

## 2011 Census – Headline Results

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### Statistics on culture, health, economy and families from the 2011 Census.

Every ten years, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) carries out a census to find out more about the people who live in England and Wales and about the make-up of local neighbourhoods.

The Census is important because it allows central and local government and other organisations to target their resources more effectively and to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come. For local authorities in particular, the overall count of population helps determine its funding allocation from central government for the next 10 year period, as the population estimates produced in intervening years between censuses are ultimately based on the final count of the population on Census day.

The Census is a key source of statistics on our local populations, and for many statistics and geographies, the 2011 Census will be the first source of data we have had since the 2001 Census. The 2011 Census took place on Sunday 27 March 2011. The first results, released in July 2012, were basic population and household statistics. On the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 the first detailed results for Local Authorities for individual Census questions were released.

### Comparing the 2011 Census to the 2001 Census

This short key findings report includes some comparisons to 2001 Census results. Not all questions can be directly compared between the two Censuses because of changes in definitions or response categories. Also, the 2011 Census included some new questions.

### Headline statistics for Cheshire West and Chester

#### Population

The 2011 Census population was 329,608:

- 17.6% (58,135) were aged 0-15 (19.9% in 2001<sup>1</sup>)
- 63.8% (210,373) were aged 16-64 (63.7% in 2001)
- 18.5% (61,100) were aged 65+ (16.4% in 2001).

#### Households, accommodation and families

326,236 people lived in 141,442 households, giving an average household size of 2.3. Of all households:

- 13.2% (18,652) were pensioners living alone (14.3% in 2001)
- 16.4% (23,189) were non-pensioners living alone (13.1% in 2001)

<sup>1</sup> The 2001 population figures are from the 2001 mid year estimate of population released by the Office for National Statistics as this is the population they suggest comparing the 2011 Census to.

- 65.0% (91,940) were one family households (67.6% in 2001)
- 6.4% (9,071) were lone parent households with dependent children (5.5% in 2001)
- 70.8% (100,105) were owner occupied (74.8% in 2001)
- 7.4% (10,482) were rented from the Local Authority
- 12.5% (17,734) were privately rented (5.7% in 2001)
- 18.6% (26,297) had no car or van (20.3% in 2001)
- 41.6% (58,893) had one car or van (43.2% in 2001)
- 39.8% (56,252) had more than one car or van (36.6% in 2001)
- 2.1% (2,989) had no central heating (8.1% in 2001).

There were 3,372 residents and staff living in 291 communal establishments.

### Household spaces<sup>2</sup>

There were 147,746 household spaces of which:

- 29.6% (43,673) were in a detached dwelling (30.7% in 2001)
- 35.8% (52,927) were in a semi-detached dwelling (36.7% in 2001)
- 21.7% (32,082) were in a terrace (22.1% in 2001)
- 12.2% (18,045) were in a flat, maisonette or apartment (9.8% in 2001)
- 0.7% (1,019) were in a caravan or other mobile / temporary structure (0.7% in 2001)
- 4.3% (6,304) of household spaces were vacant (3.2% in 2001).

### Cultural background

Of all usual residents:

- 94.7% (312,013) were White British (including Northern Irish) (96.5% in 2001)
- 0.7% (2,337) were White Irish
- 0.1% (213) were Gypsies or Irish Travellers
- 2.0% (6,462) were from other White groups
- 0.9% (3,050) were from mixed / multiple ethnic groups
- 1.2% (4,097) were Asian / Asian British (includes Chinese)
- 0.3% (908) were Black / African / Caribbean / Black British
- 0.2% (528) were from other ethnic groups.

4.9% (15,987) of all residents were born outside of the UK (3.7% in 2001). 1.0% (3,249) were born in EU Accession countries. 2.3% (7,426) of residents moved into the UK between 2001 and 2011.

1.2% (1,746) of households had no people for whom English was a main language.

70.1% (231,126) of people said they were Christian (80.7% in 2001). 1.1% (3,560) belonged to other major world religions. 22.0% (72,649) stated they had no religion (11.5% in 2001). 6.5% (21,419) chose not to answer this question.

### Health

Most of the population 81.5% (268,744) were in very good or good health, however, 5.5% (18,260) were in bad or very bad health. 8.8% (29,098) of residents said their day to day activities are limited a lot because of a long term health problem or disability (includes problems related to old age), 9.7% (31,897) are limited a little. 11.3% (37,121) of the population provides one hour or more of unpaid care per week (10.9% in 2001). 4.0% (13,180) of the population provide 20 or more hours of unpaid care per week (3.4% in 2001).

<sup>2</sup> A household space is the accommodation used or available for use by an individual household. There may be more than one household space in a dwelling as households can share dwellings.

### Economic Activity

3.7% (8,949) of people aged 16-74 were unemployed (1.4% (3,351) were long-term unemployed (they had not been in work since 2009 or earlier)). 63.2% (153,704) were in employment (excluding any full time students who also worked). Of all those who were in employment (including students):

- 1.5% (2,437) worked in the Primary sector (agriculture, forestry and fishing and mining and quarrying)
- 19.4% (31,025) worked in the Manufacturing and Construction sector
- 79.1% (126,676) worked in the Service sector.

### Qualifications

29.4% (79,712) of people aged 16-74 were qualified to HNC level or higher (including HND or degree). 21.0% (56,940) of people aged 16-74 had no qualifications.

### **Further information**

For further information on the 2011 Census please see the Strategic Intelligence 2011 Census webpage [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/census2011](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/census2011) or email [research@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:research@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk).

The statistics in this paper are taken from a selection of the 2011 Census results tables which are all publically available on the NOMIS website ([www.nomisweb.gov.uk](http://www.nomisweb.gov.uk)).

The Office for National Statistics website also has more detail on the Census ([www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/index.html](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/index.html)).

### **Source of Statistics**

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