

# 2011 Census results



## Ward Atlas Cheshire West and Chester



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## Introduction

The 2011 Census was held on Sunday 27th March 2011. The Census is a national household survey that occurs every ten years. It is the most complete source of information about the population available, as it aims to include every household in the country. The same core questions are asked everywhere, making it easy to compare different areas from a national level down to a local neighbourhood level.

The Census describes the social and economic characteristics of the resident population as well as providing a wealth of household information. Central government, local authorities and their partners and a wide range of other organisations use Census information for research and planning purposes.

The Cheshire West and Chester Ward Atlas can be used to compare 2011 Census results at a ward level across the Borough. This in turn can be useful to inform decision making, resource allocation, and the planning of services for the future.

## Using the Ward Atlas

The Ward Atlas is comprised of a range of results from the 2011 Census Key Statistics and Quick Statistics Tables released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). It presents a snapshot of life on Census Day in the 46 wards that make up Cheshire West and Chester and covers a range of statistics in the following topics:

- Population
- Ethnicity, identity and language
- Health
- Housing and accommodation
- Qualifications
- Labour market
- Travel to work

For each statistic a table is presented which ranks the 46 electoral wards in Cheshire West and Chester relative to each other as well as presenting a comparison to the equivalent Borough, regional and national figures.

Each statistic is also mapped to show its spatial pattern of distribution or concentration at ward area level within the Borough. For each map the ward percentages are divided into five equal ranges (quintiles). The highest quintile is given the darkest shade whereas the lowest quintile is given the lightest shade. The bases for the ward percentages are shown in the accompanying tables.

A Glossary at the end of the Atlas provides a detailed list of definitions and terms used in the 2011 Census.

## 2011 Census products

The Local Authorities in Cheshire and Warrington have worked together on a suite of products to help inform people of the main results from the 2011 Census.

This Ward Atlas is one report in this suite of products. The full range of products includes (for each of the Local Authorities):

### 2011 Census Ward Atlas

A report with tables and maps that compares the 2011 Census results at a ward level across the Borough.

### 2011 Census Profiles

Short summary headline results (in the form of tables and charts) for a range of geographical areas. For each area there are six profiles:

- People and population
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Health and wellbeing
- Overview



These profiles are currently available for the following areas in Cheshire West and Chester:

- Local Authority
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Cheshire West and Chester Localities
- Wards

The profiles include comparator data for the North West and England and Wales or the Local Authority (for small geographies).

### **2011 Census Change Report**

This report focuses on comparing the results of the 2011 Census to the 2001 Census and shows how residents and households in the Borough have changed over this period.

### **2011 Census Spotlight Reports**

These reports will focus on pulling out the key messages from the 2011 Census on key themes of interest within the Local Authority and delve beyond the key findings on each theme by examining relationships between Census variables. For example an 'Older People's Spotlight Report' will include findings on lone pensioner households where the householder is in poor health. These reports are currently being scoped and are expected to be available later this year (2014).

The 2011 Census products and more information on the 2011 Census are available at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/research](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/research).

### **2011 Census tables**

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) will release around 500 different tables of results for the 2011 Census. The majority of these tables will be published down to output area<sup>1</sup> level. There are four main types of 2011 Census tables released by ONS. These are detailed below. This report mainly uses Key Statistics tables.

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<sup>1</sup> Small geographical areas with an average resident population of around 300.

### **Key Statistics**

Key Statistics tables provide summary figures that cover the full range of results from the Census. They include both numbers and percentages.

### **Quick Statistics**

Quick Statistics tables contain statistics which refer to one variable and its response categories from a Census question.

### **Detailed Characteristics**

These tables have a minimum population threshold (size) of 5,000 persons and 2,000 households. Similar to Local Characteristics tables, these contain two or more Census variables, such as age and sex, but provide considerably more detail than their local equivalents, as the larger population means the risk of disclosure of personal information is lower.

### **Local Characteristics**

These tables have a minimum population threshold (size) of 100 persons and 40 households. They provide the most detailed results possible for very small geographies (output areas) and contain two or more variables.

### **Guidance note on small numbers**

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) used a process called statistical disclosure control to ensure no individuals could be identified in any published 2011 Census tables. ONS swapped some Census records between different areas to protect information supplied by individuals. In practice, this means where a result is a small number, there is an uncertainty as to whether this is a true value.