers 8,600 square kilometres (sq km) and is the smallest region or country in the UK outside London in terms of area.

The North East had a population of 2.6 million in mid-2010, an increase of 2.6 per cent since 2001, compared with an increase of 5.3 per cent for the UK over the same period.

Population density in the North East in mid-2010 was 300 people per sq km, below the England average of 401 but above the UK average of 257. The population density ranges from 62 in Northumberland unitary authority (UA) – the region includes the Cheviot Hills and the northern stretch of the Pennines – to 2,643 in Middlesbrough UA in the more urban and industrial south and east of the region.
The region produced 10.6 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO\textsubscript{2}) emissions per resident in 2009, the highest of all the English regions.

Almost 15 per cent of adults aged 16 to 64 had disabilities that limited their daily activities or work in the North East in the year ending March 2011, the highest region in England.

More than a fifth of children in the North East lived in workless households in Q4 2011 (22.4 per cent), the highest proportion in the UK.

Life expectancy at birth in the region in the three-year period 2008 to 2010 was among the lowest in the UK at 77.2 years for males and 81.2 years for females compared with 78.2 and 82.3 years respectively for the UK.

Gross disposable household income (GDHI) of residents in the North East, at £13,300 per head in 2010, was 15 per cent below the UK average and the lowest of the English regions and countries of the UK.

The employment rate in the North East stood at 66.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2012, lower than the UK rate of 70.5 per cent.

In April 2011, the median gross weekly earnings for full-time employees on adult rates who were resident in the North East was £451, lower than the UK median of £501.

There was a 1.9 per cent decrease in house prices in the region in 2011.

In the region, 56.8 per cent of pupils achieved five or more grades A*–C at GCSE level or equivalent including English and mathematics in 2010/11, compared with 58.4 per cent for England as a whole. There is an interactive map of GCSE results for unitary authorities in England.

**Background notes**

1. Notes and sources:

   All data are published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) unless stated below.

   The data section of this release provides more data.

   Population estimates and population density are for 30 June each year. The mid-2010 population estimates are those published on 30 June 2011.

   Carbon dioxide (CO\textsubscript{2}) emissions are measured according to the point of energy consumption. CO\textsubscript{2} emissions data are from the Department for Energy Climate and Change.

   Definitions of disability used for people (aged 16 to 64) who are DDA disabled.
Workless households for areas across the UK provides more information about the employment of household and the adults and children living in them.

Life expectancy figures reflect mortality among those living in the area in each time period, rather than mortality among those born in each area. More information is available in Guide to: Life expectancy in the United Kingdom.

Gross disposable household income (GDHI) is a good indicator of the welfare of residents of an area. It covers the income received by households and non profit-making institutions serving households and is net of tax payments.

Employment rates are seasonally adjusted Labour Force Survey (LFS) headline indicators, for all people aged 16 to 64.

Median gross weekly earnings are residence-based estimates from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) for full-time employees on adult rates whose pay for the survey pay-period was not affected by absence.

The House Price Index is based on mix-adjusted house prices, which allow for differences between houses sold (for example type, number of rooms, location). The annual rate of change shown is percentage change between December 2010 and December 2011.

GCSE figures relate to pupils at the end of Key Stage 4 in Local Authority maintained schools only and are taken from revised (but not final) data published on 26 January 2012. GCSE data are from the Department for Education.

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**Regional Profiles - Population and Migration - North East, October 2011**
Key facts and figures about population and migration statistics for the North East region.

**Regional Profiles - Social Indicators - North East - February 2012**
A range of social statistics for the North East region providing key facts and figures about people, lives, income and lifestyles in the area

**Regional Profiles: Economy - North East, May 2012**
Key facts and figures about the economy, employment and unemployment for the North East region.

**Regional Trends, No. 42, 2010 Edition - Portrait of the North East**
The Portrait of the North East presents a wide range of information covering infrastructure, demographic, environmental and economic statistics for the region.

Related Internet Links

**BIS: Regional Economic Performance Indicators**