ONS NE Regional Headline Stats

On the 14th of March 2012 the Office of National Statistics released the latest unemployment figures for the UK, rising by 28.000 to 2.67 million during the three months up to January seeing the rate of unemployment rise to 8.4%.

The key points from this release in relation the North East region are:

* Employment rate highest in the East of England (74.7 per cent) and lowest in the North East (66.5 per cent)
* Unemployment rate highest in the North East (10.8 per cent) and lowest in the South West (6.3 per cent)
* Inactivity rate highest in the North East (25.3 per cent) and lowest in the East of England (19.7 per cent)
* Claimant Count rate highest in the North East (7.4 per cent) and lowest in the South East (3.3 per cent)

Below are additional recent headlines for the NE region from the Office of National Statistics.

Household incomes in the North East are the lowest in England and crime rates are also among the lowest.

The median equivalised disposable weekly household income after housing costs in the North East was £327, the lowest of all English regions in the three-year period 2007/08 to 2009/10.

In 2010/11 an estimated 650 crimes against the person were committed per 10,000 adults, the lowest rate in England. In the same period the household crime rate was 2,300 per 10,000 households, also one of the lowest in England. Police recorded crime figures for 2010/11 show a rate of 63 per 1,000 population for the North East, lower than the England average of 75 per 1,000 population.

In 2007/08 to 2009/10, 24 per cent of people (6.2 million) were in households in the North East with incomes below the poverty threshold.

Almost 15 per cent of adults aged 16 to 64 had disabilities that limited their daily activities or work in the North East in 2010/11, the highest region in England. This compared with under 10 per cent in the South East.

The North East has among the highest proportions of one person households (30 per cent in 2010) and lone parent households with dependent children (7.7per cent) in the UK.

The median house price in 2009 was £120,000, the lowest of all English regions.

In 2010, 23 per cent of homes in the North East were rented from local authorities and social landlords, above the England average of 18 per cent, and the second highest region (after London).

Life expectancy at birth in the North East 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. Within the region, the highest life expectancies were in Northumberland unitary authority (UA) for both males and females (78.7 and 82.2 years respectively). Hartlepool UA had the lowest for males (75.9 years) and Middlesbrough UA had the lowest for females (80.2 years).

The North East had one of the highest percentages in Great Britain of people who smoked 20 or more cigarettes per day in 2009, 10 per cent of men and women.

The following maps visually illustrate the implications for the NE region.

The [interactive map](http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/HTMLDocs/poverty.html) to view the percentage of households in poverty for small areas.

The [Atlas of Deprivation](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/regional-trends/atlas-of-deprivation--england/2010/atlas-of-deprivation-2010.html) for England shows the variations in area deprivation within local authorities on a range of economic, social and housing issues and a single deprivation score.

Source: Office for National Statistics